

Gulworthy Parish Council

Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2024 at Gulworthy Parish Hall No 170

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 and Cllr D Edwards

Also present – Cllr Sellis, Sarah Gibson (Tamar Valley National Landscapes), Will Ryan (Zip World), 3 members of the public and Emily Young (Parish Clerk)

Meeting opened 7.30pm

1. **Chairman's welcome** Cllr Royston thanked and welcomed everyone for coming. She said it was a tight agenda with timings indicated to keep from staying late. All those present introduced themselves.

2. **Members of the public** – *To consider requests from members of the public to make representations, answer questions or give evidence in respect of Council business under Standing Orders 3d to 3n.*

One member of the public said the following: he supports item 7.4, it appears nothing productive is being done by Airband (apart from them trespassing on his land) and what a nightmare the dog show event was at the recent Gulworthy Parish hall fete. He said people were trespassing on his land and the event seemed badly organized and badly planned. He also asked about the tidying of the roundabout (and offered his services) and he is very concerned about the speed of traffic along the road outside the school, church and hall. Another person spoke about planning application 7.3, Hartshole Farm, saying that National Grid Circuit 22 is the final supply before the Bere Peninsula, so any additional electrical loading needs careful managing. It appears the Bovis homes new builds have an impact on this supply too. They are now proposing a power cable to go under the canal in Tavistock! He also mentioned that if solar is installed at Hartshole Farm it needs to be used off peak otherwise this will be detrimental to other areas. He also spoke about item 7.4 stating that an audible impact assessment should be provided.

Mr Ryan spoke about item 7.4 saying the principles and the design were the same and that additional information provided was about landscape, ecology, woodland management and a sustainable transport plan had been submitted. West Devon Borough Council have asked for the economic benefits.

Another member of the public told Mr Ryan that arsenic is already present in the water, so by carrying out the proposed work will add to the amounts. Mr Ryan offered to look more into this concern. It was also mentioned that there is a restrictive covenant on the water in that area. Mr Ryan said he was aware of this.

3. **To accept apologies for absence** - *Under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, members present should decide whether to approve the reason(s) given for absence.*

Apologies were received from Cllrs Hamilton, Cllr Lister, Cllr Blackman and Cllr Saxby.

2 members of the public left the meeting

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- 4. Dispensations & declarations of Interest** - *Under the Localism Act 2011 (sections 26-37 and Schedule 4) and in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, members are required to declare any interests which are not currently entered in the member's register of interests or if he/she has not notified the Monitoring Officer of it. Requests for Dispensations should be made in writing to the Parish Clerk in advance of the meeting.*

Cllr Edwards declared a pecuniary interest in item 7.3.

- 5. Minutes of previous meeting 169 to be approved and then signed by the chair as a true and accurate record of that meeting** - *To accept as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 1st July 2024 LGA 1972 Sch 12 para 41(1).*

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. Matters arising** - *To ensure the tasks assigned at the previous meeting have been completed*
None

- 7. Planning applications received to-date:**

7.1 Reference: 1259/24/LBC – The Toll House – Listed building consent for part single, part two storey rear extension to main house

It was proposed by Cllr Royston to support this application, seconded by Cllr Steer, agreed by all.

7.2 Reference: 1836/24/HHO – The Toll House – Householder application for part single, part two story rear extension to main house

It was proposed by Cllr Royston to support this application, seconded by Cllr Steer, agreed by all.

Cllr Edwards left the meeting

7.3 Reference: 1564/24/FUL – Hartshole Farm - Demolition of existing agricultural building and erection of replacement agricultural building for livestock welfare maintenance

It was proposed by Cllr Steer to support this application, seconded by Cllr Royston, agreed by all, (Cllr Royston cast two votes).

The Councillors agreed to support this application but would like to mention it's their understanding this property is the final supply (National Grid cable 22) before Bere Peninsula, so any additional energy demands (like the installation of solar), its usage will need to be carefully managed otherwise it could be detrimental to others. It's understood this is a strategic planning matter.

Also there were no pictures provided despite the application saying the existing building is detrimental to the national landscape; it would have been helpful to see some pictures showing this. It also says by having a new building it will be more energy efficient, but this is not explained.

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Cllr Edwards returned to the meeting

7.4 Reference: 4165/23/FUL – Zip World - Installation of platforms, masts and suspended track to accommodate a safety rail attraction; heritage visitor interpretation provision; open space, landscaping and additional parking

It was proposed by Cllr Edwards to support this application but would ask that the outstanding conditions are provided before the planning decision is made. Seconded by Cllr Royston and agreed by all.

7.5 Planning applications received after publication of this agenda - None

7.6 Planning appeal – 1143/24/PDM – Land at SX 463 728 Lumburn – Cllr Royston proposed support if increasing local housing in the parish, seconded by Cllr Steer. Agreed by all.

8. Tamar Valley National Landscape Management Plan 2025-2030 – Sarah Gibson gave a brief presentation -

Every 5 years they need to create a management plan. This is plan no 6.

TVNL work with 5 Local Authorities, 23 Parish Councils that they try to help and support.

They are 29 partnership strong, adding another 8.

30yr vision for the Tamar Valley.

They have 4 themes: Nature, Climate, Place and People.

The plan – can you work with it, can you use it?

The Tamar Valley is getting wetter. Soil is suffering.

There was a recent public survey through Let's Talk Cornwall which was positive.

They have received new management guidelines from DEFRA.

Since 1970 nature has declined in England by 19%.

IPCC issued their report; 3 degrees of warming by 2100.

The TVNL want to reserve and enhance the beauty of the Tamar Valley

They prioritise Nature (1st project) before job creation or GDP based product

Climate adaption = 2nd project – physical changes

More monitoring and reporting

Place makes people = 3rd project

Tamar Valley adopts a doughnut model which is a 30 year plan

They are now running a consultation on their Management plan which runs from 2 Sept – 1st

Nov <http://www.tamarvalley-nl.org.uk>

1st April 2025 start activities (Jan 2025 final management plan)

TVNL left the meeting.

Zip World representative left the meeting.

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9. **DCC Cllr Sellis** – report – Action for Children is going universal and will probably use Devon County Council buildings (still to be confirmed).
Highways - Responding to the local Horrific crash.
Line painting & some repairs to potholes.
Voluntary day 4th October at Butchers hall 10am-2pm.

Cllr Sellis left the meeting.

10. **WDBC Cllrs Saxby & Blackman** – Absent with apologies and Cllr Saxby sent a report:
Here is my update over the past few months:

- After the change in positions, I am still on Overview and Scrutiny
- I called in Connecting Devon and Somerset (Airband). From our meetings they haven't been doing a good job, even asking a family to dig a trench themselves! This is happening across West Devon, there is no obligation for them to come, but next meeting I will give you another update.
- I gave a talk to the Bere Alston Primary School about politics as they held a mini election in the Y5/Y6 class, positive reception, I hope to see some of them on the Council!
- I have £492 in my Cllr allowance and £350 of that is earmarked for Gulworthy, if there are any projects can the Cllr's let me know. Still trying to arrange the litter picking signs.
- I have helped a family find housing and been helping with disability adaptations in a local home.
- Arranging a meeting with Jac Houslander and Paul Richardson to discuss our current planning system.
- I am arranging a Youth Council in Bere Alston with the local Youth Group there.

As I mentioned to you via email before the Zip World application should be going to committee in October, I have phoned Clare to follow-up on if this is the case and will let you know.

11. **Gulworthy Cllr reports – *for information only* – Cllr Steer** – Thanked Cllr Sellis for attending the school fete. There is a Church flower festival on 20-22 September with an exhibition in the hall on the history of the parish. On the 15th September there will be a 'Please pass slow & wide' on horse event from Tamar Trails.

Cllr Edwards highlighted the concern of the speed of traffic outside the hall, church and school. The three councillors agreed to come to the next meeting with their own speed campaign ideas.

Cllr Royston would like to liaise with TVNL and landowners to facilitate a meeting to discuss people management (and their dogs) in the Tamar trails woods.

12. Burial ground

12.1 – **Moles** – 3 moles caught. Traps still set.

12.2 – **Tap** (Cllr Edwards) – Done.

12.3 – **Review of regulations, prices and interment form** – Deferred to Oct meeting.

<https://www.gulworthyparishcouncil.gov.uk/cemetery.php>

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

13.1 – Invoices for approval to be paid –

Clerk expenses WAH allowance £6.00p.w + mileage + expenses	£58.00
Clerk July payroll	£358.80
HMRC Tax and NI for July 2024	£Nil
Clerk August payroll	£358.80
HMRC Tax and NI for August 2024	£Nil
Elliott groundcare – <i>Invoice 2700 (3 grass cuts)</i>	£225.00
Gulworthy parish hall – September meeting – <i>invoice to follow</i>	£21.37

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

13.2 – Request for spending

13.2.1 – Antivirus £35.00 per annum

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13.3 – Bank reconciliations - (RFO No 170)

	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Paid In</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<u>Club, Charity & Trust account (00298624)</u> Opening Balance as at 1 July 2024 b/fwd			£5,442.76
<u>Receipts</u> 02/07/2024 – Transfer from business account 09/07/2024 – HMRC VAT reclaim		£75.00 124.80	
<u>Expenditure:</u> <u>02/07/2024</u> Clerk pay June Clerk June expenses HMRC June tax & NI Elliott Groundcare Inv 2659 Julie Snooks Internal auditor Hall hire for July meeting <u>02/08/2024</u> Clerk pay July	430.90 79.70 17.60 75.00 190.00 21.37 358.80		
<u>Total expenditure</u>	£1173.37		
<u>Balance on 27 August 2024</u>			£4469.19

<u>Gulworthy Cemetery account (00020251)</u> Opening balance as at 01.07.2024			£13,755.26
<u>Expenditure</u> 02/07/2024 – Transfer to main account for Elliott groundcare Inv 2659	75.00		
<u>Credit receipts</u> 10/07/2024 credit interest 10/08/2024 credit interest		16.78 17.29	
<u>Balance on 27 August 2024</u>			£13,714.33

<u>Gulworthy Fundraising account (00035992)</u> Opening balance as at 01.07.2024			£4,955.72
<u>Credit receipts</u> 10/07/2024 credit interest 10/08/2024 credit interest		5.46 5.64	
<u>Balance on 27 August 2024</u>			£4,966.82

Combined balance £23,150.34

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

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- 13.4 – Quarterly financial budget versus spend** (see separate document) – **Cllr Royston** asked for a different format – **deferred to October meeting**
- 13.5 – To note TSB banking changes** (previously circulated) **Noted**
- 13.6 – Internet banking** (Cllr Lister) **Online meeting to be scheduled by Clerk**
- 14. Review of financial regulations** - *previously circulated*. It was proposed by Cllr Steer to approve, seconded by Cllr Royston and agreed by all.
- 15. Update on Gulworthy Primary School** (Cllr Steer) **No update at the moment. The children are returning on Thursday.**
- 16. Bus shelter** – 1000x1000 noticeboard, either galvanised or aluminium, pins, glass no lock. **Proposed by Cllr Royston for the Clerk to spend upto £1000.00, seconded by Cllr Edwards, agreed by all.**
- 17. Village fete** – Cllr Royston circulated results of a parish survey conducted at the fete. To be finalised, circulated to all. Item to then be on the agenda.
- 18. Temporary traffic road closures:**
Roads affected -

ROAD FROM NEWBRIDGE HILL TO GULWORTHY CROSS, GULWORTHY
(GUNNISLAKE BRIDGE) – Monday 2nd – Friday 6th September 2024 09.30-15.30

Road – CREASE LANE – Thursday 26-Friday 27 September between 08.30-15.30

Noted.

Meeting closed at 10pm.

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