

Gulworthy Parish Council

Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Monday 2 October 2023 at Gulworthy Parish Hall

No 158

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 W Hamilton and Cllr G Lister (Vice Chair)

Also present – Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Meeting opened 7.33pm

1. **Chairman's welcome** – Cllr Royston opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.
2. **Members of the public** – There were three members of the public present. Two of the three attended the recent exhibition held at Tamar Trails café which provided details on the prospective plans for Zip World at the Tamar Trail site. The parishioners said it's their understanding there will be a planning application submitted to WDBC before Christmas 2023, probably with a PreApp beforehand. If Zip World is successful in obtaining planning it will buy Tree Surfers out of its existing lease agreement. A consultancy firm called Laister (who specialize in visitor attractions and theme parks) are representing Zip World. It was mentioned that Zip World is a Welsh registered company. This new proposal is pylon based which would be drilled into the main steep embankment, and put stays and steel pins in the bedrock. The consultancy firm said they hadn't obtained any geotechnical analysis.

Cllr Royston said she spoke to Sarah Gibson of Tamar Valley AONB about the site and local concern, who said that economic reasoning will be considered.

Cllr Royston has also had contact with Nick Mannering (Director of Laister), as he offered to come and talk to the Parish Council. It was felt by those present that before the next PC meeting could work. Cllr Royston will try and arrange this and if it gets scheduled you will see the earlier time on the next agenda.

Another member of the public was representing E Pascoe & Sons who are local monumental masons and grave diggers. Pascoe's would always be happy to meet on site with the Parish Council if it was felt to be of benefit.

Two member of the public left the meeting.

3. **Apologies** – Cllr Porter, Cllr Edwards and Cllr Sellis. The Clerk has been asked to write to both Cllr Blackman and Cllr Saxby for not attending meetings or sending in apologies.
4. **Dispensations & declarations of Interest** – none declared.
5. **Minutes of previous meeting 157 to be approved and then signed by the chair as true and accurate record of that meeting** – It was proposed by Cllr Miller to approve the minutes, seconded by Cllr Steer and agreed by all. Cllr Royston signed and dated the minutes.
6. **Planning applications**
 - 6.1 **Application ref - 2575/23/HHO – Loxley Gulworthy PL19 8JA** – Householder application for proposed extension to existing kitchen to provide dining area – It was

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proposed by Cllr Hamilton to support this application, seconded by Cllr Royston.
Agreed by all.

7. **Planning applications received after publication of this agenda – None.**
8. **DCC Cllr Sellis – report –** Sent apologies.
9. **WDBC Cllrs Saxby & Blackman – report –** no attendance, no report provided.
10. **Cllr reports**

Cllr Lister expressed appreciation for the resurfacing work recently taken place on the Lumburn area, but then today he noticed the ‘new’ road was being ‘cut up’ to work on the manholes!

Cllr Miller – The road surface along Crowndale Road is lovely and the workers who worked on this road were also good.

Cllr Steer also agreed that the Orestocks and Lumburn roads are so much better but if a scheduled piece of work (for example Chip Shop Inn area) doesn’t take place, it would be good to be notified of this to avoid embarrassment at a local level. Cllr Steer also shared a Community Action for Nature day leaflet for Bere Alston and wondered if they could look to do something similar in Gulworthy.

Cllr Hamilton – Positive feedback to Highways.

Cllr Royston – This Saturday in the Bedford Square, WDBC will be running a housing event along with LiveWest, SeaMoor Lettings, RentPlus UK. 10am-2pm. All welcome.

11. Burial ground -

11.1 – Moles – status – No change.

11.2 – To note memorial application T/L Thomas Murrin – Noted.

11.3 – Ecology area grass cut – Clerk to speak to Elliott Groundcare

| **One member of the public left the meeting.**

12. Finance

12.1 – Invoices for approval to be paid –

Clerk WAH allowance £6.00p.w + mileage + expenses	£42.00
HMRC income tax due for month 4 & 5	£24.25
Clerk September payroll	£397.70
Cllr Lister mailbox purchase	£27.49
Invoice TBC Elliott Groundcare 2 x cemetery grass cuts	£75.00

12.2 – To note Credits received

£3,366.50 2nd Precept received 08/09/23

£150.00 memorial fee T/L Thomas Murrin (cemetery acc)

Proposed by Cllr Steer to authorise all of the above payments via BACs. Seconded by Cllr Miller. Agreed by all.

12.3 – Request for spending

Clerk advises the council to consider purchasing a hard drive to back-up data. Max spend **£50.00**

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Clerk advises the council to pay the ICO annual charge **£40.00** (£35.00 if paid by annual direct debit). **Clerk to contact DALC and advise at next meeting.**

12.4 – Bank reconciliation (158) – The below year to-date RFO report was circulated to all. Cllr Royston proposed this is approved, seconded by Cllr Miller. Agreed by all.

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	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Paid In</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>Club, Charity & Trust account (00298624)</u> Opening Balance as at 29 August 2023 b/fwd			£5,568.23
<u>Receipts</u> <u>12/09/23</u> – West Devon Borough Council ½ Precept Total receipts		3,366.50 £3,366.50	£8,934.73
<u>Expenditure:</u> <u>12/09/2023</u> Clerk August payroll Clerk August expenses Elliott Groundcare Invoice 2490 Elliott Groundcare Invoice 2514 Total expenditure	330.60 58.08 150.00 75.00 £613.68		£613.68
Balance on 26th September 2023			£8,321.05
<u>Gulworthy Cemetery account (00020251)</u> Opening balance as at 29.08.2023			£13,597.02
<u>Credit receipts</u> 10/09/23 Credit interest 12/09/23 E Pascoe & Son C/o Murrin Memorial Total receipts		12.07 150.00 £162.07	
Balance on 26th September 2023			£13,759.09
<u>Gulworthy Fundraising account (00035992)</u> Opening balance as at 29.08.2023			£4,656.31
<u>Credit receipts</u> 10/09/23 Credit interest Total receipts		3.55 £3.55	
Balance on 26th September 2023			£4,659.86
Combined balance £26,740.00			

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13. Election for representatives to:

13.1 Gulworthy Parish hall management committee – Cllr Miller who will ask for support if she is unable to make a meeting.

14. Resolution to adopt WDBC 2021 Code of Conduct (previously circulated) – all Cllrs present said they will read this before the next meeting – deferred,

15. Resolution to adopt Model Standing Orders 2018, updated April 2022 (previously circulated) all Cllrs present said they will read this before the next meeting – deferred,

16. Broadband Update – Making progress. It is anticipated that the Devon Consols/Wheal Josiah/Woodovis network would see more customers connected by end of Nov 2023. We are still waiting to understand how rest of the Parish is progressing.

17. Climate change and Biodiversity actions – Cllr Royston attended the Tamar Valley AONB Annual Forum at Buckland Abbey. It was a good event. The AONB/Tamara teams would be very supportive of an agricultural event in the autumn/winter which may include farm visits.. Cllr Royston [and Cllr. Steer] to progress.

18. 20mph resolution – It was proposed by Cllr Lister to support the below motion. Seconded by Cllr Steer. 3 in favour with 2 abstaining. The motion is carried forward.

Gulworthy Parish Council:

* supports the 20's Plenty for Devon campaign.

* Calls on Devon County Council to implement 20mph in Tavistock; and

* will write to Devon County Council to request 20mph speed limits on streets throughout Devon where people live, work, shop, play or learn, with 30mph as the exception on those roads, where full consideration of the needs of vulnerable road users allows a higher limit.

19. Snow warden – Cllr Lister to order the dustbins, Cllr Royston to email parishioners to enquire about snow warden areas. Both to feedback to Clerk.

20. Cllr training – Cllr Edwards who wasn't present. Deferred.

21. Highways

21.1 Monday 23 – Thursday 26 October 2023 09.30-15.30 – Road from Gulworthy Cottages past Gulworthy Farm. **Noted.**

21.2 Monday 30 October – Wednesday 1st November 2023, 08.30-16.30 – Road from Three Oaks Cross to Crease Cottage, Mill Hill. **Noted.**

22. General correspondence

22.1 Well being Fair Friday 6th October 10am-2pm Butchers Hall Tavistock – Noted.

Meeting closed at 9:47pm.

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