

# Gulworthy Parish Council

## Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Monday 4th September 2023 at Gulworthy Parish Hall

### No 157

*These minutes are provisional until they are agreed and signed by the chair at the next meeting of the parish council.*

**Councillors present** – Cllr K Royston (Chair), Cllr S Porter, Cllr W Miller, Cllr K Steer and Cllr W Hamilton

**Also present** – Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

#### Meeting opened 7.35pm

1. **Chairman's welcome** – Cllr Royston opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
2. **Members of the public** – Rev Judith Blowey joined the meeting; she said this Friday in Gulworthy Parish hall there is an exciting film night event to raise money towards a small servery and toilet in St Pauls. Come and see Prince Charles backstage at Covent Garden in 1979. This is a rare opportunity to see this film directed by Drummond Challis followed by a short talk by the director and then a generous buffet including a glass of wine! Tickets are £12.50 and are available on the door. It starts at 7pm.  
Also on the 24<sup>th</sup> September at 11:15am there is a Harvest festival in St Pauls.
3. **Apologies** – Cllr Lister and Cllr Sellis.
4. **Dispensations & declarations of Interest** – none declared.
5. **Minutes of previous meeting 156 to be approved and then signed by the chair as true and accurate record of that meeting** – It was proposed by Cllr Porter to approve the minutes, seconded by Cllr Steer and agreed by all. Cllr Royston signed and dated the minutes.
6. **Planning applications received to-date – 2421/23/FUL – Conversion of a redundant traditional barn to a residential dwelling at SX 445 725 Gulworthy** – It was proposed by Cllr Hamilton to support this application, seconded by Cllr Miller. The PC agreed they would like to see this dwelling being a local home. Agreed by all.  
**For information purposes only – 2217/23/ARC – Tamarisk cottage, 26 Morwellham** – Landscaping alterations. Noted.
7. **Planning applications received after publication of this agenda** – None.
8. **DCC Cllr Sellis – report – Devon, Plymouth and Torbay Devolution Deal** - The government has agreed to conclude a devolution deal covering Devon, Plymouth and Torbay this year. The deal will, subject to consultation, see the establishment of a Devon, Plymouth and Torbay Combined County Authority (CCA). It will not require a directly elected Mayor nor costly re-organisation of existing councils. Devon's District Councils will have representation on the CCA as will representatives from the business and educational sectors. The CCA will have new powers and additional funding from government to tackle priorities such as housing, public transport, jobs, training and skills. Functions and resources of the Heart of the South West Local Enterprise Partnership will be folded into the CCA.  
**Governance review – People strategy** – A clear focus on putting our “people first” how

**Signed -**

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Devon County Council will ensure that we have appropriately skilled and talented people we need to deliver services to our communities and ensure that our council is fit for the future in a highly competitive workforce market.

**SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities)** is a huge part of Children's services. DCC is in special measures following Ofsted assessment. A new cabinet post focusing on SEND has been created and Cllr Lois Samuels (from Okehampton) will be tasked with this. She will be working with Cllr Andrew Leadbetter who has portfolio for Children's services.

**Highways** – The increase in repair gangs working evenings and weekends has remained in place in some areas and work is underway to improve the messaging on the “report a problem” webpages to reduce the number of defects that are incorrectly reported since January this represented around 55% of all reports reported.

**9. WDBC Cllrs Saxby & Blackman – reports** – not available.

**10. Cllr reports – Cllr Miller** commented that Crowndale Road has been closed 4/5 times this summer but despite this she has noticed an increase in vehicles using this road and many of them appear to be driving very fast.

Cllr Miller asked that anyone seeing a healthy ash tree amongst patches of dieback for grafting and propagation to please report it here: <https://livingashproject.org.uk/project/>

**Cllr Steer** has been in receipt of disgruntlement of the Bere Alston road closure, also issues along Gulworthy Cross to Chip Shop Road where one person's car suffered damage from bitumen when the road appeared to still be open. Cllr Steer felt that road closures should be enforced if work is being carried out where potential damage could be caused. The planned closure by Highways from Friday 8 – Tuesday 12 September from Chipshop Inn to Gulworthy Cross may cause issues with the school traffic. Concerns raised over excessive late night lights at both Lidl and Morrisons in Tavistock. Clerk to write to Tavistock Town Council.

**Cllr Royston** as a Trustee of Ford Street and Maynard charities she attended the latest almshouse meeting. Following on from July's meeting where the Clerk was asked to report Japanese knotweed in the Gulworthy area, it appears it was promptly treated by the council but new concerns have been raised as it looks like the same area has now been flailed. Cllr Royston in the past has compiled a newsletter for Gulworthy parish, but she now feels that she does not have the time to do this. It was suggested to re-look at this later this year to try and do something to tie in with Rev Blowey's Christmas cards to parishioners.

**11. Stakeholder relations questionnaire** – The Clerk received a series of questions from Highways at Devon County Council. It was suggested that any changes of the scheduled work to be emailed to the Clerk. It can be helpful to know about any work in neighbouring parishes. The Clerk will inform Highways the names of the local organisations that could be affected and who should ideally be informed about work in the immediate area and for them to contact Highways (or the Clerk) if they are holding an event on a specified day. The Clerk will also give feedback to DCC on contractors behaviour/conduct.

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## 12. Burial ground -

**12.1 – Moles – status** – The Clerk and Cllr Miller noticed about 2-3 mole hills.

**12.2 – Tavistock’s green burial ground** – Cllr Royston mentioned that the green area in Tavistock’s burial ground has recently been scythed. Cllrs were interested to understand more about best ecology methods at Gulworthy cemetery. Cllr Steer to ask George Steer for advice.

## 13. Finance

### 13.1 – Invoices for approval to be paid –

Clerk WAH allowance £6.00p.w + mileage	<b>£58.08</b>
Clerk July payroll (no payment due to HMRC)	<b>£397.70</b>
Clerk August payroll (no payment due to HMRC)	<b>£330.60</b>
Invoice 2490 from Elliott Groundcare for 2 x cemetery grass cuts July	<b>£150.00</b>
Invoice 2514 from Elliott Groundcare for 1 cemetery grass cut August	<b>£75.00</b>

**Proposed by Cllr Porter to authorise all of the above payments via BACs. Seconded by Cllr Hamilton. Agreed by all.**

**13.2 – To note Credits received – £195.34** for 2022-2023 VAT reclaim submitted to HMRC & **£7.61** cheque from National Grid. **Noted.**

**13.3 – Bank reconciliations** – The below year to-date RFO report was circulated to all. Cllr Royston proposed this is approved, seconded by Cllr Miller. Agreed by all.

	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Paid In</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<b><u>Club, Charity &amp; Trust account (00298624)</u></b>			
Opening Balance as at 29 June 2023 b/fwd			<b>£6,522.68</b>
<b><u>Receipts</u></b>			
<b><u>02/08/23</u></b> – Western Power cheque		7.61	
<b><u>10/08/23</u></b> – HMRC VAT refund		195.54	
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>203.15</b>	<b>£6,725.83</b>
<b><u>Expenditure:</u></b>			
<b><u>04/07/2023</u></b>			
Clerk June payroll	567.90		
Clerk June expenses	42.00		
Clerk July payroll	397.70		
Elliott Groundcare Invoice 2469	150.00		
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>1157.60</b>		
<b>Balance on 29th August 2023</b>			<b>£5,568.23</b>

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<b>Gulworthy Cemetery account (00020251)</b>			
Opening balance as at 29.06.2023			<b>£13,576.16</b>
<u>Credit receipts</u>			
10/07/23 Credit interest		10.01	
10/08/23 Credit interest		10.85	
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>20.86</b>	
<b>Balance on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023</b>			<b>£13,597.02</b>
<b>Gulworthy Fundraising account (00035992)</b>			
Opening balance as at 29.06.2023			<b>£4,650.98</b>
<u>Credit receipts</u>			
10/08/23 Credit interest		2.48	
10/08/23 Credit interest		2.85	
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>5.33</b>	
<b>Balance on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2023</b>			<b>£4,656.31</b>

**Combined balance £23,821.56**

#### 14. Election for representatives to:

14.1 Ford Street & Maynards charities (almshouses) – Cllr Royston

14.2 Gulworthy County Primary School – Cllr Steer

14.3 Gulworthy Parish hall management committee – deferred to October agenda as two people preferred.

14.4 Southern Links – Cllr Royston

14.5 Cemetery – Cllr Hamilton

14.6 Snow warden – Cllr Lister (Clerk to check)

14.7 Climate & Biodiversity – All Cllrs

15. **Broadband Update** – Cllrs have noticed a new post being put in place but not much change otherwise.

16. **Climate change and Biodiversity actions** – Cllr Royston suggested a monthly topic to be brought to the meeting to be shared with parishioners.

17. **20mph resolution** – deferred to Octobers agenda.

18. **Cllr training** – The Clerk mentioned about the 6 month commitment to all new Cllrs to complete the Code of Conduct training. Clerk to forward on-line link to all.

#### 19. Highways

19.1 Fri 8 Sept – Tues 12 Sept road closure 0700-1900 – Around Chip Shop inn area – **Noted.**

19.2 Mon 25 – Thurs 28 Sept road closure 1900-0700 – from Harvest home to Callington Rd

Lumburn – **Noted.**

19.3 Tuesday 19 – Friday 22 September road closure 09.30-15.30 from Gulworthy Cottages past Gulworthy farm, Gulworthy – **Noted.**

**Meeting closed at 9:32pm.**

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