

Iddesleigh Parish Council

Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Iddesleigh Annual Parish Meeting that took place on Monday 15th May 2017 at 7.30pm to be held in the Village Hall.

Present: Chairman Councillor E Sweet, Councillor J Moore, Councillor G Ward, Councillor B Down, Councillor G Redaway

Also Present: Mrs J Sweet

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

Copies of which are attached. These are to be signed as a true record of the previous meeting held on April 4th 2016. This was agreed by all and the minutes were signed.

2. Items from the minutes for further discussion:

The gully has been done and the noticeboard has been put in place.

3. Chairman's Report covering the activities of the Parish Council over the past Year:

The Chairman thanked all the councillors for their work and time over the last twelve months. Especially Vice chairman Councillor J Moore and the clerk. He also thanked Borough Councillor L Samuel for her attendance at some of the meetings. A special mention was for Alex who looks after the Green and does a splendid job. Also thanked were Mr and Mrs Harper for the new board at Barwick. He then explained the work completed by the council over the last twelve months:

- The Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration Tea, with fancy dress for the children and every child under 16 in the parish receiving a commemorative medal
- The replacement and the repair of the two seats by the Green
- A new Parish Noticeboard was commissioned and is now in place on the Green
- New flags have been purchased and given to Les for flying at the appropriate times
- The salt spreader has been transported to Parsonage Farm – with the salt
- The mower has been repaired
- The planters and tubs are to be removed from the Green as they are now beyond repair
- We had a new Councillor; Graham Redaway
- The council have written to the Environment Agency about dog noise and this letter was passed to the complainant
- Councillor Redaway cleared the mud off the road near Bullhead
- Work has been started on sorting the ditches
- Parking on the Green seems to have improved
- Dog fouling although not perfect does seem better
- Water on the road by Green Lane is being addressed
- Road Warden – Mr D Ward has shown an interest
- Some work has been done in Pixton Lane. The gully outside the hall has been made safer, and pot holes have been filled. The bridge at Week has been repaired. There is still work to do.
- The Precept was increased by £500 this year 2017-2018 this being half the increase last year 2016-2017. We have been advised to keep at least one year's precept as a reserve. More work is being placed on us from WDBC which in turn impacts on the clerk's hours. If we have to have an election the cost also fall upon the council. We never waste tax payer's money.

- Anonymous letter received by councillors and parishioners alike, stating the council precept is too high and how are we spending it – I think the report covers that. However we did place a notice in the noticeboard that advised the Council are always happy for a parishioner to come and discuss or inspect our accounts at any time. We look forward to seeing the anonymous writer.
- A selection of Planning Applications have passed through the council. All of which the council have approved. Although there are two enforcement orders still outstanding.
- The Iddesleigh Fund Balance stands at £4,205.74. Two grants were made, £750.00 towards the defibulator and £100 for the Queen's Birthday Medallions.

4. Matters Arising:

4.1 The Council were complimented by Mrs J Sweet on the work they do. They follow up on all complaints and do a very good job. They are a proactive council.

5. Presentation by Borough Councillor:

5.1 The Borough Councillor was not in attendance

6. Date of next meeting:

April 2nd 2018

Signed:

Dated:

**Councillor E Sweet
Chairman**