

# Gulworthy Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

7.30pm at Gulworthy Parish Hall

No 133

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

Present – Cllrs. G. Lister (Chair), K. Royston (Vice chair), W. Hamilton, W. Miller, S. Porter.

P van Delft (clerk)

Meeting opened 7.35pm

1. Chairman welcomed all present
2. Apologies – Cllrs Eve and Kemp, Cllr D. Sellis (DCC), Cllrs P. Crozier (WDBC)
3. Members of the public, open forum – Two parishioners present
4. Dispensations & declarations of Interest – none provided
5. Minutes of previous meeting 132 were signed by the chair as a true and accurate record of that meeting.
6. DCC councillor report – this was provided by email to all councillors
7. Finance
  - 7.1 Items due for payment – Elliott Groundcare – 7-11 grass-cuts - £250.00
    - Gulworthy Parish Hall – hire June- Sept - £ 64.00
    - Suzanne Porter – Defibrillator repairs - £112.80
    - Clerk – administration sundry expenses - £122.28
    - Clerk salary – July- August - £708.46
    - HMRC – PAYE (refund (£23.20) - £ 0.00
  - 7.2 R.F.O. report showed a combined balance of £16,411.43 after approved payments
8. WDBC Councillors reports – no new update.
9. Councillor reports – Cllr Miller reported that a parishioner contacted her about Himalayan Balsam presence in road verges, according to WDBC it is the responsibility of the land owner to remove the pest plant. It was resolved that this should be reported to Devon Highways. Cllr Royston reported that she and Cllr Eve have now produced an information sheet for themselves that identified potential households that could benefit from broadband. Category 3 (remote properties) are still a problem. Cllr Royston attended a A.O.N.B. meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, top of the agenda was the “Refresh & Restart” initiative. Cllr Royston also mentioned that pot-holes in highways is still a problem, these to be reported on the Devon Highways website.
10. Gulworthy Primary School safety parking problem – update & fund raising & grant application  
Cllr Eve was not present to update however Cllr Royston suggested that some hedgerow maintenance could take place that may help with the safety measures now. Cllr Debo confirmed her support for the £2500 grant.

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11. Facebook page – Council presence on the media platform. It was resolved that this initiative would be considered again in the future. Proposed Cllr Miller, seconded Cllr Porter
12. Cemetery – Location in cemetery for ‘Green’ burials – It was resolved that the area within the Ecology area is set aside, specifically the South West part of the cemetery. Councillors wished to see the plan of cemetery to consider the exact location at the next meeting. Cllr Royston suggested visiting the Plymouth cemetery for ideas. Clerk to obtain contact details.
13. Defibrillator – Cllr Porter obtained new pads and batteries, Cllr Eve installed the equipment back in the hall, it has also now been registered with South West Ambulance and Air Ambulance
14. Climate Change & Biodiversity plan – Cllr Royston reported that A.O.N.B. had money available to the farming sector to help with the initiative. The “Big Green” week is from 18<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> September, one of the initiatives to bring greater awareness is “Moths to a Flame” funded by the Art Council.
15. Summer newsletter – This edition has now been distributed through the parish, the next edition will be the Autumn/Winter Newsletter. 300 copies were printed.
16. The Queens Jubilee 2022 – A long weekend of celebration is expected from June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June, Beacon lighting, lunch and tree planting. Locations to hold the celebrations were considered, the Church to be included with the arrangements, a working party to be set up at the next meeting.
17. ‘Welcome to Mill Hill’ - signs to entrances of the hamlet – Cllr Kemp to raise at the next meeting
18. Sponsoring a roundabout – Consideration for the Gulworthy roundabout. The clerk to circulate the DCC information again to councillors for further deliberation.
19. Correspondence – Cllr Porter mentioned the email promotions from Royal British Legion in particular the purchase of a Tommy, this was considered more information to be presented at the next meeting.

Meeting closed 9.07pm

Items for inclusion at the next meeting – Neighbourhood plan, Broadband, Welcome signs, Sponsoring the roundabout, R.B.L. promotions. Queens Jubilee 2022 planning,

The following scheduled meeting will be Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm, at Gulworthy Parish Hall.

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