

# Gulworthy Parish Council

Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

at Gulworthy Parish Hall

No 155

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

**Councillors present** - K Royston (Chair), Cllr G Lister (Vice Chair) and Cllr W Miller

**Also present** – Emily Young (Parish Clerk) and Cllr Debo Sellis

## Meeting opened 7.40pm

1. **Chairman's welcome** – Cllr Royston welcomed everyone.
2. **Members of the public** – There was 1 member of the public present; Rev'd Judith Blowey. Rev'd Blowey said the Church are planning a Fete and dog show in the afternoon on Sunday 23 July in the school field. This is to raise funds for the church toilet. All very welcome.
3. **Apologies** – Cllr Porter, Cllr Edwards, Cllr Steer, Cllr Hamilton and Cllr Blackman.
4. **Dispensations & declarations of Interest** – none declared.
5. **Minutes of previous meeting 154 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 Miller and agreed by all. Cllr Royston signed and dated the minutes.
6. **Planning applications received to-date** – none.
7. **Planning applications received after publication of this agenda** – The PC have been notified of an appeal at Morwell Down.
8. **DCC Cllr Sellis – report**

**Transport and Environment** - This week the government announced a further extension to the popular £2 bus fare, this will continue until the end of October and then the capped fare will be £2.50. this is very welcome news. Here at DCC we are looking at how this affects the fare proposals we have been working up as part of the BSIP (Bus Service Improvement Plan) element of our allocation. I will be meeting Cabinet member for Climate Change and Environment to discuss improving the local bus services in our area. I am pleased that Transition Tavistock will hopefully be working with us too. The Department for Transport has agreed the funding of the West Devon Transport Hub. This will see a £13.4m new station at Okehampton which we hope to have open spring 2025. **Highways** - Residents mentioned two major issues during the election. Boats and potholes. Though not the area of WDBC and the parish councils, residents are very fed up with the state of the roads. DCC's Team Maintenance Contractor has continued to deploy additional resources to pothole repairs and is focused on the safety of the travelling public. The impact of these additional resources to catch up the backlog is that we will see that works planned for our areas, particularly patching will have been reprogrammed for later in the financial year.

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Works are programmed for: Pixon Lane, Callington Road, Lumburn Bends, Fore Street Drakes Statue area and Gulworthy to Bere Alston patching. The Highways and Traffic Management Service has just published its new Service Plan which is available publicly via the County Council's web pages.

The document has been produced with the input of everyone in the service and lays out the way colleagues want to work with each other and our communities as we go forward.

[Highways and Traffic Management Service Plan - Roads and transport \(devon.gov.uk\)](https://www.devon.gov.uk/highways-traffic-management-service-plan-roads-transport)

**Children's Services** – The health and wellbeing work has been very positive.

She is trying to continually raise the concern of speeding traffic outside the school and Gulworthy village hall. On Monday next week, Cllr Sellis is attending a meeting about the parking charges in the Tavistock area. There is a new leader for WDBC.

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

10. **Cllr reports** – Cllr Lister has purchased a postbox for the Methodist chapel.

Cllr Royston mentioned about purchasing a bench for the school for the Coronation. To be followed up.

11. Burial ground – **11.1 – Moles – status** – very few are present.

**11.2 – Adoption of cemetery interment form 2022-2023** – Proposed by Cllr Royston to adopt form 2022-2023. Seconded by Cllr Miller. Agreed by all.

**11.3 – Risk assessment** – Clerk to type up and circulate cemetery risk assessment. Two contractor risk assessments circulated. Clerk to follow up with contractors.

**Clerk asked to add current cemetery prices and regulations to the next agenda.**

12. **Finance**

**12.1 – Invoices for approval to be paid –**

Clerk WAH allowance £6.00p.w.x4 + mileage	<b>£30.00</b>
Clerk May payroll £267.80 plus tax & NI £67.00	<b>£334.80</b>
Green stationery – keyboard, toners and paper-No 28244	<b>£51.14</b>
Invoice from Eliot Groundcare 2 x cemetery grass cuts May-No 2450	<b>£75.00</b>

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

**12.2 – To note Credits received** – none received.

**12.3 – Bank reconciliations** – next agenda.

**12.4 – To note submission of AGAR to PKF Littlejohn** – noted.

13. **Election for representatives to:**

**13.1** Ford Street & Maynards charities

**13.2** Gulworthy County Primary School

**13.3** Gulworthy Parish hall management committee

**13.4** Southern Links

**13.5** Cemetery

**13.6** Snow warden

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## 13.7 Climate & Biodiversity

**The above item was deferred to the next months agenda.**

Cllr Sellis left the meeting.

**14. Broadband Update** – Cllr Royston confirmed that one householder nearby has been connected. Cllr Lister said nothing had moved forward in Morwellham. Cllr Royston to chase.

**15. Climate change and Biodiversity actions** – Cllr Royston attended a recent event in Tavistock and circulated a leaflet which she said could be used to engage with children about biodiversity at the village fair in July.

## 16. Highways

**16.1 Temporary traffic notice – Crease Cottage to Mill Hill Lane – Airband** – Noted.

**16.2 Temporary traffic notice – Crowndale Road – Airband** – Noted.

**16.3 Temporary traffic notice – Gulworthy cross to Gulworthy roundabout** – Noted.

Meeting closed at 9:20pm.

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