

Goodleigh Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3 October 2023 at 6:30pm at Goodleigh Village Hall

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

In Attendance: 21 members of the public, Parish Clerk.

72. Items from the public

None.

73. Apologies

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

74. Approval of Minutes of meeting held 5 September 2023

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

75. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

76. Reports

1. District Councillor

None – District Councillor not present.

2. County Councillor

North Devon Link Road

The North Devon Link Road will be partially closed for a month from Wednesday 11 October to allow essential maintenance work to go ahead.

As part of Devon County Council's ongoing scheme to upgrade the A361, contractor Griffiths needs to excavate the road in a number of areas to waterproof five major structures beneath the highway. Drainage improvements, safety barrier replacement and resurfacing will also be undertaken at the same time.

The work will require the closure of the westbound carriageway (Tiverton to Barnstaple) of the A361 between North Aller roundabout and Landkey roundabout, for a month.

Traffic heading to Barnstaple will be diverted onto the C783 to travel through Filleigh, Swimbridge and Landkey.

On-street parking in these villages on the diversion route will have to be restricted during this period to help maintain traffic flow. The diversion route will be regularly monitored.

There will be a separate diversion route available for HGVs and abnormal loads heading westbound (Tiverton to Barnstaple) to reduce the number of large vehicles travelling through the villages. This will be signed via the B3227 and A377.

The eastbound carriageway (Barnstaple to Tiverton) will remain fully open to traffic throughout this phase of work.

Up to £10k grants available to help tackle crime and antisocial behaviour

The Police and Crime commissioner has launched a fund aimed at tackling crime and anti social behaviour, the grant scheme is being delivered in partnership with Devon Community Foundation and aims to benefit small and medium sized organisations whose work contributes to the Commissioners Police and Crime Plan.

To apply: devoncf.com/grants/PCC-grants

Snow Wardens

Gentle reminder to order any salt you need, the colder weather will soon be upon us. You may need to update contact details if there has been any change in who your snow warden is, with an election earlier this year I am aware we may have forgotten to talk about this during the summer. Grit bins should be filled but if you would check just in case that would be really helpful, if they need filling the link is below;

Grit Bins map – Road and Transport (devon.gov.uk)

77. Planning

1. Applications:

77567 Removal of condition 4 (holiday let accommodation only) attached to planning permission 40049 to allow for residential lets. The Byre Cross Farm Goodleigh.

The council had no objection to the application.

[This application was subsequently withdrawn](#)

77678 Outline application for erection of 4no. self/custom build dwellings, including consideration of access, with all other matters reserved. Land at Coombe Cross OSGR 259616 134113 Goodleigh

It was agreed to recommend that the application was refused.

Concerns were raised over the access:

- It was considered that it was inadequate to serve the proposed four properties.
- The turn from the main road was considered to be too tight a turn for large vehicles.
- The access was also onto a road leading to the church and school which becomes very busy with both vehicles and pedestrians at school time.

Including the access to a new development on the opposite side of the road, this development will result in three roads joining the main village street at the same point. The presence of the new development has been omitted from this application.

It was noted that the application contained a number of inaccuracies, including the fact that the nearest bus stop for public transport is over half a mile away along an unlit road with no pavement."

77694 Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 75131 (expansion of enterprise park (phase 2) forming a series of 8 new industrial units of various sizes for rental (amended plans)) to allow reduction in number of units. Tree Beech Rural Enterprise Park Gunn Barnstaple.

It was agreed to recommend approval, subject to the existing conditions would still apply, and that the landscaping would be enforced.

[The application was subsequently considered to be invalid, and had been withdrawn.](#)

78. Community Speedwatch

Those who had volunteered to join the scheme would soon be receiving the necessary training.

79. Christmas Lunch

Enough helpers had been found to enable the lunch to be held on Saturday 9 December. The shopping for the event was almost complete. The invitations had been printed, and the 'to do' list updated. Volunteers were still needed to cook the turkey crowns.

80. Playing Field

The Chairman reported that the Playing Field needed cutting again, which he would do. Due to the present contractor failing to cut the grass this year, a new one was needed for 2024. It was agreed to seek quotes for cutting the grass monthly, for seven months.

81. Correspondence Received

DALC Newsletter. Noted.

82. Surface Water/Drains/Highways

It was reported that the drain at Coombe Cross was blocked. The A361 Link Road was due to be closed in one direction for a month. This would result in additional traffic through the village.

83. Matters from the Chairman

None.

84. Finance

1. Application for Grant

Goodleigh United Church, towards upkeep of churchyard.

It was agreed to make a grant of £600.

2. Payments

Goodleigh Village Hall – hire (Aug)	£ 30.00
Clerk’s Salary & Expenses	£ 66.52
HMRC	£ 16.40
Dr S Ley	£264.52

The four accounts were approved for payment.

85. Items for the next Agenda:

Community Speedwatch; Christmas Lunch; Playing Field.

86. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7 November 2023

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

Signed

Chairman

Date