

# Gulworthy Parish Council

## Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022 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, M. Kemp, S. Porter  
Cllrs P. Crozier (WDBC), P van Delft (clerk)

Meeting opened 7.33pm

1. The chairman welcomed all those present.
2. Apologies – Cllr Miller, Cllr Blackman (WDBC) & Cllr Sellis (DCC)
3. Members of the public – Open forum – one member present – A complaint was lodged regarding payment for services provided and the length of time that it took to receive the payments. In response, the R.F.O. provided correspondence that an offer was made to pay for services in advance. This had not been responded to by the complainant.
4. Dispensations & declarations of Interest - none
5. Minutes of previous meetings 136 & 137 were signed by the chair as true and accurate records of those meetings. Minute No 136, proposed by Cllr Porter, seconded Cllr Kemp all in favour, Minute No 137, proposed by Cllr Hamilton, seconded by Cllr Eve, all in favour.
6. DCC councillor Sellis provided a report via email.

7. Planning – Ref: 0309/22/HHO - Householder application for proposed garage.

4 Newton Farm Barns, Newton Mill, Lumburn, PL19 8HU

Council decision – support – proposed by Cllr Eve, seconded by Cllr Hamilton, all in favour.

Ref: 0530/22/FUL – Convert barn to form 1 bedroom holiday cottage

Gulworthy Farm, Gulworthy, PL19 8JQ

Council decision – support – proposed by Cllr Porter, seconded by Cllr Hamilton, all in favour

8. Finance –

8.1 Authorised for payment – P. van Delft – clerks duties Jan- Feb	£ 774.09
HMRC – Paye	£ 5.12
P van Delft – administration costs	£ 137.00

Proposed by Cllr Porter, seconded by Cllr Royston, all in favour.

8.2 R.F.O. reported that a combined credit balance after payments was £20,045.75, proposed by Cllr Royston, seconded by Cllr Kemp, all in favour.

9. Safeguarding Policy – After due consideration it was resolved that the policy should be adopted, proposed by Cllr Porter, seconded by Cllr Eve, all in favour, signed by the chair. A supervisor is required for the policy, Cllr Porter kindly offered to undertake the position.
10. WDBC Councillors reports – Cllr Crozier reported that WDBC had declared a “housing crisis” in the borough, this reflected availability of affordable housing and properties available for rent. The Green waste collection service provided by WDBC waste services is now open for the renewal of services for the year, visit the WDBC website to apply.

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11. The Queens Platinum Jubilee 2022 – Cllr Eve reported that two meetings had taken place with interested groups, clubs and organisations to work together for a memorable occasion. Celebrations included on the 2<sup>nd</sup> June the Beacon Lighting at 9.15pm, a BBQ was kindly offered by a local business, on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> a church service from 11.15am -12.15pm followed by lunch. 12.30pm party games will be held at the Gulworthy Primary school playing fields, more details and information will follow via facebook and the council’s newsletter. Cllr Eve to complete a grant application for £1500 to help finance the celebration. Clerk to check for insurance cover.
12. Councillor reports – Cllr Eve presented a £20.00 donation to go towards the Gulworthy Primary School safety parking project, donation was provided by a parishioner. Cllr Lister reported that the Tommy had sustained some minor damage and suggested that it is stored safely until it is next used.
13. Newsletter - Spring/Summer – It was resolved to delay the publication of the newsletter until all the Queens Jubilee celebration details have been finalised, these will then be included. It was resolved that a one page ‘Flyer’ will be produced promoting the Annual Parish Meeting in April,
14. Cemetery report – This included the replacement of trees, Cllr Eve reported that an offer from Gulworthy Primary School to provide 3 fruit trees was very much welcomed. It was resolved that the protection of the existing trees should include a one metre diameter strim-free area around the tree should be left un-strimmed by the grounds maintenance team. Clerk to inform the grounds maintenance team.
15. Gulworthy Tidy – Great British Spring clean 2022 Cllr Eve reported that a team of litter pickers were now ready to go again shortly.
16. Annual Parish meeting – Suggestions for the meeting included Broadband update, Climate and Bio-diversity, and the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebration arrangements. Cllr Royston to producer a flyer for distribution.
17. Airband – Broadband update. Cllr Eve reported that it was evident from recent discussions with Airband, Parish’s similar to Gulworthy in topography were grossly underfunded and that they propose to use Gulworthy Parish as an example of the challenges they face in terms of connectivity in rural areas. Cllr Royston reported that Airband had informed Cllrs Royston, Eve and Sellis that they had invested as much time as they were prepared to in Gulworthy Parish and our aspirations to connect as many residents as possible. Their focus is on delivering the connections agreed with ‘Connecting Devon & Somerset’. Airband’s Community Engagement Officer has informed the Parish that he is leaving Airband. Parishioners wishing to register their interest for Fibre to the Premise (FTTP) service should now contact Airband directly.
18. Correspondence – Boundary Commission, South West proposal 2022 consultation review 2023

The clerk verbally tendered his resignation, whilst he had learned much in the time as the clerk for the p.c and thoroughly enjoyed working with all the councillors and their parishioners he regretfully wished to be released from their employment. Councillors expressed their appreciation for the work done over the past 3 years.

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Meeting closed 9.18

The following scheduled meeting will be Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 7.30pm, at Gulworthy Parish Hall, this will be the Annual Parish meeting and may possibly be followed by an extraordinary meeting.

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