

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 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, Councillor G Redaway.

**Also present:**

- 1. To receive apologise for absence and consider if the reason for the absence should be formally approved by the council:**  
None received
- 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 Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 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 October 11<sup>th</sup> 2016. Item 4.1 Noticeboard, the words phone box need to be changed to flag pole. This was changed and initialled by the chairman. The minutes were then agreed and signed.
- 4. Past Subject Matters for further discussion:**
  - 4.1 [4.1] Noticeboard: the site has been agreed. The noticeboard will be sited by the railings around the flag pole facing the village pub. There will be flag stones in front to give hard standing. The Chairman will liaise with Mr Harper and Mr Davidson to erect the noticeboard.
  - 4.2 [4.6] New seat: this is now in situ. The seat will require protection and this will be carried out in the Spring. Councillor Moore agreed to help with this.
  - 4.3 [5.4] Dog noise within the village: there has been no reply to the council's letter and the clerk was asked to follow this up.
  - 4.4 [5.6] Courses for Councillors: Councillors Sweet and Reddaway attended the course. They found it interesting and worthwhile. A USB stick was given to each councillor. The chairman suggested the clerk goes through it and then places it in the next councillor's folder.
- 5. Clerks Report and Correspondence received:**
  - 5.1 SH & WD Village Sustainability Assessment Framework: this was placed into the Councillors folder
  - 5.2 Your Future Care consultation: notices have been placed in the noticeboard and more information has been placed into the councillor's folder.
  - 5.3 Super Links Meeting: no one was available to attend
  - 5.4 South Devon Coastal Local Action Group [LAG] and Greater Dartmoor Local Enterprise Action Fund [LEAF] Funding Programmes: this was placed into the councillors folder
  - 5.5 Okehampton District Community Transport Group: it was reported to the council that it costs £2 to book a car and then 50p per mile to use this service.

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The following correspondence is contained within the Councillors folder:

- 5.6 DCC Changes to Senior Leadership
- 5.7 WDBC News release Nov 8<sup>th</sup> x2 16<sup>th</sup> x2 22<sup>nd</sup>
- 5.8 Consultation Launched on Post Office services
- 5.9 Rural firms 'let down' by bank closures
- 5.10 Bus cuts leave communities isolated
- 5.11 DCC Connect Me
- 5.12 Northern Link Meeting notes
- 5.13 DALC Newsletter Nov
- 5.14 Devon Senior Voice
- 5.15 Clerks & Councils Direct
- 5.16 Health Watch

**6. Planning:**

- 6.1 North Hall 2605/16/LBC: to insert first floor bathroom and increase chimney pot height: this has received conditional consent
- 6.2 Nethercott Barn 2953/16/LBC: repairs to existing structure and internal alterations: this has received conditional consent
- 6.3 Nethercott House 3323/16/LBC: renovation of first floor bathrooms, creation of linen store and conversion of store room into bathroom and shower room: no objections were made.

**7. Finance:**

- 7.1 Statement of Accounts: Current Account: £5,250.26 Reserve Account: £32.68
- 7.2 Invoice for Grass Cutting: it was agreed that this should be paid
- 7.3 Invoice for new flag: it was agreed that this should be paid
- 7.4 Invoice for seat: it was agreed that this should be paid
- 7.5 Clerk additional hours: details were circulated and it was agreed that this should be paid
- 7.6 Council Tax Support Grant: it was reported that this will be decreased annually by WDBC over the next three years.

**8. Matters for further reporting:**

- 8.1 The clerk asked if she could purchase a plastic box to keep Parish Records in as the cardboard one needs replacing. This was agreed and it was suggested the new one should be on wheels for ease of movement.
- 8.2 The broken tubs on the green will be removed by the chairman.
- 8.3 There has been a complaint to the council about possible animal mismanagement. The Council have advised that this does not come under the councils remit and needs to be reported to the RSPCA.
- 8.4 It was reported that the chestnut tree overhangs the thatch on the Old Coach House. The owner is concerned that the drips will affect the thatch. The chairman and vice chair will visit and discuss this with the owner. Between them they should be able to resolve the issue.
- 8.5 Councillor Down reported that Mr K Down will be unable to retain his position of snow warden due to work pressures. After much discussion Councillors Ward and Redaway agreed that they can split the responsibility. They will contact Mr W Harper to discuss the workings of the salt spreader. The clerk will email the training materials to both councillors. It was agreed that if Monkokehampton or Broadwoodkelly require use of the salt spreader they contact the clerk.
- 8.6 It was reported that there is water running across the road on the corner near the coach house. Evidently there is a spring there which seeps continuously. It was agreed that Highways need to be contacted. However first it will be discussed more fully at the next meeting. The source needs to be pin pointed accurately in order to report this.

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8.7 It was reported that Highways have cleared drains and gullies in parts of the parish. However there still needs work to be completed to keep the roads clear of debris from blocked channels. The clerk will give Councillors Ward details of a workman qualified to carry out such works.

8.8 The road to Winkleigh is in a bad state with long grass in the centre of the road. The clerk was asked to write to the relevant clerk and ask if this can be cleared.

**9. Confidential Discussion:**

9.1 Precept: budget meeting. The clerk circulated the budget form showing the actual spend for 2014/2015, the expected spending for 2016/7 and the projected spend for 2017/18. After much discussion it was agreed to increase the precept by £500. This is half of the increase for 2016/2017.

9.2 Two properties in the parish are of concern and the clerk was asked to write to WDBC again to find out how they are proceeding with these cases.

**10. Date of next meeting:**

**February 6<sup>th</sup> 2017**

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25pm**



**Signed:**  
**Chairman Councillor E Sweet**

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