

Gulworthy Parish Council

Members of Gulworthy Parish Council

Annual Parish meeting

at Gulworthy Parish Hall,
Monday 4th April 2022, 7.30pm.

Minutes No 140

The hall opened at 7pm with tea, cakes and biscuits available for everyone, the cakes were made by council members and were warmly welcomed, not much remained!

Meeting opened 7.30pm

1. Cllr Royston (chair) welcomed everyone present.
2. Members of the public open forum – 19 members of the public attended. There was a request that a greater effort could be made with the use of electronic correspondence, possibly email.
3. Update on key Parish Council initiatives.
 - 3.1. Broadband – Cllrs Royston and Eve reported on the current position with Airband’s connectivity in particular the 3 types of groups that Airband have categorised perspective users. Airband currently has funding issues so additional very rural areas may not yet be connected until more funding has been made available. Cllr Royston would write again to ‘Connect Devon & Somerset’ regarding the replacement of the telecoms ‘Green Boxes’ in the parish. It was suggested by a parishioner that 4G could be used for connectivity. Cllr Sellis mentioned that Gulworthy PC councillors had spent a considerable amount of time on broadband, this was appreciated by all those present.
 - 3.2. Safety and parking opposite Gulworthy Primary School- This is an ongoing project, however, now some parking had been made available in the recreation ground opposite the school the parking problem is a little less critical, however safety is still a problem outside the school with fast moving traffic.
 - 3.3. Cemetery – An ecology area with the facility of Green burials has been set aside in the cemetery. Some replacement tree planting will take place later this year.
 - 3.4. Gulworthy clean-up – Cllr Eve reported that 7-8 people were now regular litter pickers but more help was always welcome.
 - 3.5. Newsletters will be produced through-out the year.
 - 3.6. Climate & Biodiversity – Cllr Royston reported that it should not necessarily be led by Gulworthy PC, but the initiative would be better received if it was a joint initiative with other groups/parish’s in the area. There are three key area’s where improvements can be made, transport, home-energy and agriculture. A tree planting initiative called the ‘Queens Canopy’ led by the Woodland Trust may donate trees to landowners, for more

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details see the WT website. Cllr Royston mentioned that there is help with providing information on energy saving in the household, a 'Community Fund' is available for improving heating, a Green Homes grant or Sustainable Warmth grant is also available.

A parishioner provided his experience with the installation of an 'Air source heat pump'.

- 3.7 Queens Platinum Jubilee celebration arrangements – Cllr Eve gave a brief update with the progress made so far, with arrangements made for the Beacon lighting on 2nd June, a Sunday Church service on 5th June at St Pauls at 11.15 has also been arranged, the 'Commonwealth Song will be sung by a choir. This will be followed by the Big lunch in the recreation/playing fields opposite the school. A Flyer will be available nearer the time. Help to organise and serve is welcome, please contact a council member. Cllr Eve suggested that it would be inclusive if every hamlet in the parish was represented. Local businesses have been and will be contacted to support the special occasion.
4. Summing up – Cllr Royston thanked everyone for their support and feedback, and in particular fellow councillors for making it a successful evening. The clerk was also thanked for his work.

Meeting closed 9.15pm.

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