

Gulworthy Parish Council

Minutes of Ordinary virtual Zoom meeting held on Monday 3rd August 2020,

Minute No 119

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

Meeting opened 7.30pm

Present : Cllrs K. Royston (acting chair), S. Eve & W. Miller

Cllr P.Crozier (WDBC), Cllr D. Sellis (DCC), P van Delft (clerk)

1. Chairman's welcomed all to another virtual meeting.
2. Apologies – Cllrs G. Lister & M. Kemp. Cllr W. Hamilton absent.
3. Members of the public – two members present, no comments
4. Dispensations & declarations of Interest - none
5. Minutes of previous meeting 114 was signed by the chair as a true and accurate record of that meeting. Proposed Cllr Miller, seconded Cllr Eve
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6. Finance
 - 6.1 The Book scanner currently used by the Tavistock Historical Society. T.H.S. have gratefully accepted the councils donation of the said equipment. Clerk to complete the transfer letter of donation. Proposed Cllr Royston, seconded Cllr Eve.
 - 6.2 VAT refund of £261.12 has been applied for.
7. DCC report and update. Cllr Sellis reported that DCC & WDBC have been working hard together to roll out better connectivity of broadband for the parish and borough (also see item 15).
8. WDBC Councillor reports. Cllr Crozier reported that the council were now analysing the WDBC responses to its service issues in relation to restrictions caused by the Corona Virus pandemic.
9. Councillor reports – Cllr Royston reported that Devon Consuls estate were now evaluating the contamination reports that had been undertaken during the last 20 years. Some reports were found to be inconsistent with others. Also reported that there were now problems again with parked cars on the trails and paths and some overspill onto the highway.
10. Cemetery update – 2 Ecology notices were now positioned in the cemetery. The management of the ecology area, and the reported rabbit problem also the removal of a damaged tree to be raised at the next meeting.

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11. Gulworthy Tidy – Waste/litter picking around the parish, Cllr Eve recommended that the first litter pick should take place after the highways had been trimmed by D.H. in the autumn, this would then enable for the easier removal of litter in the hedgerows. It was thought that the frequency of litter picks could be quarterly depending on levels of litter. Cllr Sellis suggested that a “Contribution Fee” from DCC could be helpful for the purchase of safety and removal equipment for the litter picking. Cllr Eve to obtain information on the C.F. Litter picking initiative to be added to the autumn newsletter.
12. Climate Emergency – Cllr Royston circulated via email the Devon Climate Declaration (led by DCC) to members. The aim is for GPC to produce a Biodiversity and Climate Emergency plan. Cllr Royston to identify area’s that the parish and council could adopt and report back. Cllr Eve suggested that an article of the proposal could be included in the autumn newsletter for greater parishioner involvement.
13. Summer/Autumn newsletter – The latest summer edition to be circulated later this month.
14. Gulworthy & Brent Tor Parish magazine, pc inclusion. The editor is furloughed so no publication.
15. Broadband – Airband to provide supply route maps in due course, the roll out of services is expected in 2021. Cllrs Eve and Royston continue to liaise with Airband. Cllr Sellis reported that she was also in contact with Airband.
16. Gulworthy Primary School parking problem – Cllr Eve reported that DCC were helpful but required the head teacher of G.P.S. to contact them direct. Cllr Eve to check with the head. Parking area needed hardcore, Cllr Sellis suggested that grants may be available.
17. Scheduled meetings for the remaining year – It was resolved that whilst the Corona Virus pandemic was still creating uncertainty in the area the council would continue with virtual meetings for the remainder of the year. Proposed Cllr Royston, seconded Cllr Miller.
18. Correspondence – CMWHS Management Plan (draft) consultation period closes 31st August. Interested parties to respond independently.

Items for inclusion at the next meeting – Neighbourhood plan, Notice board at Parish Hall, Investment strategy, email hosting cost review ongoing costs, Website – applying SSL to the Website, Gulworthy Tidy, Climate emergency plan (draft), Cemetery Ecology plan + rabbit Complaint + tree damage, Newsletter, G.P.S parking, Council meetings 2021,

Meeting closed 20.34pm

The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday 7th September, 7.30pm venue TBA

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