

# ***Goodleigh Parish Council***

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2 April 2024 at 6:30pm at Goodleigh Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs N Thorne (Chairman), Mrs L Boyle, S Clarke, R Gulwell and Dr S Ley

**In Attendance:** 4 members of the public, Cllr M Prowse (NDC), Parish Clerk.

**122. Items from the public**

It was reported that the speed limit derestriction sign at the top of the village was obscured by overgrown vegetation. It was noted that this was the landowners responsibility, although DCC could take action and charge the landowner if necessary.

**123. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs A Davis (DCC).

**124. Approval of Minutes of meeting held 5 March 2024**

The Minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

**125. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Cllr Gulwell reported that the notice board would be repaired at the earliest opportunity, but that dry weather was required.

With regard to the new website, Cllr Gulwell requested that councillors gave some thought as to what information it should contain. The Clerk would provide details of information that was a legal requirement.

**126. Reports**

**1. District Councillor**

Cllr Prowse reported that the council had managed to balance its budget without the need to make any cuts to services.

The purchase of Green Lanes Shopping Centre had proved to be very successful, with income from rent and the car park more than covering costs. Several local companies had been able to move into the centre.

The tender for the work in Boutport Street had been let.

The council had secured a government grant of £3m to carry out improvements to Bridge Chambers to enable it to be used for cultural projects.

The council currently had 70-80 families in temporary accommodation. To help with this some more properties had been purchased.

**2. County Councillor**

No report received.

**127. Planning Applications**

78456 Erection of a covered farmyard manure store. Dean Farm Goodleigh

It was resolved to recommend approval.

**128. Honey Hill – Update**

Cllr Prowse reported that the council had visited the site in March. Another visit would be made, but that it was necessary to get a magistrate's warrant before this could be done.

**129. New Development – Update**

The developer was continuing to claim that the current approved plans were unviable, but this was a claim often submitted by developers throughout the country. Different options were being submitted, including an increase in the number of open market properties.

The council had requested the sight of the figures to substantiate the developer's claims.

**130. APM Reports**

To date no reports had been received.

**131. Playing Field**

So far it had not been possible to find a contractor to cut the playing field grass. Cllr Prowse offered to contact the contractor who cut the grass at Bratton Fleming to enquire if he was willing to do the work.

**132. Playground Bark**

It was noted that the bark in the play area needed raking and levelling.

The Play Area Safety Inspection Report had been received, it being noted that there was no immediate work that needed carrying out.

**133. New Defibrillator Pads**

The new defibrillator pads had been ordered, at a cost of £104, ex VAT, which would be paid by the parish council.

It was noted that the council currently had £95 set aside for the defibrillator, which would almost cover the cost.

**134. Correspondence Received**

1. DALC Newsletter. Noted.
2. Playground Inspection Report. Noted.

**135. Surface Water/Drains/Highways**

Despite some deep and dangerous potholes in the parish being reported to DCC, the response received had been that they did not meet the criteria to receive attention. Others had been reported, but had not been repaired including two large potholes near the bridge at the bottom of Chelfham hill.

**136. Matters from the Chairman**

As both the Parish Council and Village Hall Committee were in agreement with a car charging point to be installed in the car park, it was agreed to ask Cllr Mrs Davis for further details.

**137. Finance**

**1. Grants**

Nothing further to report.

**2. Payments**

North Devon Homes	£ 22.50	Cheque No. 1042
Goodleigh Village Hall	£ 10.00	Cheque No. 1043
Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£ 68.21	Cheque No. 1044
HMRC	£ 16.20	Cheque No. 1045
Rospa Playsafety	£ 93.60	Cheque No. 1046

The five accounts were approved for payment.

**138. Items for the next Agenda:**

New Defibrillator Pads; Play Bark; Playing Field.

**139. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 7 May 2024

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.25pm.

Signed .....

Chairman

Date .....