

Gulworthy Parish Council

Minutes of Ordinary remote Zoom meeting held on Monday 1st February 2021,

Minute No 125

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

Meeting opened 7.33pm

Present: Cllrs G. Lister, S. Eve, K. Royston (acting chair), J. Hamilton, S. Porter, W. Miller,

Cllr r. Musgrave (WDBC), Cllr Crozier (WDBC), P van Delft (clerk)

1. Chairman's welcome
2. Apologies – Cllr M. Kemp, Cllr Sellis (DCC)
3. Members of the public – Two parishioners present – One parishioner reported that Western Power Distribution now provided a “Priority Service” register for elderly, disabled or vulnerable people. Registration can be done by telephoning 0800 0963080 or on the Western Power Distribution website.
4. Dispensations & declarations of Interest - none
5. Minutes of previous meetings 123 and 124 were signed by the chair as a true and accurate record of those meetings. Proposed Cllr Porter, seconded Cllr Eve
6. Councillor reports – Cllr Musgrave reported that WDBC were finalising the budget for 2021-22. It is expected that the council tax will rise by 4%. Cllr Crozier reported that WDBC thanked all COVID 19 support groups during this period of the pandemic. The latest lockdown has disrupted the usual work at WDBC, increased workload included the processing of the latest round of grants. Cllr Royston produced a draft agenda for the annual parish meeting. Cllr Eve reported that there has been interest from local people to do some litter picking whilst out on their daily exercise. In order to aid this safely Cllr Eve is arranging for litter picking equipment (high visibility vests, ‘pickers’ black bags and gloves) to be made available. If this equipment is wanted please contact her on 01822 832707. Cllr Eve received a report from a parishioner suggesting that a building was been used for domestic use without planning approval, Cllr Eve has reported the complaint to WDBC enforcement team. Cllr Eve suggested that a Facebook page could be beneficial for the parish and council, it would also help with fundraising, it was resolved to discuss this further, Cllr Royston to enquire further. Cllrs Porter and Kemp reported that grit/salt was required in Mill Hill, Cllr Porter offered to store grit/salt on her land, Cllr Hamilton also offered to provide storage for grit/salt. A Snow warden is required to place the order with D.H. Cllr Lister reported that Airband had started exploratory work prior to the installation of superfast broadband near Morwellham. Cllr Miller reported that increased traffic in the area was the result of the road closure at Crowndale road and suggested driving with caution.
7. Gulworthy Primary School safety parking problem – Cllr Eve asked for more help with the fund raising initiatives, Cllrs Miller and Porter have offered to help, Cllr Lister offered to help with the crowd funding initiative.
8. A new dedicated bank savings account is beneficial to identify and administer the fund raising purposes. It was resolved to support the motion, proposed Cllr Eve, seconded Cllr Miller.
9. Investment Strategy - review of current policy – The R.F.O. reminded councillors of the need to adhere to the I.S. with regard to proposed funding of school safety & parking improvements.

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10. Defibrillator – Maintenance and registration: Cllr Porter reported that the equipment was not registered with South West Ambulance or Air Ambulance, both services require details of the equipment, Cllr Eve to obtain information from the chair of the Village hall. It was resolved to register the equipment, proposed Cllr Miller, seconded Cllr Eve. Cllr Porter mentioned that monthly checks of the equipment was essential to ensure effective use, Cllr Eve offered to do the monthly checks. It was suggested to inform residents of the existence and location of the defibrillator. Additional defibrillators at Mill Hill and Morwellham were mentioned, location difficulties at Mill Hill is a problem. Cllr Lister reported that a defibrillator was already located at Morwellham for visitors but could also be used for parishioners. Cllr Porter suggested that the 'British Heart Foundation' had a scheme to help with funding of a defibrillator.
11. Climate Change – Cllr Royston reported that she would circulate information on the Devon Climate Emergency and the Devon Carbon plans to councillors in preparation for discussion at the next meeting.
12. Cemetery – Discussion took place on how the ecology area could be managed, it was resolved to consider this further at the next meeting.
13. Snow warden – vacant position. It was resolved for the clerk to act as a temporary clerical Snow warden. Clerk to register with Devon highways.
14. Spring newsletter – It was resolved that advertising by local businesses in the newsletter would be permitted, donations for advertising would help reduce the production costs. Proposed Cllr Miller, seconded Cllr Porter
15. Correspondence – none
16. Census 2021 – Councillors were provided with details of the impending Census, if anyone is interested in helping with it, contact the clerk for more information.

Meeting closed 8.56pm

Items for inclusion at the next meeting – Neighbourhood plan, Notice board at Parish Hall, draft agenda for Annual Parish meeting.

The following scheduled meeting will be Monday 1st March, 7.30pm, it will be a virtual meeting.

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