

Gulworthy Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 7th June 2021

7.30pm at Gulworthy Parish Hall

No 130

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

Present – Cllrs. K. Royston (acting chairing), S. Eve, W. Hamilton, M. Kemp, S. Porter.

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

Meeting opened 7.32pm

1. Chairman's welcome – Cllr Royston chaired for Cllr Lister.
2. Apologies – Cllrs G. Lister & W. Miller.
3. Members of the public – Two members present. A parishioner asked if a notice board can be made available on the premises of the Parish Hall, it was thought that this would be more valuable for members of the public than at the cemetery. Clerk to contact the Parish Hall committee.
4. Dispensations & declarations of Interest – none.
5. Minutes of previous meeting 129 was signed by the chair as a true and accurate record of that meeting. Proposed by Cllr Eve, seconded Cllr Kemp.
6. DCC Cllr Sellis reported that she was re-elected again, her main areas of interest were 'Speed-watch' for Gulworthy, also to work more closely with the Police and Crime Commissioner with particular focus on improving the police presence in the area, also she would work to obtain a better bus service for the area. Cllr Sellis would also continue to work on the funding for the new council waste and recycling centre
7. Planning application: Ref 1174/21/HHO Householder application for installation of an exterior air pump. Address – Stubberlands Bungalow, Gulworthy, PL19 8HZ
Council decision – Support – Proposed by Cllr Kemp, seconded by Cllr Hamilton.
8. WDBC reports: Cllr Crozier reported that Caroline Mott was the new Mayor. The council will lobby to secure woodlands for their protection. The council supported Citizens Advice, a report is available.
9. Climate Change & Biodiversity plan – Cllr Royston was unable to report for this meeting.
10. Facebook page – Council presence on the media platform. It was resolved to wait until Cllrs Lister and Miller were in attendance so that a full council could discuss this fully.
11. Gulworthy Primary School safety parking problem – Cllr Eve reported that she was unsuccessful in obtaining grants from two sources but suggested that the next step would be to 'Crowd Fund' the remaining sum of money needed.
12. Defibrillator – Maintenance and registration – Cllr Porter to provide further detail for the next meeting.
13. Gulworthy – Clean up litter picking update – Cllr Eve reported that there were now 12 regular members of the team of volunteers, there is also a 'What's App' group to help coordinate meetings, volunteers have been allocated areas within the parish. The main road from

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Gulworthy roundabout to Tavistock is not covered because it is considered unsafe to clear the litter. Gulworthy & Mill Hill are registered for the 'Great British Spring Clean', this year it is being held from 28th May to 13th June. Cllr Sellis suggested that 'Chapter 8' training would be beneficial to ensure the safety of the volunteers. Road signage and high-viz jackets are available Cllr Sellis suggested that the Gulworthy Tidy group could also tidy and clean the bus stop area and shelter.

14. Councillor reports – Cllr Kemp reported that pot-holes were still apparent after D.H attended to Repairs in Mill Hill area. Cllr Sellis suggested reporting problems on the D.H. website. Cllr Hamilton reported that road-users were driving in excess of national speed limits in the vicinity of Chip Shop. Cllr Royston suggested that a 'Speed-watch' group could be set up to obtain data to support a review of current speed limits in the area. Cllr Royston provided an update on the 'Airband' broadband installation in the parish including confirmation that the work for the installation is still scheduled to be completed by the end of 2021. Cllr Royston confirmed that she also worked with Airband to check that maps were up to date, customer contracts would be for 24 months plus a £99 connection fee. Cllr Royston referred to the Connecting Devon and Somerset promotion 'Mobile Booster Voucher Scheme' to improve mobile signal and 4G poor areas. Details and application can be found on:
<https://connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/mobile-voucher-application-form>
15. Summer newsletter – Cllrs to provide Cllr Royston with items for inclusion, the proposed print date is scheduled for the end of July.
16. St Pauls Church – Council support/donation – Unfortunately public bodies are not permitted to give donations to religious organisations.
17. Cemetery – It was resolved that an area could be set aside for the sole use of 'Green Burials' proposed by Cllr Royston and seconded by Cllr Eve. The 'Green Burial' area to be agreed at the next meeting. It was resolved to set the fees payable for 'Green Burials' the same as that of the current fees. Proposed by Cllr Porter, seconded Cllr Hamilton. A bench was in need of repair, wood was rotten and cast-iron framework needed attention. Cllrs Eve and Porter offered to undertake the repairs. Cllr Eve to obtain prices for the replacement wood. It was resolved that the clerk should check and ensure the burial registers were up to date, proposed by Cllr Kemp, seconded Cllr Hamilton. Trees were getting damaged by contractors strimming grass, a form of tree guard is required to protect the bark.
18. Councillor email addresses – Website Contact page, councillors will confirm details.
19. Correspondence – Thank you letter from Citizens Advice for donation

Items for inclusion at the next meeting – Neighbourhood plan, Notice board at Parish Hall,
The following scheduled meeting will be Monday 5th July, 7.30pm, at Gulworthy Parish Hall.

Meeting closed 9.05pm

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