

## IDDESLEIGH PARISH COUNCIL

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

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

### **Minutes of the Iddesleigh Parish Council Meeting that took place on Monday February 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.**

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

**Also present:** Borough Councillor L Samuel

- 1. To receive apologise for absence and consider if the reason for the absence should be formally approved by the council:** Councillor Graham Reddaway
- 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 December 5<sup>th</sup> 2016:**  
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 December 6<sup>th</sup> 2017. All agreed and the minutes were signed.
- 4. Report by West Devon Borough Councillor:** In the Planning Department Anna Henderson-Smith is returning and Patrick Whymer is staying as Head of Community Practice. Budget setting will be done with a £400,000 deficit to find. However it seems they have recuperated some monies and that has now fallen to £140,000. They will be discussing charging for the removal of garden waste. However this may cause more problems in the urban areas rather than the rural areas. The Clerk reported that there were problems putting information onto the web site and Lois said she would look into this. The Council also complained about the lack of information passed down from WDBC Planning over the on-going Enforcement cases. Lois said that she will chase this up as well.
- 5. Past Subject Matters for further discussion:**
  - 5.1 [4.1] Noticeboard: This is not quite completed.
  - 5.2 [4.3] Dog Noise within the village: a letter had been received from the Environmental Health and this was read out. It was decided to write to Mr and Mrs Margetts enclosing a copy of the letter. They can then follow this up and decide if they wish to pursue this further.
  - 5.3 [8.6] Water on road ref: coach house: water runs down the road. The water apparently drains out of the fields of Lower Lane into a gully onto the Coach House and into the drain. Highways have been a few times to clear the gully. There is a drain by Thatch End which is now overgrown. The problem seems to stem from the lane. The clerk was asked to write to Messrs Bailey and Risdon to see if they could shed any light on the problem. The council need advice on what the cause/problem is before they can contact Highways.
  - 5.4 [8.7] Gullies and drains: Councillors Ward and Reddaway will coordinate and arrange for these to be cleared. It was agreed to engage a certified contractor to complete the job.
  - 5.5 [8.8] Road to Winkleigh ref: Broadwoodkelly: a letter was sent and they will contact Highways about this.

Signed:



Dated: 03/04/17

**6. Clerks Report and Correspondence received:**

- 6.1 Council Tax Referendum Principles: the government has dropped this idea for now.
- 6.2 Community Enhancement Fund – Highways: this seems more appropriate for councils with Road Wardens.

*The following correspondence is contained within the Councillors folder:*

- 6.3 NHS reply to questions raised at the Links Meeting
- 6.4 Link Meeting Dates
- 6.5 Torridge Local Plan – Potential Traveller sites
- 6.6 Winkleigh Parish Council – Design Statement
- 6.7 Devon Countryside Access Forum
- 6.8 Avian Influenza [bird flu]
- 6.9 DALC Newsletter
- 6.10 Mayoral Awards
- 6.11 WDBC News release Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Jan 17<sup>th</sup> 18<sup>th</sup>
- 6.12 ‘Patchy’ services blight communities
- 6.13 Network slams government’s double whammy for rural communities
- 6.14 Boost for community led housing in West Devon
- 6.15 Post Offices must be more accessible
- 6.16 War against fly-tippers must continue
- 6.17 Defra pledges ‘certainty’ on Brexit
- 6.18 Urgent call to save rural services
- 6.19 DCC Connect me Dec & Jan
- 6.20 Clerks & Councils Direct
- 6.21 Health Watch Voice

**7. Planning:**

- 7.1 Nethercott House 3323/16/LBC: internal renovations: Conditional Approval
- 7.2 The Old Post Office 0081/17/LBC: notification has been received but no documents received as yet.

**8. Finance:**

- 8.1 Statement of Accounts: Current Account: £4,422.73 Reserve Account: £32.68
- 8.2 Clerks Salary & Expenses: these were presented to the council and approved.

**9. Matters for further reporting:**

- 9.1 The clerk suggested that the council should have a complaints procedure in place. This was agreed by all and the clerk was asked to draw up a draft document for the next meeting.
- 9.2 It was brought to the attention of the council that Mr Varney was parking on the green leaving large ruts in the grass edges, thus spoiling the area. The clerk was asked to write and ask him to refrain from doing so.

**10. Confidential Discussion:**

- 10.1 Two properties to discuss: these were discussed and Borough Councillor Samuel said she would chase this up for the council. She also suggested that if the council do not get any satisfactory answers then they should complain and gave the clerk the details.

**11. Date of next meeting:**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017**

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm**

**Chairman Councillor E Sweet**

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