

Goodleigh Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2 July 2024 at Goodleigh Village Hall at 6.30pm

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

In Attendance: 3 members of the public.

16. Items from the Public.

1. A parishioner in Gunn complained about the condition of the road surface, and requested that it be resurfaced. He was advised to contact the County Councillor.
2. The hedge opposite Coombe Cottage was in need of attention. Cllr Dr Ley offered to contact Acorn Developments.

17. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Mrs A Davis (DCC), Cllr M Prowse (NDC).

18. Approval of Minutes of meeting held 7 May 2024.

The minutes were approved and signed as a true record.

19. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

It was not known if the new defibrillator pads had been fitted.

20. Reports

District Councillor

No report received.

County Councillor

A report had been received from Cllr Mrs Davis, and circulated to councillors.

21. Planning Application: if any.

None

22. Playing Field

The Chairman reported that he had cut the grass in the playing field twice, and that he had found someone to give it another cut.

It was agreed that Cllr Dr Ley should ask the school if they were willing to cut the grass, as the school was the main user of the playing field.

23. Playground

A quote for £18k had been received for new playground surface, which was considered to be more than the council could afford.

It was agreed that Cllr Clarke should explore the possibility of securing funding through the Postcode Lottery.

24. Website

Parish Online had quoted an annual cost £315 to set up and maintain a parish council website. A government grant of £100 was available for the first year, for which the company would submit a claim.

Upon receipt of the domain name, it would take approximately 3-4 weeks to set up.

It was agreed to proceed, and that the domain should be goodleighparishcouncil.gov.uk

25. Defibrillator

It was agreed that Cllr Thorne should check that the new pads had been fitted to the defibrillator.

26. 2024 Christmas Lunch

This year's Christmas Lunch will be on Saturday 14 December.

It was agreed that it would be necessary to determine any new residents that would be eligible to attend.

27. Correspondence Received.

None.

28. Surface Water/Drains/Highways.

It was reported that the road surface at Crow Hill had become very bad, and that it was dangerous for all users – walkers, cyclists, motorists, and horse riders.

29. Matters from the Chairman.

None.

30. Finance.

1. Adoption of Accounts

The accounts were agreed and adopted as a true record of the council’s financial affairs for 2023/2024.

2. Completion of Annual Audit Return.

1. It was unanimously agreed that the Certificate of Exemption should be signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
2. The Annual Governance Statement was completed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.
3. The Accounting Statement was agreed, and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

i. Payments

Goodleigh Village Hall	£ 60.00	Cheque No. 1053
Clerk’s Salary & Expenses	£ 67.92	Cheque No. 1054
Clerk’s Salary – July	£ 65.42	Cheque No. 1055
HMRC - June	£ 16.40	Cheque No. 1056
HMRC – July	£ 16.40	Cheque No. 1057
North Devon Homes	£ 7.50	Cheque No. 1058
Mr N Thorne – grass cutting	£200.00	Cheque No. 1059

The seven accounts were agreed for payment.

31. Items for the next Agenda.

Defibrillator; Christmas Lunch.

32. Date of the next meeting: 6 August 2024

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.20pm.

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

Signed
Chairman

Date