

# Gulworthy Parish Council

## Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at Gulworthy Parish Hall

No 174

*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 D Edwards and Cllr W Hamilton

**Also present** – Cllr Angela Blackman

**Meeting opened 7.37pm**

- 1. Chairman's welcome** Cllr Royston thanked everyone for coming and wished a happy new year.
- 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. None present.*
- 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 Cllr Lister.**
- 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. None*
- 5. Minutes of previous meeting 173 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 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024 LGA 1972 Sch 12 para 41(1).*  
**It was proposed by Cllr Steer to approve the minutes, seconded by Cllr Royston and agreed by all. Cllr Royston signed and dated the minutes.**
- 6. Minutes of previous meeting 172 to be signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of that meeting** – Cllr Royston signed the November 2024 minutes (approved at last meeting).
- 7. Matters arising** - *To ensure the tasks assigned at the previous meeting have been completed*  
**Cllr Royston is to organise a round table meeting – further details to follow. Cllr Royston to set up the bank app and to keep in touch with prospective new councillors. Clerk will arrange a CDS meeting and complete contractor paperwork for cemetery once post have been received from Cllr Lister. Cllrs still on old email address to try and change over to new .gov.uk email address asap.**
- 8. Planning applications received to-date:**  
**8.1 Reference: 3941/24/ARC** – Location - Land Adjacent To Callington Road, Callington Road, Tavistock – Proposal - Application for approval of details reserved by condition 20 (Green

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Infrastructure Plan) to planning consent 00554/2013 – Clerk asked to obtain clarification on main road to Gulworthy as drawing not clear enough.

**8.2 Planning applications received after publication of this agenda - None**

**8.3 Planning appeals** Appeal Ref: APP/Q1153/W/24/3347713

Higher Parswell Farm, Lumburn, Tavistock, Devon, PL19 8HR. Appeal dismissed.

**Cllr Royston to draft an email to be sent to WDBC and Housing officer.**

**9. DCC Cllr Sellis** – report – Not available.

**10. WDBC Cllrs Saxby & Blackman** – reports – **Cllr Angela Blackman** – Spoke about the devolution white paper and that WDBC do not support a unitary council. WDBC also said they do not wish for County elections to be delayed (due in May 2025). Decision will go back to the Ministers for consideration. There has also been a recent Devon Chamber of Commerce meeting. Cllr Blackman has recently visited Gulworthy primary school and met the head teacher who is keen to work more closely with Bere Alston primary school again.

**11. Gulworthy Cllr reports** – **Cllr Edwards** mentioned the school PTFA are keen to develop more of the forest school at the local primary school. Cllr Blackman said she could help with grant information, etc. Clerk to check with Cllr Sellis on Gulworthy roundabout.

**Cllr Steer** asked about the Tavistock Area Support Services and whether this service included Gulworthy. Clerk\Cllr Royston to check. Cllr Steer has also noticed an increase in fly tipping in the area.

**Cllr Royston** no further update on broadband but Clerk will push for an internal meeting with CDS and Cllrs can then update local parishioners. Clerk asked to thank Will Ryan of Zip World.

Also discussed was the school flashing lights at the cemetery end not working, although the timescales for fixing are not known and the disappointing response from Highways after it was reported that it was a low priority.

## 12. Burial ground

**12.1 – Review of regulations, prices and interment form** – It was proposed by Cllr Royston to approve the amended burial regulations, prices\* and interment form. \*The interment of a child under 1 year old to be free for parishioners. Seconded by Cllr Edwards, agreed by all.

**12.2 – To note the interment of T/L Mr Alan Maunder on 30 January 2025 – noted.**

**12.3 – Finance approval for further mole work** £40.00 one off charge plus £10.00 a mole, held for 6 months. **Resolved by Cllr Royston, Cllr Edwards agreed by all.**

## 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 –**

<b>Clerk expenses</b> WAH allowance £6.00p.w + mileage + expenses	<b>£64.50</b>
<b>Clerk December payroll</b>	<b>£371.12</b>
<b>HMRC Tax and NI for December 2024</b>	<b>£2.80</b>
<b>Gulworthy parish hall – January meeting – Inv 699</b>	<b>£21.37</b>
<b>WesternWeb – Inv 24741 Set up Clerk's .gov.uk email account on laptop,</b>	

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transfer emails from Gmail account Inv 24741

£52.09

13.2 – Request for spending – See item 12.3.

13.3 – Credits received - None

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## 13.4 – Bank reconciliations - RFO report number 174 as at 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Paid In</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<b>Club, Charity &amp; Trust account (00298624)</b> Opening Balance as at 26 November 2024 b/fwd			<b>£6,169.07</b>
<u>Receipts</u> None		0.00	
<b><u>Expenditure:</u></b> <b>05/12/2024</b>			
Clerk expenses	£56.50		
Hmrc	£44.40		
Clerk payroll	£536.40		
<b>06/12/24</b>			
Gulworthy parish hall December meeting	£21.37		
<b>10/12/24</b>			
ICO GDPR renewal	£40.00		
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£698.67</b>		
<b>Balance on 7 January 2025</b>			<b>£5,470.40</b>
<b><u>Gulworthy Cemetery account (00020251)</u></b> Opening balance as at 26.11.2024			<b>£13,189.91</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b> None	0.00		
<b><u>Credit receipts</u></b>			
28/11/2024 E Pascoe Perry memorial		£50.00	
02/12/2024 Burial T/L Mr Emery		£1000.00	
10/12/2024 Credit interest		£16.46	
<b>Total credit</b>		<b>£1066.46</b>	
<b>Balance on 7 January 2025</b>			<b>£14,256.37</b>
<b><u>Gulworthy Fundraising account (00035992)</u></b> Opening balance as at 26.11.2024			<b>£4,983.60</b>
<b><u>Credit receipts</u></b>			
10/12/2024 credit interest		£5.49	
<b>Balance on 7 January 2025</b>			<b>£4,989.09</b>
<b>Combined balance £24,715.86</b> (No differences to the bank statements)			

**Proposed by Cllr Hamilton to approve the RFO report, seconded by Cllr Edwards, agreed by all.**

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**13.5– Budget 2025-2026** – To set budget for coming year – It was proposed by Cllr Steer to set the precept for 2025-26 at £7422.45 (5% increase) and the budget at £9843.50 with £2421.05 taken from reserves. Seconded by Cllr Edwards, agreed by all.

**13.6 – Internet banking update** – next meeting

**14. Update on Gulworthy Primary School** (Cllr Steer) – no update

**15. Bus shelter** (Cllr Edwards) – to fit the new noticeboard on the outside of the shelter (school end). Next month a cleaning rota to be agreed.

**16. Village fete** (Cllr Royston) – next meeting.

**17. Co-option of new Cllr(s)** – next meeting

**18. Farmers & inheritance tax** – Clerk asked to write to Geoffrey Cox MP to say the Parish Council are concerned about local farmers and agree WDBC position. They would like for the Chancellor and Secretary of State for DEFRA to reconsider. Proposed by Cllr Royston, seconded by Cllr Steer, agreed by all.

**19. Temporary traffic road closures:**

**(i) TTRO2560563**

On WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2025 for a maximum of 5 days

Anticipated Finish WEDNESDAY 5 FEBRUARY 2025

Between the hours of 09:30 and 15:30

**Roads affected** - ROAD FROM GULWORTHY CROSS TO HARVEST HOME,  
GULWORTHY.(Between Beechcroft and Gulworthy Lodge.)

**(ii) TTRO2560235** - From WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2025 for a maximum of 5 days

Until FRIDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2025 (both dates inclusive)

Between the hours of 09:30 and 15:30

**Roads affected** - ROAD FROM THREE OAKS CROSS TO CREASE COTTAGE, MILL HILL  
(Both by Sunbelt Rentals Tel. 03700500792)

**For pole replacement, poling and tree cutting** – Noted.

**Meeting closed at 9.36pm.**

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