

Northleigh Parish Council

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Minutes of General Parish Council Meeting of 10th September 2024

1. **Present:** Cllrs Lear, Rich, Driver, Workman; Sheena King Cllr H Parr
2. **Apologies:** Cllr Todd
3. **Minutes of Last Meeting:** Signed as correct
4. **Matters Arising.** The Enforcement Officer has sent 2 letters to the owners of the motorhome, saying that they can only stay there for a total of 60 days per annum. The election invoice for the 2023 elections has been reduced to £649.54. £427.54 has been paid already and council approved the remaining £222.00 to be paid with a covering letter to EDDC.
5. **DCC Report:** None
6. **EDDC Report:** The Local Plan set strategic plans with individual meetings for various areas within East Devon. Housing has to be 946 pa up to 2042, and has to meet all current and future regulations with regard to complying with climate control etc. All tenant housing has to be safe warm and of a decent standard. Currently does not have the funds for this. This is because of 10 years' underfunding, higher standards of housing expected, higher inflation, higher cost of repairs, etc. Council Housing
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7. **Clerk's Report:** Bank balances as at 30.8.24

Current Account	£957.35
Business Reserve Account	£20,045.09

Interest rates are changing with effect from 16th October 2024. The council agreed to the possibility of opening a Liquidity Manager Account for the capital (£18,001) approx. Clerk to see to this.
8. **Planning:** a) Applications: None
APP/u1105/W/24/3345706 Appealed (Land nr Backwells).
b) Ref. None
c) Passed; 24/0878/CPE Northleigh Farm
9. **SWW:** The water connection for Chilcombe Field was supposed to start today. Road closure signs in place till Friday.
10. **Highways.** Email sent to Steve Kelly re the repair/replacement of drainage pipe across the road from St Giles' Cottage. It is supposed to be happening on 25th September but no road closure notices have been forthcoming as yet.
11. **NERT:** Sheena King reported that since the last pc meeting (June) 9 people volunteered to be involved with this project with 3 more wanting to be kept informed. Data protection

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is all in order and she has signed up for all the emergency warnings. No one has come forward for the working group. It is still just Sheena. There are volunteers in 7 different postcodes.

The village hall has said that it will not charge for its use in emergencies. Regarding DAA, it was suggested that sheena contact Farway football club chairman regarding a safe place to land should it be necessary, there being nothing yet found suitable in Northleigh. Sheena has also been able to organise a meeting with a parish councillor from Uplyme to give us and others his experience of setting up and running an emergency ? for the past 15 years. Seaton is willing to host this meeting, as yet to be arranged.

The council agreed to join Parish Online, a mapping service from Devon Communities, for a month's trial. The subscription would be £30 pa should it be suitable on a long term basis. Sheena is attending the Devon Resilience Forum and would like to hold a meeting by the end of the year to discuss Northleigh's resilience. The Lions Club has supplied 35 'message in a bottle' items which hold a list of medications for emergency services. More can be collected from GP surgeries. The parish council has approved all the work to date with questionnaires going out in October. Sheena will apply for a grant. The parish does not have a hardship fund.

12. **Chilcombe:** They will do their own hedge trimming.
13. **Correspondence:** Letter from Richard Foord's office asking to put up 2 flyers on noticeboards. Council agreed to this. Clerk to do.
14. **AOB:** Disposable income was discussed. The village hall has a plan that would benefit all with solar panels and possibly a heat pump and roof to go with. The council has agreed in principle to make a donation. Reciprocity from the village hall was discussed. Cllr Workman will bring it up at the next VHC meeting.
It was reported that VHC minutes and accounts are available if wanted.
Water on Northleigh Hill Road. The ditch needs seeing to. Cllr Lear to contact Sir Rupert Smith. Mark, postman, is no longer driving. He has been delivering to Northleigh for 30 years and recognition of all his help was agreed. A collection will be made. S
Greg Morris will do his normal hedge trimming bar Chilcombe Field.
What 3 words has proved very useful to encourage others to set one up for themselves.
Code of Conduct and Standing Orders to go on website. Clerk to do.

Next Meeting: 12th November 2024

Meeting Ended: 9.15pm



12 Nov 2024