

# Gulworthy Parish Council

## Minutes of Ordinary remote Zoom meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020, Minute No 120

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 G. Lister (chair), K. Royston (vice chair), S. Eve, M. Kemp, & W. Miller  
Cllr P. Crozier (WDBC), Cllr D. Sellis (DCC), P van Delft (clerk)

1. Chairman's welcome – The chair thanked Cllr Royston for chairing the previous meeting.
2. Apologies – Cllr Hamilton not present. Chair to contact Cllr Hamilton before next meeting.
3. Members of the public – Open forum. Parishioner asked if the roundabout could be cleaned and weeded as it was not welcoming to the parish, some painting work also required. Cllr Sellis suggested that sponsorship could be an avenue to look at where businesses could pay for the maintenance of the roundabout. It was resolved to enquire further into the scheme, Cllr Sellis to provide for information from Devon highways.
4. Dispensations & declarations of Interest – none.
5. Minutes of previous meeting 119 was signed by the chair as a true and accurate record of that meeting. Proposed Cllr Royston, seconded Cllr Eve
6. Cllr Sellis of D.C.C reported that government was considering the implementation of forming Unitary Councils, this action could save money, more information and a public consultation will follow.
7. Finance
  - 7.1 R.F.O. reported a combined credit balance of £15,197.87 after payments.
  - 7.2 Items due for payment were approved, Proposed Cllr Kemp, seconded Cllr Miller

Elliott Groundcare – (Cemetery grass cuts 6,7)	£100.00
P. van Delft – Clerk salary (July-August)	£592.70
P. van Delft – administration expenses (March – Sept)	£ 74.16
HMRC – Paye	£ 26.80
Dartprint Ltd – Newsletter	£ 50.00
- It was resolved that items 7.3, 7.4, & 7.5, should be discussed at the next meeting when the clerk can provide more detailed information.
8. WDBC Councillor reports. Cllr Crozier informed that Southern Links would start holding meetings again, the next proposed remote Zoom meeting is 17<sup>th</sup> September. Residents have reported problems with waste/rubbish removal, the contractors have been informed.
9. Councillor reports: Cllr Eve reported that she had spoken with the owner of Tamar Trails requesting if the council could hold meetings there in the future. T.T is closed in the winter however it will reopen again next spring, further discussion to take place then.
10. Cemetery Report
  - 10.1 Management of the ecology area – Cllr Eve suggested that the area needed to be maintained somehow, Cllr Miller suggested that the sowing of wild flowers would be helpful for the ecology. More information needed for the seed sowing, Cllr Royston would contact Tavistock Community Growing for advice. Cllr Lister suggested more thought was needed.

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10.2 Suspected rabbit damage – Cllr Eve and Royston looked over the cemetery, both saw very little or no sign of rabbit damage

10.3 Damaged tree removal – Councillors to help with the removal of the damaged tree.

10.4 Internment report – One individual interned in July.

The clerk mentioned that a risk assessment was still needed for the cemetery, a template proposal to be circulated. Cllr Sellis suggested that it could be worth considering providing green burials as an alternative, this would help with the ecology. It was resolved to provide an alternative to standard burials by offering Green Burials.

11. Gulworthy Tidy – Waste/rubbish picking around the parish – Cllr Eve reported that she had spoken with Steve Hicksey and Dill Lord. Many parishioners had expressed a willingness to volunteer for the waste/rubbish picking. Risk assessment working with D.H. is needed. A checklist is required for each and every picking. Cllr Sellis mentioned that DCC had done some work on the risk assessments for litter picking. The first picking could be held in November, more details to follow.
12. Climate Emergency – Consideration for council participation. Cllr Royston suggested that the first step was to sign up to the “Devon Climate Declaration”, It was resolved that the council would sign up to the DC. Proposed Cllr Eve, seconded Cllr Miller. Cllr Royston asked the clerk to action. Cllr Royston suggested to councillors to consider ways how the pc can further reduce its carbon footprint. A parish plan would be the next step to see what could be done. Cllr Miller asked what tools and alternatives were available, Cllr Royston to report back.
13. Autumn newsletter – Councillors were now looking for inclusions for the November edition.
14. Broadband – Provider update – Parishioners were now receiving alternative provider offers other than Airband. Airband was still planning to commence work 2021 but more households would be required to keep costs low. Cllr’s Eve and Royston to look at the route that Airband may use for the supply of services. Cllr Kemp reminded council that Mill Hill also had problems with the service and wished it to be included in the programme.
15. Gulworthy Primary School parking problem – Cllr Lister reported that since the school opened again, traffic problems around the school could be termed “chaotic” and “dangerous”. Cllr Eve informed that she had contacted the head of school and was awaiting a response to the proposal of better parking near the school. Cllr Eve had asked two contractors to quote on the preparation and groundwork of the parking areas. Cllr Eve will discuss the quotes with the head of school.
16. Scheduled meetings for 2021 – Government guidelines still wished p.c’s to meet remotely whenever possible, legislation is in place up to May 2021. Council considered continuing with remote meetings until further notice. It was resolved to continue with meetings to be held on the first Monday of each month except for December. Proposed Cllr Lister, seconded Cllr Miller.

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17. Correspondence – Cllr Kemp had spoken with a parishioner about the council vacancy, the parishioner had been contacted by the clerk, she would be invited to the next meeting.

Items for inclusion at the next meeting – Neighbourhood plan, Notice board at Parish Hall, Investment strategy, Devon Solar Together. Website & email hosting.

Meeting closed 20.59

The next scheduled meeting will be on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 7.30pm, this will be a remote meeting.

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