

Gulworthy Parish Council

Minutes of meeting held on Monday 13th December 2021

7.30pm at Gulworthy Parish Hall

No 136

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

Present – K. Royston (acting chair), S. Eve, W. Hamilton, S. Porter.

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

Meeting opened 7.37pm

1. The chair welcomed all present, and advised that masks could be worn if so wished.
2. Apologies – Cllrs Lister, Miller, Kemp, Miller. Cllr A. Blackman (WDBC) Cllr Sellis (DCC)
3. Members of the public – One member present, Parishioner advised that the hedgerow and Devon-bank was in her ownership and requested that the council obtains permission to manage the hedge, the parishioner wished to maintain the integrity of the Devon-bank and hedgerow in her ownership. The chair did confirm that the council have not proposed that the hedgerow was cut down in size but would like to trim back any overhanging branches with the public land. Cllr Eve confirmed that she would continue to confer with the owner to ensure any hedgerow maintenance is done with consent of the hedgerow owner.
4. Dispensations & declarations of Interest - None
5. Minutes of previous meetings 134 and 135 were signed by the chair as true and accurate records of those meetings. Proposed Cllr Hamilton, seconded by Cllr Eve, unanimous
6. DCC Cllr Sellis provided a report via email.
7. Finance –
 - 7.1 Payments were authorised for Gulworthy Parish Hall
£ 48.00
Clerk salary (Nov-Dec) £ 736.02
Proposed by Cllr Eve, seconded by Cllr Royston, unanimous.
 - 7.2 Quotations received for the Cemetery maintenance years 2022-25
Two quotations were received, after deliberation it was resolved to award the 3yr contract to Elliott Groundcare, proposed by Cllr Eve, seconded by Cllr Porter, unanimous
 - 7.3 Quotation from payroll provider for year 2022-23 was received from CM. Bookkeeping, no change in the fee, £150. Proposed Cllr Hamilton, seconded by Cllr Royston
8. WDBC Cllr Crozier reported that Angela Blackman was elected as the Borough Councillor for Gulworthy, also attention was drawn to the Devon Climate Emergency initiative, for more details visit the website www.devonclimateemergency.org.uk. a newsletter is also available.
9. Councillor reports – Cllr Eve reported that she had been unsuccessful with the ‘Vision Zero’ grant application however details of the problems associated with highways outside the school and hall will be brought to the attention of Devon Highways, this may help strengthen the council claim for D.H. intervention. Cllrs Eve and Royston had a productive meeting with Airband, category 3 households are now on the list to receive broadband connectivity. A further meeting is sought with Airband to assess progress. Cllr Royston attended a Superlinks meeting, items

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of affordable housing and how this definition may be redefined. At present all district councils already work together, progress is being made with Devon being recognised for devolution. A clean, green recovery to renew and regenerate the economy with more opportunities to all the counties communities are one of the main DCC action plans. It is proposed that Southern Links groups meet at least 3 times a year. Cllr Royston also suggested that planning for the annual Parish Meeting should also start.

10. Gulworthy Primary School safety parking problem – update & fund raising & grant application. Cllr Eve and the chair of Gulworthy Parish Hall have met to discuss the parking problems of the school and that of the hall, it was suggested that both will work closer together to raise funds.
11. The Queens jubilee 2022 – Cllr Eve will initiate a collaborative partnership in organising the celebration arrangements.
12. Cemetery Report – Cllrs Hamilton, Lister and Kemp will visit the cemetery to assess the strength of the existing trees, and protection measures against strimming damage. Two quotations were received for the groundcare maintenance of the cemetery, after due consideration it was resolved that the contract would go to Elliott Groundcare. Proposed Cllr Hamilton, seconded by Cllr Porter, unanimous.
13. Winter newsletter – Final draft was presented by Cllr Royston, unless any further amendments are needed it will go to print on the 14th. Distribution to be arranged. Cllr Royston asked all councillors to provide at least one article for the next newsletter.
14. Climate Change & Biodiversity plan – Cllr Eve reported that the Farmers meeting held in November was well attended. It was thought that the community could benefit from the farmers knowledge of their working practises and how they are working to enhance the local environment.
15. Correspondence – Message of appreciation for the donation to St Pauls.

Items for inclusion at the next meeting – Preparation for the annual Parish meeting.

Meeting closed 9.06pm

The following scheduled meeting will be Monday 7th February 7.30pm, at Gulworthy Parish Hall.

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