

Gulworthy Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2019

at Gulworthy Parish Hall, Gulworthy.

Minute No 109

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

Meeting opened 7.40pm

Present : Cllrs Lister (Chair), Royston (Vice chair), Eve and Hamilton,
Cllrs Crozier & Musgrave of WDBC, P van Delft (clerk)

1. Chairs welcome
2. Apologies – Cllr Miller, Cllr Sellis (DCC)
3. Members of the public open forum – 2 members present
4. Dispensations & declarations of Interest – None
5. Minutes of previous meetings No 108 were signed by the chair as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
6. Planning application 2535/19/HHO – Householder application for proposed two storey rear Extension and detached garage (resubmission of consent 1967/18/HHO
Location – Morwellam, Tavistock, PL19 8JL
Council decision – Support, proposed Cllr Eve, seconded Cllr Royston
Planning application 2537/19/HHO – Householder application for proposed two storey rear Extension and replacement detached garage
Location – Morwellam, Tavistock, PL19 8JL
Council decision – Support, proposed Cllr Royston, seconded Cllr Hamilton
Planning application 2547/19/PDM – Notification for prior approval for proposed change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house (Class 3) and for associated operational development (Class Q (a+b))
Location - Barn at Dove Cottage, Down House, Mill Lane, Tavistock
No council comment – This is for notification purposes only.
7. W.D.B.C. Councillors Reports – Review of polling districts and places, consultation is taking place, it was resolved to continue using the identified facilities. Tavistock parking survey, consultation process has started, closing date 7th October. More details can be found on the W.D.B.C. website.
Cllr Crozier reminded the council that the Devon & Somerset Fire Service review consultation closes on 22nd September. It was resolved that the council would make a response to recommend that no further decline to the service at Tavistock should take place and that an increase in support is preferred, there is justification for this request due to the extra growth in housing and buildings in Tavistock and surrounding parishes. Proposed by Cllr Royston, seconded Cllr Eve.

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8. Finance – RFO report. A combined credit balance in the Treasurers current of £14,925.51 was reported. £10,975.51 plus £3950 ring-fenced for the cemetery
- 8.1 Items for approval and payment- Proposed Cllr Hamilton, seconded Cllr Eve
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| Gulworthy Parish Hall – Hall rental (June + July) | £ 30.00 |
| Dartprint Ltd – newsletter | £ 44.00 |
| Elliott Groundcare – Cemetery grass cuts 6,7,8 and9 | £260.00 |
| Peter van Delft – Clerks salary (July and August) | £322.04 |
| HMRC – Paye payment for clerk | £ 66.40 |
- 8.2 Annual accounts - notification of exemption status has been received from the external auditor.
- 8.3 Council Tax support – consultation of withdrawal of grant from WDBC , this would result in a reduction of £132.00. (2.49%) It was resolved that the council would seek to review the deficit when considering the draft budget.
- 8.4 Review of Bank and banking requirements – It was resolved to transfer the banking service to H.S.B.C. the clerk to make arrangements.
- 8.5 Suggested items of expenditure for 2020-21 annual budget- clerk to circulate a list of current and previous council expenditure, councillors to consider other items for expenditure.
9. Correspondence - trees in cemetery – request to reduce and remove trees and replace. It was resolved to arrange a site visit with the parishioner to discuss the request. Cllr Hamilton and clerk to arrange.
- Gulworthy & Tavistock W.I. – request for information. Cllr Royston to arrange, contact details of the WI to be forwarded by the clerk.
10. Councillors Reports - Training for Standards & Governance – Cllrs Lister and Miller to attend, New councillor training Cllrs Eve and Miller to attend, Planning training Cllr Royston. Cllr Eve reported that Airband surveyed the area and confirmed that broadband speeds were poor. Their Community Ambassador would be contacted to provide a public presentation. Cllr Eve to contact BT Openreach again about the exchange box, also letter to be written to MP Jeffery Cox. The Harvest Festival in Gulworthy Church is on 22nd Sept, a request for a councillor to attend the service. Cllr Royston reported that the stand at the Gulworthy Fate was well received and suggested that the pc may wish to consider a stand for 2020. Issues that were raised by the public included poor broadband service, speeding in the region of Chipshop, support for the Village Hall, climate emergency, some parishioners expressed an interest in the councillor vacancy.
11. Ford Street & Maynard Charity – Cllr Royston reported that the facilities were in good order and that further improvements were being made. The charity was still experiencing difficulties in recruiting, vacancies were still available. The charity was still progressing.
12. New councillors – There are still two vacant positions, notices in Village Hall and website.

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13. Remembrance service 10th November - Cllrs Lister and Royston to represent the council
14. Cemetery - Hedge cutting – A quotation of £150 to cut the hedges by Jonathan Elliott was received. It was resolved to approve the quotation, proposed Cllr Eve, seconded Cllr Hamilton. Report – Two interments took place in the last two months, and payments for the double headstone and a special plaque were received.
15. Cemetery fence – A review of quotation to include removal of waste now came to £765.30. It was resolved to approve the quotation, proposed Cllr Hamilton, seconded Cllr Eve
16. Broadband cover – Update and plan of action. See Cllr reports
17. Highways – ENQ191252764 – notice of registration of pothole(s) was received.
18. Newsletter – update – Issue No 2 was distributed in July and generally well received. The Autumn issue No 3 would need to be distributed by end October latest. Topics still sought. Gulworthy Parish Magazine was considered another suitable source of distribution.
19. Southern Links meeting – next meeting 19th September, Cllr Royston to attend.
20. Council documents - A review of draft Standing Orders were considered, amendments to be made by the clerk and new draft to be presented at the next meeting. The Code of Conduct had been read. It was resolved to adopt the Code of Conduct, proposed Cllr Eve, seconded Cllr Hamilton.
21. GDPR – It was resolved to adopt the Privacy policy and Statement, both were proposed by Cllr Eve, and both seconded by Cllr Hamilton.

Items for inclusion for next meeting; draft budget review, Cemetery fees terms of business, climate emergency, tree charter, Ash dieback, electric charge points, scanner/printer.

Meeting closed 10.02pm

Date, time and place of next meeting.

The next meeting will be on 4th November 2019 – 7.30pm at Gulworthy Parish Hall

Signed Chair

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