

Gulworthy Parish Council

Minutes of ordinary meeting held on Monday 3rd February 2025 at Gulworthy Parish Hall

No 175

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

Councillors present – Cllr K Royston (Chair), Cllr K Steer, Cllr D Edwards and Cllr W Hamilton

Also present – Cllr Isabel Saxby and 5 members of the public

Meeting opened 7.30pm

- 1. Chairman's welcome** Cllr Royston thanked everyone for coming and introductions were made by those present.
- 2. Members of the public** – *To consider requests from members of the public to make representations, answer questions or give evidence in respect of Council business under Standing Orders 3d to 3n.*

Two people came to ask about broadband at Morwellham. Cllrs Royston and Steer have recently met with Connecting Devon and Cornwall (CDS) and feel more positive about a way forward. An update should be available at the next month's meeting.

Another member of the public has written to Airband and also mentioned that as part of the Bovis development £4.5M has been earmarked for railway infrastructure under S.106. Rev Blowey said we are officially now in 'lent'. Funds are continuing to be raised for a new toilet for the church which will be around £50,000! There is a clothes fashion show taking place on 14 Feb at 2pm at the Parish Centre in Tavistock (see website for more details). On April 5th there is an Easter bizarre at the church in Gulworthy.

Cllr Royston asked if there was any public interest to use a thermal imaging camera.
- 3. To accept apologies for absence** - *Under Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, members present should decide whether to approve the reason(s) given for absence.*

Apologies were received from Cllr Lister, Cllr Sellis and Cllr Blackman.
- 4. Dispensations & declarations of Interest** - *Under the Localism Act 2011 (sections 26-37 and Schedule 4) and in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, members are required to declare any interests which are not currently entered in the member's register of interests or if he/she has not notified the Monitoring Officer of it. Requests for Dispensations should be made in writing to the Parish Clerk in advance of the meeting. None*
- 5. Minutes of previous meeting 174 to be approved and then signed by the chair as a true and accurate record of that meeting** - *To accept as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held on 13th January 2025 LGA 1972 Sch 12 para 41(1).*

It was proposed by Cllr Edwards to approve the minutes, seconded by Cllr Hamilton and agreed by all. Cllr Royston signed and dated the minutes.
- 6. Matters arising** - *To ensure the tasks assigned at the previous meeting have been completed* – Cllr Royston to arrange 'round table' mtg, follow up with bank, contact perspective new Cllr. **Clerk** to arrange CDS meeting, complete cemetery contract paperwork, ask Cllr Sellis about the roundabout, thank Will Ryan from Zip World, submit precept and to write to Geoffrey Cox MP. **All** Cllrs to

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change to new .gov.uk email address and update Clerk when done so (Cllrs Edwards and Lister still to do).

7. Planning applications received to-date:

7.1 Reference: 3941/24/ARC – Location - Land Adjacent To Callington Road, Callington Road, Tavistock – Proposal - Application for approval of details reserved by condition 20 (Green Infrastructure Plan) to planning consent 00554/2013 – **Decision made by WDBC = Refused. Noted.**

7.2 Planning applications received after publication of this agenda:

0146/25/ARC – Orestocks - Application for approval of details reserved by condition 12 (carbon reduction statement) to planning consent 3577/22/FUL – **Noted – Cllr Royston to circulate some info to Cllrs.**

7.3 Planning appeals

7.3.1 APP/Q1153/W/24/3346884 Gulworthy farm – noted

8 DCC Cllr Sellis – No report.

9.WDBC Cllrs Saxby & Blackman – Cllr Saxby has been: helping litter pickers, helping bus route issues in PL19, is in support of opposing the farmers inheritance tax introduction, helping with the youth council group in Bere Alston and helping in finding a new chair of WDBC South West Water Group.

Cllr Royston asked Cllr Saxby about a recent planning application which the Parish had asked to be called to committee, but which then wasn't called to the Committee. Cllr Saxby took on board the feedback provided.

10.Gulworthy Cllr reports – for information only – Cllr Edwards will install the new noticeboard. **Cllr Steer** gave an update on the devolution white paper following attendance at the DALC event with the Parish Clerk. **Cllr Steer** to report the fly tipping near Tyre and Wheel (again). Cllr Royston mentioned thermal imaging camera on offer through WDBC.

11.Burial ground – Moles are still being monitored. The Landmark tree will be planted at the cemetery by the front bench along the wall, by Cllr Edwards and Cllr Hamilton.

12.Finance - To approve the list of payments (to be tabled at the meeting) LGA 1972 s150 (5)

12.1– Invoices for approval to be paid –

Clerk expenses WAH allowance £6.00p.w + mileage + expenses	£49.60
Clerk January payroll	£370.92
HMRC Tax and NI for December 2024	£3.00
Gulworthy parish hall – January meeting – Inv to follow	£21.37
Elliott Ground care hedges and ecology area	£340.00

It was proposed by Cllr Steer to authorise the above payments via BACs, seconded by Cllr Hamilton. Agreed by all.

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12.2– Request for spending –

12.2.1 Clerk to change mobile phone provider – Approved by Cllr Royston to move from 1p mobile to GiffGaff. Seconded by Cllr Steer, agreed by all.

12.2.2 Grant application from Citizens Advice Torridge, North, Mid and West Devon for £100.00 – **It was proposed by Cllr Steer to support, seconded by Cllr Edwards, agreed by all.**

12.3 – Credits received - £1000.00 burial T/L Mr Maunder and £23.69 bank interest – **noted.**

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12.4 – Bank reconciliations - see separate RFO report provided (RFO No 175)

	Paid Out	Paid In	Balance
Club, Charity & Trust account (00298624)			
Opening Balance as at 7 January 2025 b/fwd			£5,470.40
<u>Receipts</u>			
None		0.00	
<u>Expenditure:</u>			
07/01/2025			
Clerk expenses	£64.50		
Hmrc	£2.80		
Clerk payroll	£371.12		
Gulworthy parish hall January meeting	£21.37		
WesternWeb	£52.09		
Total expenditure	£511.88		
Balance on 28 January 2025			£4,958.52
Gulworthy Cemetery account (00020251)			
Opening balance as at 07.01.2025			£14,256.37
<u>Expenditure</u>			
None	0.00		
<u>Credit receipts</u>			
10/01/2025 Credit interest		£18.01	
27/01/2025 Burial T/L Mr Maunder		£1000.00	
Total credit		£1018.01	
Balance on 28 January 2025			£15,274.38
Gulworthy Fundraising account (00035992)			
Opening balance as at 07.01.2025			£4,989.09
<u>Credit receipts</u>			
10/12/2024 credit interest		£5.68	
Balance on 28 January 2025			£4,994.77
Combined balance £25,227.67			
(No differences to the bank statements)			

Proposed by Cllr Royston to approve the RFO report, seconded by Cllr Edwards, agreed by all.

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12.5– Internet banking update – With Cllr Royston.

13-Broadband – Cllrs Steer and Royston met with CDS (Connecting Devon and Cornwall) with regards to broadband issues in this parish. They were told there are over 400 parishes who are in a similar position. There appears to be exchange issues in this parish (it has not been digitised) due to the exchange being in Cornwall and Gulworthy parish being in Devon. This current project is part of the government's project called 'PGUK' (Project Gigabit UK). Cllrs Steer and Royston will hopefully meet with CDS again next week who should provide a specific update on Morwellham.

14.Highways

14.1 Police – No further update – Cllr Royston to invite them to the 'round table' meeting.

14.2 Road signs – Is there a private owner of land on the Parish boundary who would be willing to display a 'Welcome to Gulworthy Parish' sign and encourage safe road usage sign?

14.3 Roundabout – Cllr Sellis has no further update.

15.Training – Clerk to send planning course to Cllr Steer.

16.Devolution white paper - Clerk to prepare asset mapping and community statement by mid February to DALC, with feedback from Cllrs.

17.Bus shelter Cllr Edwards and cleaning rota – Cllr Edwards to fit the new noticeboard and clean the shelter. Next meeting, rota to be produced.

18. Village fete (Cllr Royston) – Deferred to next meeting.

19.Co-option of new Cllr(s) – Deferred to next meeting.

20.Temporary traffic road closures:

(i) **TTRO2560235 (date change)** - From FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2025 for a maximum of 5 days Until SUNDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2025 (both dates inclusive)

Between the hours of 09:30 and 15:30

Roads affected - ROAD FROM THREE OAKS CROSS TO CREASE COTTAGE, MILL HILL
(Both by Sunbelt Rentals Tel. 03700500792)

For pole replacement, poling and tree cutting – Noted.

Meeting closed at 9.35pm.

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