

Gulworthy Parish Council

Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Monday 8th January 2024 at Gulworthy Parish Hall

No 161

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 K Steer, Cllr G Lister (Vice Chair), Cllr D Edwards and Cllr W Hamilton

Also present – Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Meeting opened 7.31pm

- 1. Chairman's welcome** – Cllr Royston opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking everyone for coming along.
- 2. Members of the public** – 3 people were present. One lady is a resident of Mill Hill area and has (and still is) experiencing flooding in her home. She has been struggling to make progress within the council and asked for help.

Cllr Lister joined the meeting.

Other parishioners were present to listen to the Parish Councils views on the Zip World planning application reference **4165/23/FUL**.

- 3. Apologies** – Cllr Miller and Cllr Porter.
- 4. Dispensations & declarations of Interest** – none declared.
- 5. Minutes of previous meeting 160 to be approved and then signed by the chair as true and accurate record of that meeting** – It was proposed by Cllr Hamilton to approve the minutes, seconded by Cllr Lister and agreed by all. Cllr Royston signed and dated the minutes.
- 6. Planning applications received to-date:**
 - 6.1 Reference-4165/23/FUL - Installation of platforms, masts and suspended track to accommodate a safety rail attraction; heritage visitor interpretation provision; open space, landscaping and additional parking – Tavistock Woodlands, Road To Tavistock Woodlands Estate** – It was felt that due to the Christmas holiday period and the quantity of information with this application, there had not been sufficient time allowed to really understand this application. Councillors were also concerned that parishioners were not being given sufficient time to understand this application. The Clerk was asked to request an extension to 5th February 2024. This item will be added to the February agenda.
- 7. Planning applications received after publication of this agenda** – None.

Three members of the public left the meeting.

- 8. DCC Cllr Sellis** – Winter pressures on the NHS with virus' and strikes causing issues. The DCC consultation on street parking charges has now closed. The new HWRC is still going ahead starting 2024/25. Geoffrey Cox MP is looking to find local accommodation for hospital workers. OFSTED has recently attended Tavistock College, which has improved

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slightly. The local primary schools appear to be fine. The line marking in Tavistock is now underway and local contractors are updating high speed broadband and mains gas works. Expected to go on until March 2024. Cllrs reported poor traffic management system and asked this was feedback to main council.

9. WDBC Cllrs Saxby & Blackman – reports – Both absent without an apology and no report.

10. Cllr reports – **Cllr Lister** said there is no superfast broadband at Morwellham. This area has also experienced flooding and the river contains lots of trees! **Cllr Hamilton** said the road past Wheal Maria to Horsebridge is poor. Cllr Hamilton asked to report this himself on <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/>

Cllr Edwards said about the drains not being cleared and again can report it above. The Cllrs expressed disappointment at no longer having a ‘Lengthsman’. Cllr Steer to enquire with her own private contractor regarding fees. **Cllr Royston** visited the owners of Loxley wall. The posts are now in place and the wall will be carried on in April/May time.

11. Burial ground -

11.1 – Moles – status – Site not visited.

12. Finance

12.1 – Invoices for approval to be paid –

Clerk expenses + mileage + expenses	£39.98
Clerk December payroll	£330.80
HMRC – NI and Tax	£4.00
SPS Marketing Invoice SI-3977 (website amendment)	£39.60
Gulworthy hall booking for Jan and Feb 2024. Inv 597.	£38.00

It was proposed by Cllr Steer to authorise the above payments via BACs. Seconded by Cllr Edwards. Agreed by all.

Cllr Sellis left the meeting.

12.2 – To note Credits received – None.

12.3 – Request for spending – None.

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12.4 – Bank reconciliations – The below year to-date RFO report (No 161) was circulated to 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 30 November 2023 b/fwd			£7,191.51
<u>Receipts</u>			
6/12/23 Transfer from cemetery acc (maintenance)		750.00	
9/12/23 payroll credit from Clerk		4.20	
Total receipts		£754.20	£7,945.71
<u>Expenditure:</u>			
01/12/23 Cheque no 000796 (Poppy wreath)	18.50		
06/12/2023			
Clerk November payroll	334.80		
Clerk November expenses	48.00		
HMRC	4.20		
29/12/23 Cheque no 000797 (ICO)	40.00		
Transfer of grant money to fundraising acc	250.00		
Total expenditure	£695.50		
Balance on 4th January 2024			£7,250.21
<u>Gulworthy Cemetery account (00020251)</u>			
Opening balance as at 30.11.2023			£14,485.34
<u>Expenditure</u>			
6/12/23 Transfer to main account (maintenance)		750.00	
			£13,735.34
<u>Credit receipts</u>			
10/12/23 Credit Interest		17.62	
Balance on 4th January 2024			£13,752.96
<u>Gulworthy Fundraising account (00035992)</u>			
Opening balance as at 30.11.2023			£4,667.37
<u>Credit receipts</u>			
06/12/23 Receipt from main account (layby grant)		250.00	
10/12/23 Credit interest		5.19	
		£255.19	
Balance on 4th January 2024			£4,922.56
Combined balance £25,925.73			
Cllr Royston proposed this is approved, seconded by Cllr Edwards. Agreed by all.			

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12.5 – Budget approval for 2024-2025 (to set the precept) – It was proposed by Cllr Hamilton to approve the budget at £8,675.00 with an increase of 5% on the precept. Seconded by Cllr Steer. Agreed by all.

13. Resolution to adopt Model Standing Orders 2018, updated April 2022 (previously circulated) – It was proposed by Cllr Royston to select ‘raise your hand’ (and not stand) in item 3i and to remove item 15.b.xiv. Seconded by Cllr Hamilton and agreed by all.

14. Broadband Update – Cllr Lister confirmed superfast is not present in Morwellham. Cllr Royston has had some contact with Airband. Devon Consols area is mostly connected.

15. Climate change and Biodiversity actions – Cllr Steer and Cllr Royston to progress.

16. Climate and Ecology Bill (previously circulated) – Deferred to next meeting.

17. Snow warden – A pallet of salt has arrived in Morwellham. If a parishioner wishes to have a bin to store salt then please contact the Clerk for Cllr Lister’s number.

18. Highways – 18.1 – Langore Tree Services email – Cllrs confirmed fine. Clerk to reply.

18.2 – Cllrs to audit own areas – Ongoing.

19. Geoffrey Cox MP letter (previously circulated) – Originals to be posted by Clerk, Cllr Lister and Cllr Steer to arrive no later than 29 January 2024.

20. Newsletter – To be scheduled during 2024.

Meeting closed at 9:32pm.

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