

# Gulworthy Parish Council

## Minutes of Annual Parish meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2023 at Gulworthy Parish Hall Minutes no 152

*These minutes are provisional until they are agreed and signed by the chair at the next Annual Parish meeting in 2024.*

**Councillors present** - J.Hamilton, K Royston (Chair), Cllr S Porter, Cllr W Miller, Cllr G Lister (Vice Chair) and D. Edwards

The hall opened at 7pm with tea, cakes and biscuits available for everyone. The cakes were made by Cllr Porter and refreshments were provided by various Councillors. These were enjoyed by all.

Meeting opened 7.35pm

- 1. Chairmans welcome** - Cllr Royston (chair) welcomed everyone present and everyone in the room introduced themselves. Cllr Royston introduced the new Clerk, Emily Young and thanked Sue Eve and Matt Kemp for all their work as councillors over the years. She also said the newsletters will hopefully be more regular in the future. It was also said about the good work involved in stopping the Zip wire planning application. We have a snow warden scheme that Cllr Lister is overseeing. It would be good to do some more fundraising for parking improvements outside the school/opposite the church and hall. It was also mentioned sadly of the passing of various people in the Parish over the past year. Reverend Blowey read out a list. Moving forward everyone is also welcome to come to the monthly meeting, like Reverend Blowey does.
- 2. Minutes of the last annual parish meeting 140 to be approved** – Cllr Porter proposed they are approved. Seconded by Cllr Hamilton. Agreed by all. Cllr Royston signed the minutes.
- 3. Members of the public open forum** – Approx 25 members of the public attended. There was a question about reporting/fixing the **pot holes** in the road around the Parish. Cllr Sellis spoke and confirmed DevonCC have been given £10M funding towards pot hole maintenance. It was advised for anyone who believes there is a pot hole, to report it on DevonCC website who will determine the outcome.
- 4. 4.1 Broadband update** – The PC believe the area of Devon Consols is to be connected imminently. Sue Eve said she has been emailing Airband who told her that the connection was due at the end of March, but as of tonight this hasn't happened. Some properties are 'in contract' (those identified) who will get connected and those 'in-between' will also be included. Cllr Royston said on Airbands website the status is now showing as there is fiber nearby, so sign up!  
Cllr Lister confirmed that as of today, there is no fiber in Morwellham.  
A member of the public said he uses 'Starlink' for his internet service, which works well.

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**4.2 Parking provision for school, church and village hall** – Sue Eve started the fundraising for this. The owner of Loxley who is currently having a Devon bank restored along the parking area is open to discussions.

**4.3 Does Gulworthy need more housing?** This was briefly discussed last year; on the whole people weren't sure there really is a need. A housing needs survey would be a good idea to try and understand if there is any demand. Perhaps Community Land Trust is the way forward to ensure local houses are built for local people.

**4.4 Climate and biodiversity emergency** – Cllr Royston said looking towards 2030 and trying to mitigate climate concerns. Cllr Royston has already asked neighbouring parishes if they would work with Gulworthy by setting up a Climate and Biodiversity action group – this could be led by external people and supported by the PC.

Cllr Sellis briefly spoke about Transition Tavistock and about buses. She also mentioned about West Devon Borough Council approving indigenous plants only being allowed on future landscape developments.

Kate from Sequioa offered to help and join the group.

It was also mentioned that West Devon Borough Council haven't supported the Devon climate change, as they find it too prescriptive.

**4.5 Coronation celebrations** – Reverend Blowey said the Church are planning a coronation celebration on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May 7-11pm in the hall, this is a ticket event. There is also a family service on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 11:15. All very welcome.

## **What's important to you?**

A member of the public asked about how the agendas are published. All agendas will be available on the Gulworthy website before the meeting takes place.

Gulworthy Parish Together – this is a service offered on our website – Sue Eve is the main point of contact and is happy for it to remain.

Cllr Sellis mentioned about West Devon CVS and In Touch Tavy both being useful sites to access.

Cllr Porter mentioned about Social Prescribing – a service that GPs work with.

Sue Eve is a co-ordinator for Gulworthy litter pickers. Anyone wishing to join this service can contact Sue (or the Clerk). There is a Whatsapp group too.

5. **Summing up** – Cllr Royston thanked everyone for their support and feedback, and in particular Cllr Porter for making the cakes! Cllr Sellis said how great it is to work with Gulworthy PC; for being proactive. She was also grateful to receive a long standing service award.

Meeting closed 9.04pm.

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