

Gulworthy Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 1st November 2021

7.30pm at Gulworthy Parish Hall

No 135

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, M. Kemp, S. Porter.

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

Meeting opened 7.35pm

1. Chairman welcomed all present.
2. Apologies – Cllrs Eve and Miller
3. Members of the public – Two members present – One member wished to provide provisional details of a proposed planning application for a building in Mill Hill. The chair thanked the member for the time and effort to explain the proposal. Rev. Blowey informed the council that an outdoor nativity with some live animals will be held at Morwellham on 19th December starting 2.30pm, everyone is invited, with plenty of seasonal carol signing and festive cheer. Rev. Blowey thanked the council for its support with the nativity.
4. Dispensations & declarations of Interest – None
5. Minutes of previous meeting 134 was not signed, Cllr Royston needed more time to read them. The clerk reminded councillors that it was important to read the draft minutes as soon as possible. Accuracy is important, changes can be made prior to posting the legal document on the website. The current draft minutes would remain in place until revised minutes are provided.
6. DCC Councillor Sellis reported that £15 million has been secured for the Tavistock to Bere Alston Rail-link. The DCC highways budget has been cut by £20 million. Cllr Sellis said she would raise the problem of parked vehicles and highway hazards outside the primary school with other DCC members and highways representatives.

7. Finance –

7.1 Authorised payments for	- Elliott Groundcare	£ 50.00
	Clerk salary (Sept- Oct)	£644.90
	HMRC – clerk PAYE	£ 0.00
	St Pauls Church – Fund raising contribution	£200.00
	P van Delft – purchase of ‘Tommy’ statue	£210.00
	Royal British Legion -Remembrance Wreath	£ 16.50

Proposed by Cllr Porter, seconded Cllr Hamilton

- 7.2 R.F.O. Reported a combined balance after payments of £18,464.93
- 7.3 Cemetery maintenance - It was resolved to reduce the amount of grass cutting from 12 to 10 cuts per annum. Potential contractors to be contacted, Cllr Kemp to make enquires.
- 7.4 Draft budget for year 2022-23 – Not approved- Cllr Royston thought the newsletter costs were understated, a further review is required to reconsider printing costs. Cllr Lister reminded the council that alternative printers should be offered to provide a quote for the work, this would ensure best value for tax payers.

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- 7.5 Precept request for year 2022-23 – not approved due to item 7.4.
8. WDBC Cllr Crozier reported that problems with waste collections still continues due to labour shortages. Affordable housing – problems with housing associations continue to exist. A by-election will be held on 18th November due to the retirement of former Cllr Musgrave.
 9. Councillor reports – Cllr Royston reported that Airband had recently written to her informing of changes to the proposed broadband infrastructure. The BT ‘greenbox’ will not be upgraded due to ownership issues, Cllr Sellis offered to look into the problem. Cllrs Eve and Royston were thanked by a parishioner for their help in providing some homecare for her. The chair and council also thanked Cllrs Eve and Royston.
 10. Gulworthy Primary School safety parking problem – DCC has approved Cllr Eve’s grant application for £2500, The chair and council thanked Cllr Sellis for her support for the application. Cllr Sellis suggested that some other fund raising could be considered such as a barn dance or something similar. Cllr Kemp suggested that possibly the money could go towards the purchase of a mini bus, however this was thought to be not viable considering the ongoing running costs of such a vehicle. Cllr Lister suggested that the purchase of nearby land for parking could also be considered as an option.
 11. The Queens jubilee 2022 – The committee of Cllrs Hamilton, Royston, Porter, Eve and Miller to arrange the celebration. The committee will keep the council informed with its progress.
 12. Remembrance Sunday – Cllr Kemp will represent the council and lay the wreath. The recent purchase of the R.B.L. “Tommy” statue will be positioned near the war memorial.
 13. Cemetery Report -The location for ‘Green’ burials, were agreed, motion proposed by Cllr Hamilton, and seconded by Cllr Kemp. One burial had taken place in October. Cllr Porter reported that the bench repairs was nearing completion, it was thought that a suitable location for it was just inside the cemetery entrance on the left-hand side.
 14. Autumn/Winter newsletter – Cllr Royston asked for content to be submitted by 21st November latest so that distribution could take place in December.
 15. Climate Change & Biodiversity plan – Cllr Royston confirmed that she finally had agreement with Mr Parsons to arrange a meeting at the ‘Ship’ Morwellham on Thursday 18th November at 7.30pm. It is hoped that invited members of the farming community will attend.
 16. Correspondence – The draft letter to Tamar Valley Archers was thought to be suitable.

Meeting closed 9.32pm

The following scheduled meeting will be Monday 13th December 7.30pm, at Gulworthy Parish Hall.

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