

Gulworthy Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 6th January 2020, 7.30pm, 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 112

Meeting opened 7.35

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

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

1. Chairman's welcome
2. Apologies – Cllr Musgrave
3. Members of the public present – 2 members present, no comments or questions
4. Dispensations & Declarations of interest – Cllr Eve - reference planning 3154/19/HHO
5. Minutes of previous meetings 111 were signed by the chair as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
6. Planning application 3788/19/VAR – Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) in relation to plots 94-96 of planning consent 1472/18/ARM
Location at SX 4722/7457 adjacent to New Launceston Rd, Tavistock.
Council decision – No comments. Prop. Cllr Hamilton, sec. Cllr Eve
Site Inspection – 3154/19/HHO – Householder application for proposed 2 storey rear extension and replacement detached garage (resubmission of 2537/19/HHO
Location at – 1 Morwellham, Tavistock
Council decision – Upheld decision made on 2nd September, Cllr Royston to make representation at WDBC planning meeting.
7. WDBC Councillor Crozier reported that that the provisional Local Government Finance settlement for 2020-21 had now been published.
8. DCC Councillor Sellis – Reported new tree officer had been appointed, main area of concern were diseased trees. Heritage trust – Renovation work on the Guild Hall progressing well, invitations were now being invited for suggestions for new income streams and new uses for the G.H. Road signs on all major routes in the area have been cleaned but some repair work required to damaged signs.
9. Councillors reports – Cllr Hamilton enquired what happened to equipment and a trailer used by the then Lengthsman but purchased by the parish. Cllr Hamilton to contact Peter Tavy pc for information. Nominations for invitations to the Royal Garden Party were now being invited, deadline was 29th January. Other items were raised in items 10, 14 and 17
10. Annual waiting Restriction Programme – Councillor Eve raised various highways safety issues and those were forwarded on DCC, Cllr Sellis suggested that those suggestions should also be posted by the clerk to bring further awareness to those issues. Main points included parking outside Gulworthy School, the possibility of the use of some land that could be used for car parking, improvements to the curb-side use opposite the school for

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parking. Improvements for traffic management on the approach road to Morwellham. Some narrow roads in the local vicinity that have safety issues.

11. Snow Wardens – The pc does not have a snow warden, discussion took place on how this could be addressed and what could be locally done for the parish, it was resolved that the pc would look at the Devon Communities Together format for an Emergency Plan for the parish, clerk to forward a copy.
12. Finance –
 - 12.1 R.F.O. Report showed a balance after payments of £12,436.20 in the current account, and £4190.02 in the cemetery account.
 - 12.2 A review for the transfer of Cemetery receipts and/or expenses were provided for consideration. Discussion took place if the expenses and receipts for the period from 2015 -2019 should be implemented into the Gulworthy Cemetery bank account. It was resolved for Cllrs time to consider the details and itemise for the next meeting.
 - 12.3 Approve payments for the following

P. van Delft - Clerk salary (Nov- Dec)	£322.04
HMRC – Paye- tax on clerk salary	£ 66.40
Gulworthy Parish Hall- hire of Nov + Dec meetings	£ 15.00

Council approved payments, proposed Cllr Royston, seconded Cllr Eve.
 - 12.3 Council precept 2020-21 application to WDBC for £5467 due for submission.
13. Cemetery Report – Receipts totalling £440 for the period Nov – Dec were banked. The hedges were now all cut, all maintenance outstanding work is now complete for the year. Risk assessment - the review to take place after the cemetery training had taken place later in February. It was resolved that the grass verge did not yet warrant repair work but monitoring would remain. Fees and terms of business to be reviewed at the next meeting.
14. Broadband – Some area's of the parish were unsuitable for Airband therefore fibre was the only other alternative, Cllr Royston to arrange a meeting to discuss with Airband how it can progress further in the area to meet the interest and demand for a suitable broadband service. Cllr Royston to provide a current map of the area that could be used by Airband. The issue of the distribution box by the school still needs to be addressed with BT Openreach
15. Clerk employment contract (reviewed in November) new terms and conditions signed by the chair.
16. Newsletter – Articles for inclusion for spring addition included; broadband update, school parking, snow warden, diseased trees, climate emergency, pc dates for the diary.
17. Climate Emergency – Cllr Royston reported that the council may wish to consider C.E. and a Bio-diversity/Carbon Plan, also signing up to Devon Climate Awareness plan. An open meeting to be arranged that would coincide with the Annual Parish Meeting on 6th April.
18. Superlinks meeting of 27th November. Cllr Eve reported that the meeting was informative and useful. Improvements to the repairs of the highways pot holes had progressed well in

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the last year. Climate change awareness was a concern, the support from WDBC as a leading council was helping to bring awareness to the public. The increase in council tax had been set at 3.99% for year 2020-21, the budget - after careful scrutiny of costs in all areas of the services it provides now has a balanced budget. The back log of planning enforcement notices was being addressed with the employment of additional staff for 2 years for the specific role in reviewing outstanding cases. Police reported that at least one officer will be represented for each and every parish and town in the county.

19. New councillors – two vacant positions still remained, new effort to fill the places would take place.

20. Items for inclusion for next meeting. Cemetery terms of business and fees review, climate emergency, broadband, emergency plan, newsletter

Meeting closed 9.46pm

The next meeting will be on Monday 3rd February 2020 7.30pm at Gulworthy Parish Hall

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