

Gulworthy Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2020, at Gulworthy Parish Hall, Gulworthy

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

Minute No 114

Meeting opened 19.35

Present: Cllrs Lister (chair), Royston (vice chair), Eve, Hamilton, Miller.

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

1. Chairman's welcome
2. Apologies – Cllr Musgrave
3. Members of the public present – One member present, no comments
4. Dispensations & Declarations of interest - None
5. Minutes of previous meetings 113 were signed by the chair as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
6. DCC Cllr Sellis – Reported she had circulated news updates to councillors. Recent news included replacement/repairs to signage for highways had been approved. Increased costs for the provision of social care and public health continue put pressure on the budget. A new locality budget would be available from 1st April. Council projects could be considered.
7. Planning application 0577/20/HHO – Householder application for construction of new single garage and studio in garden (resubmission of 1817/19/HHO)
Site 7, at Morwellam, Tavistock, PL19 8JL
Council decision – Support- Proposed Cllr Hamilton, Seconded Cllr Royston
Planning application 0364/20/HHO – Householder appl. for proposed replacement garage
Site 1, Road from Rock Cottage to Morwellam, PL19 8JL
Council decision – Support- Proposed Cllr Royston, Seconded Cllr Miller
8. WDBC Cllr Crozier – reported that council precept increase to £5.00 for a band D property. Appointing a person to head the Climate Change Group, also an Economy person to help promote business. WDBC & DCC looking at electric car chargers installed at various locations.
9. WDBC – ‘Corporate Narrative’ initiative – After the Annual Parish meeting, council will consider and evaluate the comments from parishioners.
10. Councillors reports – Devon Cleanup – rubbish and waste clearing in villages and towns. Councillors considered the initiative, it was not thought that there was a general problem in the parish however the main highways did have rubbish in verges but this was considered too dangerous to deal with without any Devon Highways assistance.
11. Annual Parish Council meeting – Cllrs Eve, Miller and Royston to plan the meeting.
12. Newsletter – A draft edition was provided by Cllr Miller, some additional articles for inclusion were considered. Newsletter to be circulated to parishioners before the Annual Parish meeting
13. Gulworthy & Brent Tor Parish Magazine – Cllr Miller to enquire insertion of pc information in future editions. Proposed Cllr Miller seconded Cllr Eve, supported.
14. Climate Emergency – Cllr Royston provided an information sheet and details of the Declaration from Devon Climate Emergency Group. A presentation at the Annual Parish Meeting will be

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given to support its merits. It was suggested that the council should do as much as possible to limit its impact on the environment. Council to conclude its decision at next full meeting.

15. Cemetery

- 15.1 Cemetery management – Council requested an itemised list of outstanding process work required for the next meeting. An area in the cemetery to be set aside for a Natural Environment Area to create and develop a bio-diverse cemetery. Cllr Miller suggested that the wildlife trust could be helpful. Plan to be produced and ground-care company informed of the change. Prop.Cllr Miller, sec'ded Cllr Hamilton, Support
- 15.2 Membership of Institute of Cemeteries and Crematorium Management (website www.iccm-uk.com) annual subscription £95.00. Council considered membership for one year only to help with the management plan.
- 15.3. Storm damage to tree and some arboriculture work needed to the remaining trees, Cllr Eve and clerk to carry out work when conditions permit.
- 15.4 Cemetery net receipts balance transfer to Gulworthy Cemetery bank account. The R.F.O. provided a detailed spreadsheet of receipts and expenses dating from 1998 – 2019. The report showed a credit net balance after costs from the cemetery of £5352. It was resolved to transfer £5352 from the council current account to the cemetery account. Cllr Royston proposed, Cllr Eve seconded, supported. Cllr Royston also suggested that the council may consider a further transfer should it be deemed necessary.

16. Finance –

16.1 R.F.O. Reported a combined credit balance of £15,824.41 after payments.

16.2 Payments were approved for the following:-

Gulworthy Parish Hall- hire January	£ 16.00
Peter van Delft – clerk salary (Jan-Feb)	£323.28
HMRC – PAYE	£ 66.80
Peter van Delft –(admin costs, postage etc)	£ 26.04
Peter van Delft –(updating work of website)	£360.76 (grant funded)

16.2 Parish asset register update – Confirmation of War memorial and Printer/scanner were still applicable to the asset register, Cllrs Lister, Hamilton & Miller to enquire.

17. Investment Strategy – Council reviewed and it was resolved to adopt the strategy.

18. Notice Board at Parish Hall request – update, no response received yet, Cllr Lister to contact the chairman of the Hall.

19. Neighbourhood Plan – Consideration for the development of a plan for Gulworthy. It was resolved council would seek parishioners thoughts for a plan at the annual parish meeting.

20. Gulworthy primary school parking, – Cllr Eve advised that 5 places were left on school bus but not available for children from Cornwall. Other options considered for the aim of reducing parent transport. Consideration for the use of DCC land opposite for additional school parking.

21. Correspondence - Information provided by parishioner on equipment used by lengthsman –

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Council appreciated the information, this would be noted for the records. A complaint of parking at Parish Hall by parents of Primary school was received, it was resolved that the council could not comment on Parish Hall business, however the council was aware of problems of parking at and near the school and were working with the school, DCC, and WDBC on finding a solution (see item 20).

22. New councillors – two vacancies remain on council – Councillors would contact prospective candidates.

Items for inclusion for next meeting – planning applications (this will be before or after the Annual Parish meeting)

Meeting closed 21.30

The next meeting will be on Monday 6th April 2020, 7.30pm at Gulworthy Parish Hall

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