

Gulworthy Parish Council

Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Monday 6th November 2023 at Gulworthy Parish Hall

No 159

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 W Miller, Cllr K Steer, Cllr G Lister, Cllr D Edwards and Cllr W Hamilton

Also present – Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Meeting opened 7.30pm

1. **Chairman's welcome** – Cllr Royston opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking everyone for coming along.
2. **Members of the public** – 3 people joined. Rev Judith Blowey said this Sunday at 10.50 will be Remembrance Sunday by the war memorial. There will be a separate Sunday service afterwards. The newsletter (previously mentioned) will be sent out earlier than expected, in about 10 days time. Rev asked Clerk to assist with a road closure query. This year's Nativity will be an open air production in the School grounds on Sunday 17th December at 2.30pm. The whole parish are very welcome to attend. Cllr Steer offered to collect the poppy wreath and attend the Remembrance service.
3. **Apologies** – Cllr Porter and Cllr Blackman.
4. **Dispensations & declarations of Interest** – none declared.
5. **Minutes of previous meeting 158 to be approved and then signed by the chair as true and accurate record of that meeting** – It was proposed by Cllr Lister to approve the minutes, seconded by Cllr Hamilton and agreed by all. Cllr Royston signed and dated the minutes.
6. **Planning applications received to-date – 6.1 Application ref - 3277/23/HHO - Householder application for erection of first floor extension to dwelling (resubmission of 0334/23/HHO) - 4 Bowrish Cottages Crease Lane Tavistock** – It was proposed by Cllr Edwards to support this application, seconded by Cllr Miller. Agreed by all.
7. **Planning applications received after publication of this agenda** – None.
8. **DCC Cllr Sellis – report – Local buses update** – there have been various queries on the buses; changes in the number 89 (I have asked DCC officers if help can be offered.) Devon County Council continues to support the **Ring and Ride** which affected residents might find useful. Reinstatement of the afternoon Whitchurch bus. The **number 86** bus has taken over from the **no 89** Explanation below:
89/86 bus changes:
 - * DCC needed to enhance the bus services in Tavistock town so that they served the new housing developments, at a regular frequency, to comply with the S106 funding requirements.
 - * There was limited opportunity with the local bus operators to take this additional work on without incurring very high and unsustainable cost.
 - * There was redundant capacity in the existing town bus network, in the way of very low patronage.

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There are three S.106 arrangements from Embden Grange, The Tors and Broadleigh Park developments, which are funding the provision of a new bus service for The Tors and Embden Grange and an improved service for Broadleigh Park. To maintain an hourly service for these developments fully occupies one bus, operating from The Tors to Embden Grange via the Town Centre, Broadleigh Park and Courtlands. The service operates between 0645 and 1855, a longer day than the previous 89 service. The developer funding is sufficient to sustain the 89 service at the present level for around eight years.

As the 89 bus is fully occupied during the day, it does not have time to serve Whitchurch and Tiddybrook Meadow. To achieve this would require the frequency to be reduced to ninety-minutes on all sections of the route, which does not meet the requirement for an improved service for the developments.

Based on the number of passengers and costs involved, it is not possible to revert to a full timetable across the afternoon.

DCC will examine if it is **feasible to provide an additional afternoon journey in the 1355 – 1655 period at low cost**, based around a Tavistock School vehicle. There could be **further mitigation through the community transport ring & ride services** if passengers are unable to access the wider bus network. Here are the links to those services.

<https://devoncc.sharepoint.com/sites/PublicDocs/Transport/Travel/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2FPublicDocs%2FTransport%2FTravel%2FCommunity%20Transport%2FTavistock%20R%26R%20Leaflet%2031%2E7%2E19%2Epdf&parent=%2Fsites%2FPublicDocs%2FTransport%2FTravel%2FCommunity%20Transport&p=true&ga=1>

<https://tavistockcountrybus.co.uk/> DCC has continued to support the Ring and Ride.

Highways - We all remain very dissatisfied and frustrated with some areas on our local roads. There has been significant work done in Gulworthy parish on the Callington Road. Tavistock has works programmed. Our local MP Sir Geoffrey Cox KC is lobbying government for further funding, and I am grateful that he listens to my concerns which I share on your behalf. (*Gulworthy Cllrs expressed their concern with the current road works in Tavistock saying they are not being properly managed*).

Tavistock Health and Wellbeing Alliance Event - The event which was organised by the WDCVS at Butcher's Hall 6th October was visited by over 500 people. The feedback was positive, and many residents were able to access support. Hopefully we attracted some more volunteers too.

- 9. WDBC Cllrs Saxby & Blackman – reports – Cllr Saxby** of Bere Alston has been busy on the following projects: large Co-Op application on the peninsula, 30mph in the village, a new housing application for 24 houses, carrying out work to improve the local youth club across all areas; to have better link up rather than people working in silos. She has also been involved in care leavers not paying tax until they are 25 and supporting veterans – WDBC.

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Cllr Saxby also said she is regularly applying for funding and if there are any projects ideas that require funding to let her know.

10. Cllr reports – Cllr Lister – Now in receipt of some bins to be used for road salt for the winter. Clerk to provide some guidance notes for using the salt. Cllr Royston to email parishioners to enquire about snow warden areas. Both to feedback to Clerk.

Cllr Miller said the road by her was recently flooded but DevonCC were very responsive and sorted it out quickly.

Cllr Steer said the sign to the Horn of Plenty (off the Lamerton road) has fallen down. She has heard that adjacent neighbours to properties submitting planning applications were no longer to be sent a planning notification letter; Cllr Saxby said she would look into this.

11. Burial ground -

11.1 – Moles – status – No change.

11.2 – 11.2 – To note memorial application T/L John Wilson & George Cutts – Noted.

12. Finance

12.1 – Invoices for approval to be paid –

Clerk WAH allowance £6.00p.w + mileage + expenses	£57.50
Clerk October payroll	£330.60
Election recharges	£75.33
Invoice 2565 Elliott Groundcare 1 x cemetery grass cut	£75.00

It was proposed by Cllr Lister to authorise the above payments via BACs excuding Election recharges. Seconded by Cllr Royston. Agreed by all.

12.2 – To note Credits received – £150.00 memorial fee T/L John Wilson 04/10/23

£150.00 memorial fee T/L George Cutts 10/10/23 **Noted.**

£400.00 burial payment T/L Mary Berrow 11/10/23 **Noted.**

12.3 – Request for spending

12.3.i Clerk advises the council to consider purchasing a hard drive to back-up data. Max spend £50.00 – It was proposed by Cllr Miller to authorise, seconded by Cllr Edwards. Agreed by all. It was asked to purchase a SSD type only.

12.3.ii Clerk advises the council to pay the ICO annual charge £40.00 (£35.00 if paid by annual direct debit). - It was proposed by Cllr Miller to authorise, seconded by Cllr Edwards. Agreed by all.

12.3.iii £18.50 Poppy wreath - It was proposed by Cllr Miller to authorise, seconded by Cllr Edwards. Agreed by all. Cheque signatories were Cllr Royston and Cllr Hamilton. Cllr Steer to make arrangements and attend the service this Sunday.

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12.4 – Bank reconciliations – The below year to-date RFO report (No 159) was circulated to all.

CLlr Steer proposed this is approved, seconded by Cllr Miller. Agreed by all.

Cllrs Lister, Edwards or Steer to ask about £500 Coronation bench donation to the school.

	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Paid In</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Club, Charity & Trust account (00298624)			
Opening Balance as at 01 November 2023 b/fwd			£8,321.05
<u>Receipts</u>			
None		0.00	
Total receipts		£0.00	£8,321.05
<u>Expenditure:</u>			
03/10/2023			
Clerk September payroll	397.70		
Clerk September expenses	42.00		
Elliott Groundcare Invoice 2535	75.00		
HMRC Tax and NI	24.25		
Total expenditure	£538.95		£538.95
Balance on 1st November 2023			£7,782.10
Gulworthy Cemetery account (00020251)			
Opening balance as at 01.11.2023			£13,759.09
<u>Credit receipts</u>			
04/10/23 E Pascoe & Son C/o Wilson Memorial		150.00	
10/10/23 Credit interest		11.84	
10/10/23 E Pascoe & Son C/o Cutts Memorial		150.00	
11/10/23 Berrow burial		400.00	
Total receipts		£711.84	
Balance on 1st November 2023			£14,470.93
Gulworthy Fundraising account (00035992)			
Opening balance as at 01.11.2023			£4,659.86
<u>Credit receipts</u>			
10/10/23 Credit interest		3.44	
Total receipts		£3.44	
Balance on 1st November 2023			£4,663.30
Combined balance £26,916.33			

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13. Resolution to adopt WDBC 2021 Code of Conduct (previously circulated) – Deferred to next agenda. The Clerk was asked to highlight changes and circulate with next agenda.

14. Resolution to adopt Model Standing Orders 2018, updated April 2022 (previously circulated) - Deferred to next agenda. The Clerk was asked to highlight changes and circulate with next agenda.

15. Resolution to adopt the new Grant form (previously circulated) – Proposed to adopt by Cllr Royston seconded by Cllr Edwards. Agreed by all.

16. Broadband Update – Airband appear to be rolling out the service in the Devon Consols area. They should be at Morwellham again on the 15th November.

17. Climate change and Biodiversity actions – Cllr Steer and Cllr Royston to progress.

18. Climate and Ecology Bill (previously circulated) – Deferred to next meeting.

19. Snow warden – See above.

20. Cllr training – Noted.

21. BC consults on dog control – Noted.

22. Highways

22.1 Monday 4 – 7 December 9.30am-3pm – ROAD FROM GULWORTHY CROSS HEADING SOUTH PAST GULWORTHY PARISH HALL, GULWORTHY. **Clerk to query (see public section).**

22.2 Monday 6 – 9 November - 09.30-3pm –ROAD FROM GULWORTHY CROSS HEADING SOUTH PAST GULWORTHY PARISH HALL, GULWORTHY , (ROAD FROM GULWORTHY CROSS HEADING SOUTH PAST GULWORTHY PARISH HALL TO ROAD DESIGNATED GULWORTHY COTTAGES PAST GULWORTHY FARM). **Noted.**

23. General correspondence

23.1 Tamar Energy Community's annual Tamar Energy Fest is back in Butchers' Hall, Tavistock on Saturday 11th Nov from 10.00 to 15.00. **Noted.**

Cllr Royston red out a recent letter received from The Rt Hon Geoffrey Cox KC MP . Clerk will scan and circulate to all for the next meeting.

Meeting closed at 9:15pm.

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