

Gulworthy Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 7th January 2019

7.30pm at Gulworthy Parish Hall

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These minutes are provisional until they are agreed and signed by the chair at the next meeting of the parish council.

Present – Cllrs. R. Pike (chairman), G. Lister (Vice chairman) S. Eve, W. Hamilton, K. Royston,
D. Whitworth. Cllr D. Sellis DCC , Cllrs R. Musgrave & B. Lamb (WDBC), P van Delft (clerk)

Apologies – A. Cole (Clerk)

Public - Three members were present.

Meeting opened 7.35pm

The chair wished to alter the agenda in light of the absence of Mrs A. Cole (clerk). Item 9 (appointment of clerk) was therefore brought forward. The chair requested Mr van Delft leave the meeting whilst council discussed the application. It was resolved that Mr P. van Delft become the new clerk. The new clerk was requested to return to the meeting and take up position. Employment contract to be finally drawn up for approval as resolved at the meeting of 10th December 2018.

1. Register of members interests – Cllr Lister expressed his interest in planning application 3410/18/FUL – New educational activity and exhibition at Morwellham Quay.
2. Minutes of the meeting of 1st November were agreed by the chair and council being a true reflection of that meeting. (Minutes were not signed)

3. Matters arising –

Error in item 6 of the minutes.

Cllr Royston identified an omission in item 6 of the minutes of the meeting of 1st November. It should have included, 'it was resolved that the Council would nominate the Green as an asset at Morwellham'. Text would now read; **Application from residents of Morwellham to nominate the Green as an asset of Community Value.** *It was resolved that the council would nominate the green as an asset at Morwellham. Cllr Sellis proposed the motion and seconded by Cllr Royston.* Clerk to obtain a copy of the registered land title.

Newsletter. It was resolved to issue 4 Newsletters per annum with the first publication to be circulated during March. Some minor amendments were discussed, however the draft copy was warmly welcomed. Discussion took place on who would be used to print the Newsletter, quotations would be requested Cllr Whitworth or Cllr Royston to arrange. Cllr Royston reminded council that GDPR would apply to the mail out.

4. Cllr Sellis (DCC) report update – Government had awarded DCC £18.75 million for highways with pot-holes targeted for urgent repairs with a further £1 million for the road network repairs, £7 million for patching etc and £4 million for bridges and wall repairs.

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Cllr Musgrave (WDBC) report update – A saving of £200k has been achieved with a new waste contractor, new service to start 1st April. Further savings were made in the year 2018-19 resulting in a balanced budget for 2019-20 however a C.T. increase of 2.9% was still needed to help with bridging the gap in the reduction of central government funding. A deficit of £500k is currently forecast for the year 20-21.

5. Correspondence – a. Rhino Play, b. Seton catalogue and c. Clerks & Councils Direct, promotional literature. No action required.
6. Cemetery-
 - a. A parishioner reminded council that a communication maybe forthcoming regarding maintenance of the hedges and trees. It was resolved that council would wait until such communication occurred.
 - b. Application from Mr R. Gillett re: grave plots. – A letter had been received from Mr Gillett dated 17th December 2018 regarding the council's decision for the plot allocations.
Mr Gillet was happy with the conclusion of the council meeting of 10th December but was critical of the service he received between the period of 10th September and 10th December. Cllrs Lister and Hamilton agreed to meet with Mr Gillet to discuss the allocation, the clerk to be present at the meeting. Clerk to write letter of apology.
7. Planning: 3410/18/FUL – New educational activity and exhibition museum facilities linked to existing visitors centre at Morwellham Quay.
Cllr Lister having declared his interest was invited to give a brief outline of the proposal and answer questions, Cllr Lister was then requested to leave the meeting whilst deliberation took place. Council decision - Support
Planning: 2780/18/ARM – Re-advert. of the planning for land adjacent to Callington Rd
A parishioner wished to make a representation regarding the proposal, it was indicated that several inconsistencies were in the documentation provided to WDBC.
Council decision – An urgent end to the consultation process to be requested, reason, an incoherent application, specifically relating to drawings and boundaries.
8. Finance –
 - a. Precept - It was resolved that a precept could not be set for the year 2019-20 because a understanding of the budget could not be determined. Clerk to review the information with the previous clerk and present a new budget and precept request.
 - b. Accounts for payment - Unfortunately the previous clerk did not provide any accounts for payment. Accounts to be managed at next meeting.
9. Appointment of clerk - This was dealt with at the beginning of the meeting.
10. A.O.B - A request from Cllr Royston regarding councillor procedures before and after elections. Clerk to obtain information.

Meeting closed 10.18pm

Signed by

Chairman

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