

Gulworthy Parish Council

Minutes of Annual Parish meeting held on Monday 4th March 2019

6.30pm at Gulworthy Parish Hall

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Present – Cllrs. R. Pike (chairman), G. Lister (vice chair), K. Royston, S. Eve, W. Hamilton,
D. Whitworth, P van Delft (clerk)

Meeting opened 6.35pm

1. Chair's welcome.
2. Public open forum – Four members present.
A question was raised regarding the Bovis Homes housing development, Chair thought that the question should be asked during the ordinary meeting that followed this meeting.
A parishioner suggested that the council could contact BT Openreach and request that it must look into how and when it was going to improve the Broadband service for the parish. It was further suggested that it was government policy that broadband must be available to schools. It was also suggested that the council contact Gulworthy Primary School to enquire if the broadband service was of a suitable speed, if not the council could pursue this further so that the school could achieve a faster upgrade of the current service.
Airband, an alternative method to cable was also discussed, with suitability of location and costs for installation.
3. Chairs summary – Cllr Pike took up the role of Chair five months ago, summarising, he said it had been an eventful past year. New councillors had taken up seats on the council. The first edition of the councils Newsletter was recently distributed around the Parish by the councillors and was very well received. When distributing the newsletter, Cllr Sellis asked for feedback from parishioners, these included, continued concerns over the poor broadband service with speeds of 1.5 – 2.0 being repeatedly reported. The poor state of the highways with many potholes, poor road surfaces being the main items of concern, vehicles violating speed limits were also of great concern.
4. Clerk summary – Nine meetings were held the past year with 14 planning applications being dealt with. The cemetery registered 4 burials. No capital expenditure on the cemetery had taken place. Repairs to the cemetery boundary fencing were being addressed with requests for quotations, so that work could commence during the coming year.
Main items of business included the implementation of new GDPR legislation. The new Council website was launched in September however this still needed some work. The clerk summarised with his aims of better communication between parishioner and council. Council policies would also be reviewed to ensure they meet the needs of council. The clerk would also undertake training to achieve the CiLCA qualification.
5. Meeting closed 7.20pm