

# Gulworthy Parish Council

## Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023

### at Gulworthy Parish Hall

#### No 156

*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 D Edwards, Cllr K Steer and Cllr W Hamilton

**Also present** – Emily Young (Parish Clerk) and Cllr Angela Blackman

#### Meeting opened 7.35pm

1. **Chairman's welcome** – Cllr Royston opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.
2. **Members of the public** – There was 1 member of the public present who came to ask about the current Airband status with reference to broadband. She is concerned as she has a current contract with a different provider and Airband doesn't seem to be moving forward. Cllr Royston said her understanding is Airband came to check spurs, etc on 20 June, now they need to make a commercial decision. Cllr Royston has emailed the Airband contact she has to try and keep the pressure on. It was said that Morwellham area needs their poles sorted out before fibre can be installed. Cllr Steer suggested obtaining evidence from all parishioners through a newsletter, to then show Airband the need for a better service.  
**1x public left the meeting.**
3. **Apologies** – Cllr Porter, Cllr Lister, Cllr Miller, Cllr Saxby and Cllr Sellis. Also, Rev'd Judith Blowey.
4. **Dispensations & declarations of Interest** – none declared.
5. **Minutes of previous meeting 155 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 Steer and agreed by all. Cllr Royston signed and dated the minutes.
6. **Planning applications received to-date – 1566/23/CLP – For information purposes only** – Certificate of lawfulness proposed use Shillamill Farm, Crowndale Farm PL19 8JR – **Noted.**
7. **Planning applications received after publication of this agenda** – None.
8. **DCC Cllr Sellis – report** – Not available.
9. **WDBC Cllrs Saxby & Blackman – reports** – **Cllr Blackman** reported that an alliance has been formed between the Greens, Labour, Lib Dems and the Independent. Cllr Blackman has been assigned to the Overview & Scrutiny and Tamar ECF Committees. She said her party have lost some experienced councillors (from 16 down to 7). The Mayor is Green and the Leader an Independent. Cllr Blackman will focus on her own drives. She also mentioned that she has a small community fund so if there is anything that the community of Gulworthy feel they need, to please contact her. Community fridges was also mentioned and will be included in the next newsletter.
10. **Cllr reports** – Cllr Royston said she thinks there is Japanese Knotweed at the junction to the Horn of Plenty (along the road from Gulworthy towards Chip Shop). Also, some of the

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road signs in this area need replacing/fixing. Clerk to be notified of exact locations and details and she will report it. Cllr Royston also suggested to have a Parish Council stand at the Gulworthy fete on the 23 July 2023, which was welcomed. Cllr Royston will prepare a newsletter on 7<sup>th</sup> July ready for printing and distribution. Any articles to be emailed to her directly before this date.

## 11. Burial ground –

**11.1 – Moles – status** – the Clerk hasn't noticed any mole hills on site.

**11.2 – Review of current prices and regulations** – deferred to September and the Clerk was asked to check on current requirements with FDs.

**11.3 – Risk assessment** – Clerk has circulated to all. The Clerk to ask Elliott groundcare about tree inspections and Pascoes about memorial inspections. Ongoing.

**Cllr Blackman left the meeting.**

## 12. Finance

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

Clerk WAH allowance £6.00p.w + mileage	<b>£42.00</b>
Clerk June payroll £474.30 plus tax & NI £93.60	<b>£567.90</b>
Invoice from Eliot Groundcare 2 x cemetery grass cuts June	<b>£150.00</b>

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

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

**12.3 – Bank reconciliations** – A year to-date RFO report was circulated to all prior to the meeting. Cllr Steer proposed this is approved, seconded by Cllr Royston. Agreed by all. Cllr Royston asked that a comparison is made against the budgets set for September.

## 13. Election for representatives to:

**13.1** Ford Street & Maynards charities (almshouses)

**13.2** Gulworthy County Primary School

**13.3** Gulworthy Parish hall management committee

**13.4** Southern Links

**13.5** Cemetery

**13.6** Snow warden

**13.7** Climate & Biodiversity

**Due to many councillors being unable to attend, the above item was deferred to Septembers agenda.**

**14. Broadband Update** – See public section.

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15. **Climate change and Biodiversity actions** – Cllr Royston circulated a leaflet which she said could be used to engage with children about biodiversity at the village fair in July. Cllr Steer and Edwards suggested a possible school trip to 3 neighbouring farms using the community fund (from Cllr Blackman) to cover the coach costs. Cllr Royston also said about carrying out a house survey of local parishioners to understand if energy can be saved.
16. **20mph resolution** – to be deferred to the September agenda.
17. **Gawton gravity hub** parking – Cllr Royston to follow up.
18. **To note office closure during August – 28 July – 18 August inclusive.** Clerk to notify FDs.
19. **Cllr training by Southern Links** – Cllr Steer and Edwards to attend 24 July and 7 August.
20. **Cycling and walking change behaviour project** – Survey and project details to be added to the newsletter and also the Gulworthy Parish website.

## 21. Highways

21.1 7-11 August 0700-1900 road closure B3257, Gulworthy cross to Morwellham – **Noted.**

21.2 28-31 August 0930-1530 road closure from Gulworthy cottages past Gulworthy farm – **Noted.**

Meeting closed at 9:23pm.

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