

# Gulworthy Parish Council

Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023

at Gulworthy Parish Hall

No 151

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

**Councillors present** - J.Hamilton, K Royston (Chair), Cllr S Porter and D. Edwards

**West Devon Borough Councillors present** – Cllr Peter Crozier

## Meeting opened 7.35pm

1. **Chairman's welcome** – Cllr Royston welcomed everyone.
2. **Members of the public** – There was 1 member of the public present who is keen to join the Parish Council.
3. **Apologies** – Apologies received from Cllrs Miller and Lister.
4. **Dispensations & declarations of Interest** – none declared.
5. **Minutes of previous meeting 150 to be approved and then signed by the chair as true and accurate record of that meeting** – It was proposed by Cllr Edwards to approve the minutes, seconded by Cllr Hamilton and agreed by all. Cllr Royston signed and dated the minutes.
6. **Planning applications received after publication of this agenda**
  - (a) **0426/23/HHO** – Is not available until tomorrow, so it will be discussed at the next meeting.
  - (b) **0474/23/VAR** – to be reviewed before the next meeting where it will be discussed.
7. **DCC Cllr Sellis** – report – not present.
8. **WDBC Cllrs Crozier and Blackman** – Cllr Crozier said Cllr Sellis has been working on the 'Stop the meters' campaign. It's his understanding if the meters were to go ahead WDBC would have to carry out impact studies amongst other things in order to move ahead. The budget meeting for the next financial year has taken place and the council have approved an increase of £7.37 on council tax band D. The green waste bin collection charge has been increased by £12.00 per year (up to £52.00). For any service WDBC don't offer they have to have cost recovery. The average Parish Council precept has increased by 10% across Devon.  
Good news; the Government has approved business rate relief for small businesses. Cllr Crozier provided a list of enforcements which was noted.
9. **Road safety fund grant application(s) DCC localities grant and Growing Communities Grant applications - Ownership of the lay-by area opposite side of the village hall, church and school (Cllr Sellis)** – The Clerk has been contacted by the owner of a property alongside the existing layby who has offered to discuss boundaries, deeds with the Parish Council. The Clerk will liaise and also contact Highways.
10. **Burial ground**
  - 10.1 – **Moles** – The clerk confirmed there is still quite a lot of mole activity. Cllr Edwards to look to see if he can offer some assistance.

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10.2 – **Weed control** – Grass/hedge contractor not willing to do mechanical removal and asked to spray once a year. Parish Council confirmed they don't want any spraying to take place. Clerk to follow up.

10.3 – **New interment** – T/L Thomas Murrin to be laid to rest at a parishioner rate on 16 March. Clerk has allocated plot.

## 11. Finance

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

Clerk WAH allowance £6.00p.w.x4 + mileage + paper **£47.70**

DALC elections training for Clerk **£36.00**

**Proposed by S Porter to approve, seconded by Cllr Royston, agreed by all.**

11.2 – **RFO report** – not possible to do as the bank is currently inaccessible. Cllr Royston obtained statements and Cllr Edwards confirmed he will provide his ID at the bank no later than Saturday.

12. **School/Church/Hall and PC meeting** – Cllr Royston emailed the Head teacher today to enquire about a meeting between all users. Progressing.

13. **Cllr reports - All** – Cllr Hamilton commented on the hedges going up the hill from Tamar Trails to Horn of Plenty turn off which are overhanging the road.

Cllr Edwards said signage is needed at entrance and exit to Lazy Bench Hill.

Cllr Royston informed the meeting of the sad passing of Mrs Alice Burrige of 1 Lumburn Cottage.

A local parishioner has commented on the light on top of barn at Higher Artiscombe Farm. The owner of the farm shop (Copper Penny Inn) has concerns over the imminent road closure. Clerk to follow up.

14. **Broadband update** – Cllr Royston is still waiting for Airband to come back with a meeting date.

15. **Climate change and Biodiversity actions** – Cllr Royston has had contact with Bere Ferrers Parish Council and Cllr. Judy Maciejowska has agreed to be the contact for potential joint working between the councils.

16. **Internal auditor** – Proposed by Cllr Porter to use Julie Snooks. Seconded by Cllr Edwards. Agreed by all.

17. **Kings coronation May 2023** – To enquire if the school are planning any memorabilia and if a tree was planted could this be in the playing field or at the burial ground. Clerk to make enquiries. Maximum budget agreed at £500.00 proposed by Cllr Royston, seconded by Cllr Hamilton, agreed by all.

18. **Review of financial regulations 2019** – deferred.

19. **Review of Standing Orders 2019** – deferred.

20. **Annual meeting arrangement and agenda** – It was felt a similar format to 2022 to be used. Cllr Royston to circulate old agenda. Cllr Royston wants to contact all parishioners.

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**21. Newsletter** – Purdah 23 March – 4 May 2023. Cllr Royston would like a short newsletter to highlight April's Parish meeting and the Kings Coronation.

## **22. Correspondence**

**22.1 Patching roadworks Monday 27 – Wednesday 29 March 2023** – between Chip Shop and Gulworthy – See Gulworthy Parish Council website for more information.

**22.2 The rural bulletin** – available on the Gulworthy Parish Council website.

All correspondence was noted.

**Meeting closed at 9:20pm.**

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