

# Gulworthy Parish Council

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

### No 176

*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 G Lister and Cllr W Hamilton

**Also present** – Cllr Sellis and 2 members of the public

**Meeting opened 7.37pm**

1. **Chairman's welcome** Cllr Royston welcomed everyone to the meeting.
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.*  
One person asked about meeting with Cllrs regarding a funding source. He also mentioned the 13/March is the final date to take part in the inquiry by the Planning Inspectorate regarding X-Links.  
The other person came to talk about being a Cllr for Gulworthy; she has lots of farming experience and would like to help and get involved in community events/matters.  
  
1 member of the public left the meeting.
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 Edwards 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*  
  
**Chairman moved item 17 forward.**
17. **Co-option of new Cllr** – It was proposed by Cllr Steer to co-opt Emma Wearing as a Cllr for Gulworthy. Seconded by Cllr Hamilton and agreed by all. Emma Wearing signed the declaration of acceptance of office and joined the meeting.
5. **Minutes of previous meeting 175 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 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 LGA 1972 Sch 12 para 41(1).*  
**It was proposed by Cllr Hamilton to approve the minutes, seconded by Cllr Steer 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, follow up mtg with CDS with **Cllr Steer**. **Clerk** to change mobile supplier, submit devolution response, send Dalc planning course to Cllr

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Steer. **Cllr Edwards** to fix noticeboard and to plant new tree in cemetery with **Cllr Hamilton**. **Cllr Edwards and Lister** to change to new .gov.uk email address and update Clerk when done so.

## 7. Planning applications received to-date:

**7.1 Ref: 0421/25/PHH Proposal:** Application to determine if prior approval is required for proposed single storey rear extension 5.4m deep x 7.2m wide (2.70m high x 2.70m to eaves) Location: 24 Orchard Close Tavistock PL19 8HA – **Noted.**

## 7.2 Planning applications received after publication of this agenda

## 7.3 Planning appeals

**7.4 National planning guidance teams meeting** – 12 March 2025 at 5pm (Teams) – Cllr Royston will join from 5.30pm and Cllr Lister will try to join.

**8 DCC Cllr Sellis** – Apologised for missing a few PC meetings. She is still chasing up Devon CC to try and get the flashing school sign working again. Also looking into a 20mph zone outside the school. DCC have recently set their budget and are borrowing £50M. The recycling and household waste new centre has been delayed due to costs. The money needed for SEND is very costly. The Alexander centre in Tavistock is opening in September. Centre of Excellence of resource. Highways have taken £12M out of reserves to get more work done. The Locality budget is going to be reduced. Cllr Sellis is going to re-stand in May's elections. She also circulated a questionnaire.

## 9 9.WDBC Cllrs Saxby & Blackman – no report.

**10.Gulworthy Cllr reports – for information only – Cllr Lister** – It's been a long time since the flashing school light outside cemetery was working. There's still no broadband in Morwellham. **Cllr Steer** the fly tipping near Tyre and Wheel has now been collected. Tamar Community Trust are looking for trustees. Local WhatsApp group were saying they feel very ineffective in terms of broadband continual issues and state of the roads. **Cllr Royston** – Trustee at Ford Street almshouses on behalf of PC they are looking to do an extension to provide more income. The almshouses are expensive to maintain. Would like to talk to Bere Ferrers PC about planning decisions being refused on the grounds of being unsustainable.

**11.Burial ground** – Moles are still being monitored. The Landmark tree has been planted at the cemetery by the front bench along the wall by Cllr Edwards.

## 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 –

<b>Clerk expenses</b> WAH allowance £6.00p.w + mileage + expenses	<b>£57.30</b>
<b>Clerk February payroll</b>	<b>£373.92</b>
<b>HMRC Tax and NI for February 2025</b>	<b>£3.00</b>
<b>Gulworthy parish hall – March meeting – Inv to follow</b>	<b>£23.75</b>
<b>Gulworthy parish hall – extra charge for previous meeting(s)</b>	<b>£2.38</b>
<b>WesternWeb – new battery for Clerk laptop</b>	<b>£41.30</b>

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

12.2– Request for spending – none.

12.3 – Credits received - £24.27 interest credit – noted.

12.4 – Bank reconciliations - see separate RFO report provided (RFO No 176)

	<u>Paid Out</u>	<u>Paid In</u>	<u>Balance</u>
<b><u>Club, Charity &amp; Trust account (00298624)</u></b>			
Opening Balance as at 28 January 2025 b/fwd			<b>£4,958.52</b>
<u>Receipts</u>			
None		0.00	
<b><u>Expenditure:</u></b>			
<b><u>07/01/2025</u></b>			
Clerk expenses and pay	£420.52		
Hmrc	£3.00		
Gulworthy parish hall February meeting	£23.75		
Citizens Advice - grant	£100.00		
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>£547.27</b>		
<b>Balance on 25 February 2025</b>			<b>£4,411.25</b>

<b><u>Gulworthy Cemetery account (00020251)</u></b>			<b>£15,274.38</b>
Opening balance as at 28.01.2025			
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>			
05/02/2025 Elliott Groundcare – hedges and ecology	340.00		
<b><u>Credit receipts</u></b>			
10/02/2025 Credit interest		£18.57	
<b>Total credit</b>		<b>£18.57</b>	
<b>Balance on 25 February 2025</b>			<b>£14,952.95</b>
<b><u>Gulworthy Fundraising account (00035992)</u></b>			<b>£4,994.77</b>
Opening balance as at 28.01.2025			
<b><u>Credit receipts</u></b>			
10/02/2025 credit interest		£5.70	
<b>Balance on 25 February 2025</b>			<b>£5,000.47</b>

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**Combined balance £24,364.67**

**(No differences to the bank statements)**

**Proposed by Cllr Steer to approve the RFO report, seconded by Cllr Hamilton, agreed by all.**

**12.5 – Internet banking update** – Cllr Royston actioning.

**12.6 – Approval of internal auditor** – It was proposed by Cllr Lister to use Julie Snooks as the internal auditor. Seconded by Cllr Royston. Agreed by all.

**12.7 – Updated asset register sign off** – It was proposed by Cllr Royston to sign off the 2025 asset register (circulated to all). Seconded by Cllr Steer, agreed by all.

**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**

**14.1Police plus West Devon Matters (23 April 2025)** – Cllr Steer to attend remotely.

**14.2 Road signs** – Clerk to check with Grenofen

**14.3 Roundabout** – No update.

**15. Bus shelter Cllr Edwards and cleaning rota** – Clerk asked to ask Cllr Edwards to try and fit noticeboard before next meeting. Clerk to follow up on QR code. Cleaning rota to go on May/June agenda.

**16. Feedback from attendees at Village fete ref Gulworthy Parish (Cllr Royston) – No update.**

**17. Item brought forward. See page 1.**

**18. Format for annual parish meeting** – Cllr Royston to circulate final format. Clerk to bring milk, Cllr Steer and Cllr Wearing to make cakes, Cllr Royston tea and coffee and Cllr Lister alternative milks.

**19.Temporary traffic road closures\works** – None.

**Meeting closed at 9.29pm.**

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