

# Gulworthy Parish Council

## Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Monday 1 August 2022

### at Gulworthy Parish Hall

#### No 145

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

#### **Councillors present**

K. Royston (Chair), G. Lister (Vice Chair), M. Kemp, S. Porter, W. Miller, J Hamilton  
Cllrs P. Crozier (WDBC)

#### **Meeting opened 7.35pm**

1. Chairman welcomed and thanked all those present.
2. The new acting Clerk Emily Young and Cllr Royston signed the contract of employment.
3. Apologies – Cllr C. Blackman (WDBC) & Cllr Sellis (Devon County Council) and Jennie Read
4. Members of the public – Open forum

Eight members of the public were present. Some were present just to listen.

One member, Emily Robinson came to talk about planning application 2279/22/FUL at Wheal Josiah. She said the proposed changes would be minimal with limited changes to the outside. She also said the applicant will be putting in a bore hole to obtain water.

Another member of the public asked about the current status with broadband in the area. Cllr Royston said she had tried to get an update today from Airband.

Another parishioner was keen to know the PCs response regarding last months' planning application 0137/22/FUL. The PCs full response can be seen on the planning website.

Daniel Edwards also came to listen as he is interested in being co-opted for the current councillor vacancy.

5. Dispensations & declarations of interest

Cllr Royston declared an interest in 2279/22/FUL.

Cllr Kemp declared an interest in 1347/22/FUL.

6. Minutes of the previous meeting were signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of that meeting. Minute No 144 proposed by Cllr Porter seconded by Cllr Miller. All in favour.

7. Planning

**2279/22/FUL** – Proposed conversion of redundant barn into single dwelling.

At – Wheal Josiah, Barn within the grounds of Beechwood, Gulworthy, PL19 8NZ

Cllr Royston read out parishioner concerns sent in by letter which covered the existing water supply and broadband. Two members of the public also asked to speak (which the Chair accepted) they wished to raise their objection to this proposal.

Cllr Porter expressed concerns over the barn needing a complete re-build. Putting in a bore hole could be risky as contaminated land could be breached.

Cllr Miller suggested a condition of no connection to the existing water supply.

A member of the public asked to speak (which the Chair allowed) and said there has been no maintenance to the barn for at least the last 20 years. He felt the application was disingenuous.

Cllrs Lister and Royston agreed with Cllr Miller and also suggested that the building should not be demolished, it has to be used (or another application).

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**Council decision** – Cllr Lister proposed ‘neutral’ but asks for two conditions to be applied: (i) no connection to be made to the existing water supply (ii) the existing barn is not demolished as part of the development. Seconded by Cllr Kemp. Agreed by 5 with 1 abstention (Cllr Royston).

4 members of the public left the meeting.

**1347/22/FUL** – Application for erection of holiday let

At – Morwell Down Bungalow, Morwellham, PL19 8JH

This application was made approximately 18 months ago and it was refused by WDBC.

**Council decision** - Cllr Lister proposed this application is supported, seconded by Cllr Hamilton. Agreed by 5 with 1 abstention (Cllr Kemp).

8. 0137/22/FUL (Zip wire) – Next steps/further considerations

Cllr Royston asked if Cllrs had seen the Tamar Valley AONB objection letter. Also it appears Tavistock Town Council has objected. It is thought that WDBC support the application on economic grounds. Cllr Crozier said many errors have been found in the application. Zip World has offered to come and talk to the PC. Councillors agreed to watch and wait.

9. DCC Cllr Sellis Report (although absent) Cllr Crozier said:

- £200-£300,000 of illegal tobacco has been recently ceased by Trading Standards.
- Devon Childrens services are being improved.
- Avian bird flu is very serious and people are advised not to touch any wild birds for fear of transmission.

Cllr Royston read out an email from Cllr Sellis as follows:

- Devon.gov.uk/summer holiday is offering various holiday clubs, etc
- Tavistock library is also an information portal for summer clubs
- A parishioner has expressed concern at the weeds in the Gulworthy bus shelter. Cllr Lister to action now but will approach Elliott Groundcare for a maintenance quote.

10. The Clerk to look into the historical DCC localities grant and the DALC Growing Communities grant and report back.

11. Finance

11.1. Invoices approved and provided authority to pay invoices for:

- Elliott Groundcare – Cemetery ground maintenance £140.00
  - Peter van Delft – locum admin duties for period 4<sup>th</sup> July-25 July £221.25
- Proposed by Cllr Lister, seconded by Cllr Porter. All in favour.

11.2. RFO report as at 27 July 2022 noted.

12. WDBC Cllr Crozier report – the council tax reimbursements should all now be completed. Any queries please contact Peter directly. The 20mph initial rollout programme is going into 4 villages none of which are in West Devon. WDBC has made a surplus in 2021-22. WDBC has agreed to fund installing solar panels on the Fusion swimming pool complex's.

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## 13. Cllr Reports –

Cllr Kemp has been contacted by a parishioner asking if the PC could find out if people would be interested in the HVO (Hydrogenated Vegetable Oil) scheme being offered by Mitchell Webber as an alternative to oil. Cllr Kemp has also received complaints about fly tipping and dog fouling in the Mill Hill area.

Cllr Miller mentioned the South West Water road closure at Crowndale Road and the effect that has on the inaccessibility of the local Recycling Centre and the increase in fly tipping. The road should be opened at the end of August.

Cllr Lister said the Gulworthy Summer Fete at Morwellham Quay was a success.

14. Newsletter publication. The Summer 2022 newsletter has been completed and distributed around the Parish. Cllr Royston provided a copy of the newsletter to those present at the meeting. Copies to be left in the village hall.

15. Defibrillator – Previous Cllr Sue Eve was the named person responsible for the defib. This now needs to be reassigned. Cllr Royston to ask previous Cllr Sue Ewe to contact the Clerk to change over the ownership. Cllr Miller noted that renovations to the Parish Hall may have an impact on the defib and will contact the hall committee to ask about the planned location for the defib once the work is underway. It was proposed to ask the Parish Hall Committee if they would be prepared to accept ownership of the defib if it was gifted to them by the Parish Council.

16. Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that the parish needed a better understanding of what this might involve and deliver before a decision could be considered about whether to proceed with such a plan. Cllr Royston to look at finding more information to share and discuss at the next meeting.

17. Broadband – Cllr Royston has contacted Airband today. Awaiting a response from the right person who can provide an update. This will be shared when available.

18. Climate Change and Biodiversity – The Parish Council is keen to encourage parish residents to come together into relevant interest/action groups to progress the climate and biodiversity agenda in a way that is meaningful for households and businesses. Cllr Miller suggested a knowledge exchange groups around 'grow your own' skills including perennial fruits and vegetables. This will also be discussed with the School to see if there is any common interest with their gardening group. Cllrs asked Mrs. K. Steer (in the public section) if it could be possible to help raise the awareness of the work being done by our agriculture businesses/farmers through providing an opportunity to see the work being done by Hele Farm with their meadows.

19. Items for the next agenda: Defibrillator, ongoing bus shelter maintenance, broadband update, Road Safety Fund and ownership of the lay-by area opposite side of the village hall, church and school, co-option of Daniel Edwards, neighbourhood plan and climate and biodiversity actions.

Meeting closed at 21:38

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The next scheduled meeting will be on 5<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm, at Gulworthy Parish Hall.

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