

# Gulworthy Parish Council

## Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Gulworthy Parish Hall

### No 163

*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 D Edwards, Cllr G Lister, Cllr W Miller and Cllr W Hamilton

**Also present** – Emily Young (Parish Clerk) and Cllr Sellis, Cllr Saxby and 4 members of the public

### Meeting opened 7.34pm

**1.Chairman's welcome** – Cllr Royston opened the meeting by welcoming and thanking everyone for coming along. She asked for people to introduce themselves.

**2.Members of the public** – 4 people were present. One member came to ask a question to Cllr Steer (absent), Cllr Royston and Cllr Hamilton regarding the Zip World planning application. Another parishioner asked what is the role of the Parish Council? A local landowner said there are nature corridors that exist in this area and the Chair of Tavistock's Neighbourhood Development Plan came to explain about the draft consultation on it's NDPlan in accordance with Regulation 14 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

**3.Apologies** – Cllr Porter and Cllr Steer

**4.Dispensations & declarations of Interest** – none received.

**2 members of the public left the meeting.**

**5.Minutes of previous meeting 162 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 Royston and agreed by all. Cllr Royston signed and dated the minutes.

**1 member of the public left the meeting.**

### 6. Planning applications received to-date:

**6.1 Reference:** 3009/23/FUL - **Proposal:** Conversion of barn to dwelling. **Site Address:** Higher Parswell Farm, Lumburn, PL19 8HR – **The councillors felt the information supplied was insufficient to make a decision.**

**6.2 Reference:** 4166/23/FUL - **Proposal:** Proposed residential annex in place of existing domestic store and living accommodation. **Site Address:** Fox Mill Barn, Artiscombe Farm, Tavistock, PL19 8NN – **It was proposed by Cllr Lister to support, seconded by Cllr Edwards, agreed by all.**

**6.3 Planning applications received after their publication of this agenda – none received.**

**7.Annual Parish meeting** – 8<sup>th</sup> April is confirmed as the next meeting date. Cllr Royston to put a

**Signed -**

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draft agenda together and circulate.

**8.DCC Cllr Sellis – report** – The budget was passed, and I gave the figures in my previous report. Tavistock continues to endure essential, planned, and urgent workings. I presented a petition to Devon County Council on the 15<sup>th</sup> of February to hopefully attract resolution in re-instating the no89 Tavistock bus which goes along Whitchurch Road. Currently changed to the No86 bus, we have a reduced service which is adversely affecting Tavistock South East area. I have been advised Tavistock Hospital X-ray machine is defunct. I have contacted the MP as I firmly believe we need to get this re-instated ASAP. Children’s centres continue thankfully and will be family hubs, I am advised. The local library remains a useful centre for advice and information too. If councillors are unhappy with an issue I am associated with at County, please contact me.

**Cllr Sellis left the meeting.**

**9.WDBC Cllrs Saxby & Blackman** – reports – **Cllr Saxby** attended the recent devolution meeting and Team Devon. She is running 3 on-line surgeries; 16<sup>th</sup> March 1100-1200, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 1900-2000 and Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May 1100-1200. Please contact her if on-line does not work for you. Cllr Saxby will kindly respond on behalf of Gulworthy PC to SWDevon Gemma Bristow regarding the walking and cycling project.

**10.Gulworthy Cllr reports – Cllr Miller** – There has been an increase in litter along the Crowndale Road. On 6<sup>th</sup> April there is a table top sale in the Gulworthy village hall and on 28 July the annual fete. **Cllr Hamilton** – Still has concerns with the wall being built opposite the hall.

**Cllr Lister** – Confirmed there is still no fibre at Morwellham. He will return the dustbins purchased for the road salt and Cllr Hamilton offered an unwanted salt bin which could be located at the burial ground. **Cllr Royston** – has started reading the 9 page rejection report on planning application 2421/23/FUL which made her think about having a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Gulworthy.

**11.Burial ground** – The Clerk confirmed a new interment has been booked for 21 March 2024.

## **12.Finance**

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

<b>Clerk expenses WAH allowance £6.00p.w + mileage + expenses</b>	<b>£73.58</b>
<b>Clerk February payroll</b>	<b>£349.80</b>
<b>HMRC Tax and NI</b>	<b>£9.00</b>
<b>Elliott groundcare – Inv 2605</b>	<b>£375.00</b>
<b>Gulworthy parish hall – March and April meetings. Inv 614</b>	<b>£38.00</b>

**It was proposed by Cllr Royston to authorise the above payments via BACs. Seconded by Cllr Miller. Agreed by all.**

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

**12.3 – Request for spending** – £500.00 for a new picnic bench and seat for Gulworthy Primary school (Coronation) – It was proposed by Cllr Royston to make a £500.00 donation to Gulworthy Primary school seconded by Cllr Edwards. Agreed by all.

**12.4 – Internal auditor** – Julie Snooks to be appointed as the internal auditor, proposed by Cllr Miller, seconded by Cllr Edwards, agreed by all.

**12.5 – Bank reconciliations** – The below year to-date RFO report (No 163) was circulated to all.

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	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Paid In</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<p><b><u>Club, Charity &amp; Trust account (00298624)</u></b> Opening Balance as at 1 February 2024 b/fwd</p> <p style="color: blue;"><u>Receipts</u> None</p> <p style="color: red;"><u>Expenditure:</u> <b>11/01/2024</b> Clerk January payroll + back-pay Clerk January expenses HMRC</p> <p><b>Total expenditure</b></p> <p><b>Balance on 28 February 2024</b></p>	<p style="color: red;">616.70</p> <p style="color: red;">58.49</p> <p style="color: red;">40.40</p> <p style="color: red;"><b>£715.59</b></p>	<p style="color: blue;">17.38</p>	<p><b>£6,797.83</b></p> <p><b>£6,082.24</b></p>
<p><b><u>Gulworthy Cemetery account (00020251)</u></b> Opening balance as at 01.02.2024</p> <p style="color: blue;"><u>Expenditure</u> None</p> <p style="color: blue;"><u>Credit receipts</u> 10/02/24 Credit Interest</p> <p><b>Balance on 28 February 2024</b></p>		<p>17.38</p>	<p><b>£13,770.35</b></p> <p><b>£13,787.73</b></p>
<p><b><u>Gulworthy Fundraising account (00035992)</u></b> Opening balance as at 01.02.2024</p> <p style="color: blue;"><u>Credit receipts</u> 10/02/24 Credit interest</p>		<p>5.61</p>	<p><b>£4,928.17</b></p>

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<b>Balance on 28 February 2024</b>			<b>£4,933.78</b>
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**Combined balance £24,803.75**

**It was proposed by Cllr Royston to approve the RFO report, seconded by Cllr Edwards, agreed by all.**

**13. Broadband Update** – It was mentioned that Airband has been replaced by Voneus.

**14. A devolution deal for Devon** – DALC’s presentation to be circulated to all.

**15. Tavistock neighbourhood plan – draft consultation** – The Chair of Tavistock Neighbourhood Development Plan gave an outline of the draft plan. Cllrs were asked to give comments by the 25 March 2024 deadline, as some areas transfer across the border into Gulworthy. The Chair said there is some grant money available from DCC for nature green space. She also said to mention in the response if there are any specific projects that Gulworthy would benefit from.

**16. Highways**

**16.1 – Cllrs to audit own areas** – ongoing and may be added to the annual meeting agenda.

**16.2 – Walking and Cycling project update** – Cllr Saxby had collected comments and kindly offered to reply.

**16.3 - TTRO2454686 – Tuesday 9 – Thursday 11 April 2024** - Between the hours of 09:30 and 15:30 - **ROAD FROM THREE OAKS CROSS TO CREASE COTTAGE, MILL HILL** (poling and tree cutting works by Sunbelt) – Noted.

**Meeting closed at 9:30pm.**

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