## **IDDESLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL**

Prior to the meeting commencing the Chairman invited the following people to address the meeting:

There were no public present at the meeting therefore the Public Session was closed.

Minutes of the Iddesleigh Parish Council Meeting that took place on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

**Present:** Chairman Councillor E Sweet, Vice Chairman Councillor J Moore, Councillor J Davidson, Councillor G Ward, Councillor G Reddaway.

Also present: Borough Councillor B Ratcliffe, Devon Councillor J McInnes

- 1. To receive apologise for absence and consider if the reason for the absence should be formally approved by the council: Councillor Downs as she is working
- 2. To receive any Declarations of Interest from members:

Councillors are reminded to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in any agenda items: none declared

- 3. To receive the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on Monday April 4<sup>th</sup> 2022: Copies of which have been previously circulated to members and are to be agreed and signed as a true record of the previous meeting held on April 4<sup>th</sup> 2022. These were agreed and the minutes were signed.
- 4. Report by West Devon Borough Councillor:

Borough Councillor Ratcliffe asked if the parish was having any problem with the refuse collectors because there has been a shortage of drivers in some areas. The council haven't received any complaints although there was one week they didn't turn up, but after the clerk contacted them, they came on a Saturday to collect the refuse.

He also reported that there was one rough sleeper who refuses any help and the council was asked to ring WDBC if any rough sleepers were spotted.

West Devon Borough Council have helped some of the Ukraine refugees and one of our councillors is hosting a large family.

He also reported that £7.1m rates were collected however out of that WDBC has 11%.

- 5. Past Subject Matters for further discussion:
  - 5.1 [2.1] Declarations of Office for Chairman and Vice Chairman: these were signed and witnessed by the clerk.
  - 5.2 [7.1] Queens Jubilee: The chairman suggested that the council pay for the cider at the hog roast. This was agreed by all.
  - 5.3 [8.3] New Flag: this has been purchased and give to Councillor Moore to pass onto Les and Annie. There is a warning on the flag to stop flying it in high winds. The flag pole should be 20ft or less. It was inspected by the chairman and is in good condition and solid.
  - 5.4 [8.5] Road traffic Works: the road from Barwick Cross to Henacroft Cross has been resurfaced. However, the clerk has reported the roads entering the village from Pixton and the road to Councillor Ward to Highways but still nothing has been done. The clerk will report them again.

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- 5.5 [10.4] Jenny Scott war horse sculpture: Jenny requires a letter head to approach charities to help with the costs of the sculpture. The clerk informed her that the council do not have one and the War Horse Museum are not comfortable with her using theirs. However, once she has received a grant the council will ring fence the money in their account.
- 5.6 [11.2] Nat West: the clerk received a letter saying her access to the accounts was still in place.

## 6. Clerks Report and Correspondence received:

- 6.1 Northcote Hall ref: meetings: because of the jubilee the meeting of June 13<sup>th</sup> will be cancelled as this meeting covers it. Therefore, the next meeting will be on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022.
- 6.2 Latest Crime Figures: Devon & Cornwall police report that they have the 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest crime rates out of 42 forces.
- 6.3 Village Green: The chairman reports the ongoing problem with the pub placing benches on the village green without permission. Although no complaints have been received. The council already have approved a memorial bench for Paul Nielson, which is being built by his son. The council are in agreement that a new memorial bench be ordered for the three sisters; Joan, Dorothy and Gladys. Councillor Davidson will order the bench. These two benches will make a total of four benches which the council feel is enough on the village green. The clerk was asked to write to the pub landlord to ask him to remove his benches; a) because he has no permission b) there will be four benches on the green and this will be enough.

## 7. Planning:

None received

## 8. Finance:

- 8.1 Statement of Accounts: Current Account: £9,368.75 Reserve Account: £6,050.77
- 8.2 Audit Form: (a) section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2021/2022, (b) Accounting Statements 2021/2022: These were signed by the chairman and the clerk.
- 8.3 Grass cutting: no invoice received
- 8.4 Village Hall: Invoice received and cheque was signed
- 8.5 Insurance: a cheque was signed to pay the invoice
- 9. Matters for further reporting:

None

- 10. Confidential Discussion:
- 11. Date of next meeting:

August 8<sup>th</sup> 2022

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.15pm

Signed: Dated: 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022