

## 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 December 4<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 B Down, Councillor G Reddaway

**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 G Ward
- 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 received
- 3. To receive the Minutes of the Previous Meeting held on Monday October 16<sup>th</sup> 2017:**  
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 October 16<sup>th</sup> 2017. This was agreed and the minutes were signed.
- 4. Report by West Devon Borough Councillor:**  
Borough Councillor Samuel apologised for the problems over an enforcement order. She has now Deputy Leader of West Devon Borough Council for the last six months and has learnt a lot. It has been difficult as there is a need for more staff especially within the Planning Department. She has said that the enforcement officer and her will be meeting more regularly and will report back to the Parish Council. In fact she will contact the clerk later this week. South Hams and West Devon Borough Council voted no to amalgamation even though they have been working together in various spheres. There will be a meeting of WDBC to discuss a budget gap of £166,000 approx. They need to save and make money.
- 5. Past Subject Matters for further discussion:**
  - 5.1 [6.1] Devon Highways: although the pot hole by Bullhead Farm was repaired it has since reappeared and needs filling in again. The clerk will re-report it to Highways. It was reported that the railings by the river at the bottom of Pixton Lane have been damaged and need repair. The Clerk will also report this to Highways.
  - 5.2 [9.3] Council complaint: the Parish Council has received an apology from the Borough Councillors and also a letter from Mel Stride in response to the council's letter.
- 6. Clerks Report and Correspondence received:**
  - 6.1 Dog Control Orders: these will remain in place as they are at present.
  - 6.2 Campaign to Protect Rural England: this information was placed into the Councillors folder along with the application forms.  
*The following correspondence is contained within the Councillors folder:*
  - 6.3 DALC Newsletter October & November
  - 6.4 WDBC News Release October 17<sup>th</sup> November 1<sup>st</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>

Signed:



Dated: 5/2/18

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6.5 RSN – Commission seeks to improve rural life, 7% increase in fly-tipping, Rural watchdog badly missed- network

6.6 Okehampton District

6.7 Clerks & Councils Direct

6.8 Healthwatch Voices

**7. Planning:**

7.1 2 Week Cottages 3107/17/CLE and 2023/17/LBC: Councillors Sweet and Ward have looked into this. The garden house was originally put in for planning but was later withdrawn. The reason was that if you can prove that the land was used as a garden for 10 years they would possibly get planning for it. The council informed the planning office of what was inside the building, but have heard nothing back from them to date.

7.2 Nethercott House 3683/17/LBC: the council approved this planning

**8. Finance:**

8.1 Statement of Accounts: Current Account: £4,290.62 Reserve Account: £3,032.69

8.2 Audit 2017-2017: the Audit for smaller councils will be different next year because of changes in legislation. The Clerk has received further information on this and it looks as if the paperwork will be more complicated than this year.

8.3 Precept: a full discussion took place and the Council agreed that a 10% rise [£400] would be acceptable, making the precept £4,400.

**9. Matters for further reporting:**

9.1 Although not on the agenda the Council agreed to pay two further cheques: Broadwoodkelly the TAP Fund money owed. [This money came to Iddesleigh as the lead council on a TAP Fund bid]. The clerk for extra time worked this year.

9.2 Items added to the Councillors folder: Rural Services Network – demands fairer funding for rural communities, WDBC News Release Nov 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, North Devon & Torridge Local Plan information.

**10. Confidential Discussion:**

10.1 The Council need to speak to a parishioner about overflow into the road causing it to be covered in mud etc. However they have been unsuccessful so far. The clerk was asked to look out all the paperwork for the original planning application as there were concerns about drainage at that point. If unsuccessful the Council will have no option but to contact Highways and Environmental Health.

10.2 Enforcement Case: an Enforcement Notice was issued at the end of November and the occupants will possibly appeal. Borough Councillor Samuel said she would keep the Clerk informed.

**11. Date of next meeting:**

**February 5<sup>th</sup> 2018**

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 9pm**

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