

# Gulworthy Parish Council

Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022

7.30pm at Gulworthy Parish Hall

No 137

*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), S. Eve, W. Hamilton, W. Miller  
Cllrs P. Crozier, A. Blackman (WDBC), Cllr D. Sellis (DCC), P van Delft (clerk)

Meeting opened 7.31pm

1. The chairman welcomed all those present.
2. Apologies – Cllrs M. Kemp & S. Porter
3. Members of the public – Open forum - 4 members present. A brief description, history and explanation of the proposed planning applications for demolition and agricultural building was provided.
4. Dispensations & declarations of Interest – None
5. Minutes of previous meeting 136 was not signed, Cllr Royston did not feel that the minutes were accurate. Clerk to be provided what is thought to be accurate minutes.
6. DCC councillor Sellis reported that the council will have a significant financial deficit due to problems associated with the pandemic, increased costs from health & social care have contributed to the problem. Highways will have a reduction in its budget, also localities fund grants will be reduced. Speeding issues throughout the county is still a major problem, however it is working with the police to address some of the problems. Crowndale road will be closed for 7 weeks for road works. The Tavistock Wellbeing Group has proved to be a big success with many now attending meetings, it has also been recognised by local GPs as an additional resource for social prescribing.
7. Planning – Ref: 3778/21/FUL – Demolition & replacement agricultural building  
Hele Farm, Gulworthy, PL19 8PA  
Council decision – Support – proposed by Cllr Hamilton, seconded by Cllr Royston, all in favour  
Planning – Ref: 3793/21/FUL – Proposed agricultural feed storage building  
Hele Farm, Gulworthy, PL19 8PA  
Council decision – Support – proposed by Cllr Eve, seconded by Cllr Miller, all in favour  
Planning – Ref: 3794/21/FUL - Proposed agricultural straw & machinery building  
Hele Farm, Gulworthy, PL19 8PA  
Council decision - support – proposed by Cllr Royston, seconded by Cllr Eve, all in favour  
Planning – Ref: 3795/21/FUL - Proposed agricultural livestock building  
Hele Farm, Gulworthy, PL19 8PA  
Council decision - support – proposed by Cllr Hamilton, seconded by Cllr Miller, all in favour  
Planning – Ref: 4706/21/HHO – Housholder application for installation of exterior heat pumps  
Old Crebor Farm, Gulworthy, PL19 8HZ  
Council decision – support – Cllr Hamilton, seconded by Cllr Eve, all in favour.

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## 8. Finance –

8.1 Payments were authorised for: Dartprint - Autumn newsletter (invoice 19606) £ 75.00  
Elliott Groundcare - annual clear, hedge & ecology area cut £315.00

Proposed by Cllr Miller, seconded by Cllr Royston, all in favour

8.2 Hall hire - Increase in fees payable. The PHC have increased the hire by £2 from January, Cllr Miller proposed to accept the increase, seconded Cllr Royston, all in favour.

8.3 Draft budget and precept request 2022-23. A revised draft budget that included the new hall hire rates and an increase in printing costs to reflect increase in raw material costs. It was resolved to approve the budget, proposed by Cllr Miller, seconded by Cllr Royston, all in favour. The R.F.O. recommended that the precept request should be set for £5855, a 0.6% increase on 2021-22, motion to approve proposed by Cllr Eve, seconded by Cllr Hamilton, all in favour.

9. Correspondence - Crowndale Road complaint – drainage/excess water damage, Cllr Lister read the complaint, it was resolved that Cllr Sellis is forwarded the correspondence so that she may action the complaint. Parishioner to be contacted.

10. WDBC Councillors reports – Cllr Crozier reported that WDBC was 7<sup>th</sup> in the national league of lowest carbon footprint councils. Two areas of land have been identified suitable for natural regeneration. Fusion the company who manages the Meadowside, Tavistock is not cash positive, WDBC have agreed to continue to support the management. Cllr Blackman informed the council that grants were available for the Queens Jubilee celebrations.

## 11. The Queens Platinum Jubilee 2022

11.1 Committee members – Cllr Eve reported that she had contacted Rev'd Blowey, of St Pauls, the head teacher of Gulworthy Primary School, two members of the Parish Hall Committee, one person from Morwellham and one other parishioner. Cllr Eve suggested that a meeting would be held soon and that a Zoom invitation would be sent out to interested parties.

11.2 Beacon Site – The beacon lighting is 9.45pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, a parishioner kindly offered to provide a suitable field for the purpose.

11.3 Other celebration arrangements – Send ideas to Cllr Eve for consideration by the committee.

11.4 Sunday lunch/ street party – The location of the lunch on 5<sup>th</sup> June to be agreed.

11.5 Jubilee gift consideration – Cllr Hamilton reminded the council of the merits of a gift.

12. Councillor reports – Cllr Royston reported that excess surface water was running into the track at Devon Consols however this track was not adopted thus DH was under no obligation to repair the track. Cllr Royston to contact Cllr Sellis of the problem. Cllr Royston reported that a public consultation for proposals at Tamar Trails had taken place, these include; increased parking, installation of a 'zip wire' and 'Toboggan run' and some removal of existing trees. Cllr Royston also reported that at a meeting with Airband had provided clarity where Airband intended to make further installations. Gulworthy parish was a problematic parish for Airband

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due to its very rural landscape and the challenge's that that provides when installing fibre. Airband to use Gulworthy Parish as an example to show the government what problems it has in such circumstances. Cllr Royston reminded the council of the impending annual Parish Meeting in April, who should be invited to talk and what topics to be considered. Cllr Miller enquired if 'Blister' medical packs can be recycled in the waste collections, it was suggested they could. Cllr Hamilton reported that 3 trees needed replacement in the cemetery.

13. Gulworthy Primary School safety parking problem – Cllr Eve reported that she discussed the hedgerow and stone wall that runs alongside the verge opposite Gulworthy School with the landowner. It was felt it would be sensible to wait for the verge to be improved on completion to the repairs to the wall and hedgerow. Cllr Eve also reported that parking in the wooded area had now somewhat slightly eased the parking problem but it was still a problem at peak times.
14. Newsletter - Spring/Summer – Cllr Royston asked if councillors could submit items for inclusion by March 7<sup>th</sup> latest.
15. Climate Change & Biodiversity plan – Cllr Royston reported that the meeting held in 2021 was a success but only after some hesitation from those attending. It was agreed that farm visits could prove useful in seeing how each farm was dealing with C.C. Cllrs Eve & Royston to provide reports. It was also suggested to work with neighbouring parishes in achieving a combined approach to the challenges.

Items for inclusion at next meeting: Annual Parish meeting, cemetery trees and protection.

Meeting finished 9.22pm

The following scheduled meeting will be Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 7.30pm, at Gulworthy Parish Hall.

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