

# Gulworthy Parish Council

## Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022 at Gulworthy Parish Hall No 147

*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), W. Miller, J Hamilton and D.Edwards  
Cllrs P. Crozier (WDBC)

### Meeting opened 7.37pm

1. Chairman's welcome
2. Co-option of Daniel Edwards – It was proposed by Cllr Lister to co-opt Daniel Edwards. Seconded by Cllr Hamilton. Agreed by all.
3. New clerk employment contract – to note under declaration of employment 3 other employment contracts already in place – Correction 2 other part-time jobs in place – noted and agreed by all. Cllr Royston and the Clerk amended the contract of employment.
4. Apologies – Apologies received from Cllr Blackman, Jennie Broad, Cllr Kemp and Cllr Sellis.
5. Members of the public – There were no members of the public present.
6. Dispensations & declarations of Interest – None.
7. Minutes of previous meeting 146 to be approved and then signed by the chair as true and accurate record of that meeting – It was proposed by Cllr Lister to approve the minutes. Seconded by Cllr Edwards. All in favour. Cllr Royston signed the minutes.
8. Planning applications received after publication of this agenda – None received.
9. Planning application 0137/22/FUL (Zip wire) – next steps/further considerations. The application has been withdrawn.
10. DCC Cllr Sellis – Cllr Royston read out some key points in the Members Bulletin dated 30 September 2022 that Cllr Sellis had emailed through earlier. (See Gulworthy website for link). It was also mentioned that the Devon District Council needs to vote on a new bill for changes to building regulations (as part of their local plan adoption).
11. Road safety fund grant application(s) DCC localities grant and Growing Communities Grant applications – It was proposed by Cllr Lister for the Clerk to contact Land Registry to try and identify the ownership of the lay-by boundary up to £15.00. Seconded by Cllr Miller. Agreed by all. Clerk to also ask Western Power Distribution for an electrical plan of the same area.
12. Finance
  - 12.1 – Invoices for approval to be paid –

Elliott groundcare Inv 2234 (grass cutting July)	£70.00
Elliot groundcare Inv 2270 (grass cutting August)	£70.00
Invoice from locum Clerk Peter Van Delft 23/9/22	£97.50
Expenses from Clerk	£80.80

It was proposed by Cllr Hamilton to approve with Cllr Edwards seconding. All in favour.

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12.2 – RFO report – Bank statements dated 19 Sept 2022 for all 3 accounts were circulated to all.

13. WDBC Cllrs Crozier & Blackman – reports – Cllr Royston read out the report from Cllr Blackman as follows: With my locality budget I have purchased a shed for the allotment for Bere Alston in Bloom, a line machine for the youth football club and contributed towards a freezer for the food bank. I have funds remaining and would like to know if there are any groups that perhaps use the Gulworthy Parish hall that may be in need of equipment? Please feel free to email or call me with any suggestions. I have been made aware of two eco grants that are available:
- Sustainable warmth – see [www.tamarenergycommunity.com](http://www.tamarenergycommunity.com)
- ECO installer grants – <https://www.gov.uk/find-energy-certificate>
- Each installer will discuss the eligibility criteria with you to determine if you qualify for funding before proceeding to a survey of your house.
- Climate emergency – during full council last week subject to Plymouth City Councils agreement:- That the Plymouth and South West Devon Climate Emergency Planning Statement be formally adopted as an interim policy statement, pending completion of the next review of the Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan; That approval be given to the Climate Emergency Compliance Forms being included in the local validation lists. If it all goes ahead it is excellent news. I have a Tavistock matters on the 17<sup>th</sup> October with the neighbourhood policing team. If you have anything you wish for me to raise, please email or call me and I will ensure I bring it to the meeting.
- Cllr Crozier said that WDBC has under-spent by £196K which will go into reserves. (A lot of the income has come from recycling). The proposal for Burraton Homes in Bere Alston has now been dismissed.
14. Cllr Reports - All – Cllr Lister confirmed he had cleaned the bus shelter and roundabout sign. Cllr Miller confirmed she visited the new Crowndale site with Cllr Sellis. Cllr Miller has the full plans which can be seen before the November PC meeting. Cllr Crozier said local Cllrs had attended pot hole filling training which allows them to address small road holes.
15. Defibrillator – agreement and maintenance – the Clerk has been asked to take ownership and complete monthly checks to ensure the PC is checking and reporting the device correctly.
16. Neighbourhood Plan – Consideration for the parish – deferred to February 2023.
17. Broadband Update – If you are unsure of your household’s status with Airband i.e. whether your property is ‘In Contract’ (you will be offered a connection) or ‘Out of contract (going past)’ (you should be offered a contract) or ‘Need extension’ ( may be offered a contract if within 70 metres (we’re not sure of cut off or whether households will be offered an opportunity to pay extra to get connected)) or ‘Sorry, no where near’ then please drop Cllr Royston a line and shell check our parish database.

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18. Climate change and Biodiversity actions – Cllr Royston drafted a letter to be sent to neighbouring parishes to see if they would be interested in sharing a parish climate and biodiversity plan. It was suggested to also add Sydenham Damerel and Lamerton to the list.

Cllr Crozier left the meeting.

Cllr Royston introduced the Power allotment project – the purpose behind it is the energy generated and used in Devon is community owned. They are looking for 5 acre sites of A1-A3 land to use.

19. Ongoing bus shelter maintenance – the Clerk will contact Elliott Ground Care to see whether they could quote to look after this going forward.
20. ~~Road safety fund and ownership of the lay by area opposite side of the village hall, church and school~~ – duplication. See item 11.
21. Items to be included at the next meeting – Broadband update, climate change and biodiversity actions, bus shelter maintenance, road safety fund and ownership of the lay-by-area opposite village hall, SAAA opt-out email, Conclusion of audit, village hall grant, 2023 meeting dates, snow wardens, burial ground update and poppy wreath.

Meeting closed at 9.23pm

The next scheduled meeting will be on 7<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm, at Gulworthy Parish Hall.

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