

IDDESLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

Prior to the meeting commencing the Chairman invited the following people to address the meeting: It was agreed that before the meeting Paul Nethercott from Air Band would give a short power point presentation explaining the coming of fibre broadband to Iddesleigh. Notes from this are as an addendum to these minutes.

Minutes of the Iddesleigh Parish Council Meeting that took place on Tuesday 10th August 2021 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall.

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

Also present: Paul Nethercott, Mr A Whitcher, Mr J Beresford, Mrs V Samuels, Mr S Margetts, Mr C Bailey and Julie Thorn.

- 1. To receive apologise for absence and consider if the reason for the absence should be formally approved by the council:** none
- 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 May 24th 2021:**
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 May 24th 2021. These were agreed and duly signed.
- 4. Report by West Devon Borough Councillor:** Not in attendance
- 5. Past Subject Matters for further discussion:**
 - 5.1 [9.1] Footpaths: these are public highways by law, just like the roads we drive on, and the same legislation applies to them. The Parish Council have a role in safeguarding the path network. It was reported that some farmers are being approached by the Parish Paths Partnership to have their stiles changed to gates to aid disabled access. Some of the foot paths are not used as much as they could be and people need to report any problems to the Parish Council who will then contact the land owner.
- 6. Clerks Report and Correspondence received:**
 - 6.1 NALC Planning Systems Reform: the government are reviewing the planning laws and the NALC are concerned about rural areas and sent an open letter to the government about their reforms. Points made were: it will weaken the planning system, it will suppress the voices of local councils, restrict members of the public from engaging with planning, favour developers over communities and the environment and ignore the need to support local councils to deliver affordable homes.
 - 6.2 WDBC Consultation: they want people to go onto their website and fill in a survey on how they see West Devon developing over the next few years.
 - 6.3 Road sign cleaning, new sign: Highways have sent up to date information an carrying out this work. It was suggested that a 'please drive slowly, 20 is plenty' sign be put up as some times cars have been going too fast around the bend. Discussion continued with various suggestions! The sign by the churchyard does need replacing, the clerk was asked to order a new one. It was also reported that roads which have previously been reported to Highways for repair have not been done. The clerk will report them again.

Signed:



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6.4 Dog fouling on the Village Green: The grass cutter has complained about the dog mess on the green. It has been reported that builders working in the village let their dog run around and do not pick up after it. However, they are not the only ones not picking up their dog. The clerk will put another poster up and the West Devon guidelines on picking up after your dog and the imposed fines on not complying with the law.

7. Planning: None received

8. Finance:

8.1 Statement of Accounts: Current Account £8,050.18 Reserve Account: £6,050,37

8.2 Clerks Salary & Expenses: these were approved and paid.

8.3 Grass Cutting: no invoice supplied

9. Matters for further reporting:

9.1 Devon County Council Bus Survey: only one bus per week and not overly used at present.

10. Confidential Discussion:

11. Date of next meeting:

October 4th 2021

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed:

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