

Gulworthy Parish Council

Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Monday 4th June 2024 at Gulworthy Parish Hall

No 167

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 G Lister, Cllr K Steer, Cllr D Edwards and Cllr W Hamilton

Also present – Cllr Sellis, Cllr Blackman and Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Meeting opened 7.38pm

1. Chairman's welcome – Cllr Royston opened the meeting by welcoming everyone and thanking them for attending.

2. Members of the public – Mrs Sterry, the Head of Gulworthy Primary School was on speaker to talk about the recent announcement of possible redundancies at the school, which was recently announced (and a complete surprise) by the Trust (LAP South West MAT). Mrs Sterry doesn't know how much the school needs to save but the Trust are looking to complete the exercise by July, currently asking for individual responses as part of an informal approach before looking at a more formal exercise (if needed). Mrs Sterry said the reputation of the school is key. She also confirmed that the money fundraised in the past for the hall is in a separate PTFA account. She thanked everyone for all their offers of support. She will keep the Parish Council informed.

An email from Rev Judith Blowey - Two events are taking place in the parish. The Gulworthy Fete and Dog Show, on Sunday 28th July in the School field, this is run with the Parish Hall and Church, proceeds shared equally. Also, a 3day Flower festival running over three days, 20th, 21st and 22nd September in aid of St Paul's.

3. Apologies – Cllr Miller and Rev Blowey. Accepted by all.

4. Dispensations & declarations of Interest – none received.

5. Minutes of previous meeting 166 to be approved and then signed by the chair as true and accurate record of that meeting – It was proposed by Cllr Steer to approve the minutes, seconded by Cllr Hamilton and agreed by all. Cllr Royston signed and dated the minutes.

6. Matters arising – Japanese knotweed – landowners responsibility to remove and Devon County are aware of concerned areas. Cllr Steer reported some which has been treated. **Pot hole reporting** keep reporting them directly to DCC <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/report-a-problem/> . Cllrs are going to move to using .gov.uk email addresses.

7. Planning applications received to-date:

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7.1 Reference: 1434/24/HHO – Proposal - Householder application for proposed alterations to existing dwelling including changes to fenestration and the addition of a raised garden terrace with guardings and handrails in place of existing raised garden deck. **Address** – Loxley, Gulworthy
Proposed by Cllr Royston to support, seconded by Cllr Hamilton, agreed by all.

7.2 Reference: 0417/24/FUL – Proposal - Change of use of land from agriculture to B8 storage & distribution of timber. **Site address** - Land At Sx 440 727 Gulworthy (Timber Store)
Proposed by Cllr Edwards to support, seconded by Cllr Hamilton agreed by all.

7.3 Planning applications received after publication of this agenda – None.

7.4 Reference: Rejection of 2421/23/FUL – The Cllrs agreed that it is difficult to support an appeal when it seems from the Officers report that more information is needed. They can't support an appeal if they can't see the appeal.

8.DCC Cllr Sellis – report – John Hart the Leader of DCC has stepped down after 15 years of service. SENs are in special measures and the new officers who have been in post since the last 2 years are doing a great job. Highways, pot holes keep reporting please and Cllr Sellis confirmed that there are no issues with the new wall opposite the hall. There was some bad flooding in Tavistock area a couple of Tuesday's ago where businesses and people were affected. The Action for Children 'Hub' is being restructured and the Tavistock library is doing very well.
Cllr Steer congratulated Cllr Sellis on her Mayorship appointment.
Cllr Sellis confirmed her chosen charities are the Guides and Scouts.
She also confirmed that she has a locality budget. Please get in touch if you are interested.

9.WDBC Cllr Blackman – Has a locality budget and is keen to support a local project in the Gulworthy area. Cllr Royston mentioned the 'nature blitz' event that may take place. To be applied for in writing.

10.Gulworthy Cllr reports – Cllr Steer was contacted by someone concerned with a tractor driver not being so aware of other road users, i.e. no indicators or signalling. A previously reported pot hole will be re-reported and she asked that the PC look at a Parish plan survey.

Cllr Lister – Still no change to the broadband in Morwellham. To provide Clerk with sizing for costing a new noticeboard.

Cllr Hamilton – On behalf of all of the Parish Council wanted to 'thank' Suzanne Porter for all her hard work over the years and hopes she is recovering well.

Cllr Royston – Now has fibre and will use her contact in Airband to push for the other hamlets across the parish ~~Morwellham and Wood Barn~~ to be connected, as she was told they are looking to connect 'smaller' locations.

11.Burial ground – Mole catcher quotation (*previously circulated*) £50.00 to set plus £10.00 per mole – **It was proposed by Cllr Royston to accept the quotation, seconded by Cllr Steer, all in agreement.** Clerk to check on insurance and risk assessment.

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12. Finance - *To approve the list of payments (to be tabled at the meeting) LGA 1972 s150 (5)*

12.1 – Invoices for approval to be paid –

Clerk expenses WAH allowance £6.00p.w + mileage + expenses	£46.00
Clerk May payroll	£358.80
HMRC Tax and NI for May 2024	£0.00
Clerk amended payroll Jan-April due to HMRC tax code changes	£235.60
Elliott groundcare – Inv2647	£150.00
WesternWeb - .gov.uk email addresses –Inv 24427	£86.40
Gulworthy parish hall – June meeting – invoice to follow	£19.00

It was proposed by Cllr Edwards to authorise the above payments via BACs, seconded by Cllr Royston. Agreed by all.

12.2 – Request for spending – Moles under burial ground – See item 11.

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12.3 – Bank reconciliations – The below year to-date RFO report (No 167) was circulated to all.

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	Paid Out	Paid In	Balance
<u>Club, Charity & Trust account (00298624)</u>			
Opening Balance as at 13 May 2024 b/fwd			£7,804.22
<u>Receipts</u> - None			
Expenditure:			
14/05/2024			
Clerk pay April	350.00		
HMRC April tax & NI	8.80		
April expenses to Clerk	48.00		
WesternWeb Inv.24383	18.00		
WesternWeb new website, domain name,etc. Cq No 000798	636.00		
Zurich insurance – annual renewal	314.84		
Hall hire for May meeting	19.00		
DALC annual subscription	218.65		
Total expenditure	£1,613.29		
Balance on 1 June 2024			£6,190.93
<u>Gulworthy Cemetery account (00020251)</u>			
Opening balance as at 13.05.2024			£13,962.76
<u>Expenditure</u>			
14/05/2024 – Elliott groundcare Inv 2629	75.00		
<u>Credit receipts</u> - none			
Balance on 1 June 2024			£13,887.76
<u>Gulworthy Fundraising account (00035992)</u>			
Opening balance as at 13.05.2024			£4,950.09
<u>Credit receipts</u> - none			
Balance on 1 June 2024			£4,950.09
Combined balance £25,028.78			
It was proposed by Cllr Steer to approve the RFO report, seconded by Cllr Edwards, agreed by all.			

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13. Review of financial regulations - *previously circulated.* Deferred to next meeting. Clerk to summarise changes and to also look into changing approval of payments.

Cllr Sellis and Cllr Blackman left the meeting.

14. Asset list sign off – Checked and approved by Cllr Royston, seconded by Cllr Hamilton, agreed by all. Cllr Royston signed the form.

15. To note external auditor – PKF Littlejohn – Noted.

16. Election for representatives to:

16.1 Ford Street & Maynards charities – Cllr Royston

16.2 Gulworthy Primary School – Cllr Steer

16.3 Gulworthy Parish hall management committee – Deferred to next meeting

16.4 Southern Links – Cllr Royston

16.5 Cemetery – Cllr Hamilton

16.6 Snow warden – Cllr Lister for salt distribution.

16.7 Climate & Biodiversity – All Cllrs.

Meeting closed at 9.31pm.

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