

# *Goodleigh Parish Council*

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5 September 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:** 1 member of the public, Cllr M Prowse (NDC), Cllr Mrs A Davis (DCC), Parish Clerk.

**58. Items from the public**

None.

**59. Apologies**

No apologies for absence were received.

**60. Approval of Minutes of meeting held 1 August 2023**

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

**61. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

Emails of complaint and photographs of vehicles using the old entrance to the development site at Coombe Cross had been sent to the planning department.

**62. Reports**

**1. District Councillor**

Cllr Prowse reported that consultation on a new dog order had opened on the NDC website.

The council was considering setting up a lottery to help small charities and organisations.

The Local Plan would soon be reviewed, but whilst NDC wanted only a partial review, Torrington DC were pressing for a complete review.

The District Valuer had studied the latest planning application for the development at Coombe Cross, and had disagreed with the claim from Acorn that it would be unviable without the removal of the affordable homes element.

The planning department was looking at the unauthorised work carried out at Snapper, and considered the access to the site to be unsuitable.

**2. County Councillor**

**Free Tree Scheme 2023/2024**

This year, Devon County Council are offering free tree packs to landowners and communities within Devon, for the fifth consecutive year. Each free tree pack will contain 45 trees comprising three types of native broadleaved tree commonly found throughout Devon.

There are currently plenty of schemes and initiatives encouraging landowners and communities within Devon to plant native broadleaved trees. Doing so will help replace the vast number of ash trees that are now dying through ash dieback, as well as supporting wildlife, enhancing our landscapes for people to enjoy, and helping to reduce greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change.

Last year, Devon County Council gave away 150 packs of free trees to landowners across Devon, thanks to the Emergency Tree Fund.

Are you eligible?

If you have a field corner or another area where you would like to establish a small copse, linear woodland or extend an existing woodland, you can apply for a free tree pack. In previous years free packs of 45 saplings containing oak, birch and rowan trees have been supplied to eligible landowners. To give trees enough space to develop a good crown and grow to maturity, we advise planting at 3m random spacings, which requires an area of approximately 400m sq. (e.g. 20m x 20m) for 45 trees.

How to make an application:

To apply, please complete our online form by 27<sup>th</sup> of September 2023. This is the deadline that would enable tree packs to be delivered in time for you to plant in National Tree Week (25<sup>th</sup> of November – 3<sup>rd</sup> of December). Applications after this date would be subject to availability. You will be notified if you have been successful before the end of October 2023 and your tree pack will be dispatched to you on a date confirmed by the tree nursery we appoint.

If you are interested in the scheme, please do not delay applying. In previous years, the scheme has been extremely popular and highly oversubscribed.

**Growing Communities fund**

This DCC grant aims to help local groups and organisations become more resilient and help those in the communities cope with financial pressures. Groups that are encouraged to apply include those who bring communities together for meaningful activities and social interaction, offer people a warm, safe haven or alleviate food poverty. The aim is to build self reliance and resilience within a community.

**Rural Give Way marking project**

This project is aiming to remark all the rural Give-Way and Stop markings across the whole of the County. In addition to simply remarking them DCC are using a more robust product that will improve the life-expectancy and lead to a lower whole life cost and reduced carbon cost.

There are approximately 6,000 rural Give-Way markings that will be treated. For your information there is another 1,500 in our market and coastal towns. The project is estimated to take 4-5 years to complete.

Lining works to include:

To remove existing markings and refresh

- single dashed white lines
- double dashed white lines
- stop lines
- give way triangles
- up to 5 centre lines from the junction

**63. Planning Application**

77418 Variation of condition 2 (plans) attached to planning permission 74874 (Redevelopment of dwelling to include part demolition, extensions and alterations to roof ) to allow design changes to the front of the property. Little Cross Road From Goodleigh Cross To Lower Davis Farm Goodleigh.

It was resolved to recommend approval.

**64. Community Speedwatch**

Cllr Gulwell reported that he was still waiting for a response from the police in order to move the project forward.

**65. Christmas Lunch**

Due to the fact that most of the councillors were away on 9 December, it was suggested moving the lunch to the first Saturday in January. It was felt that unless more help could be found, it would be too much work for the available councillors.

It was agreed to determine what help would be available in December before making a decision.

**66. Correspondence Received**

1. DALC Newsletter. Noted.
2. South West Water were proposing to close the road from Coombe Cross to Dean Cross between 27 November and 1 December, subject to approval from DCC. The closure was necessary to complete utility works between Dean Farm and Brayleys.

**67. Surface Water/Drains/Highways**

No problems reported.

**68. Matters from the Chairman**

There had been problems this year in getting the grass in the playing field cut. Despite trying to contact the contractor on a number of occasions, no response had been received. This had resulted in Cllr Thorne cutting the grass twice already, with another cut due soon. It was agreed to try make contact with the contractor once more. If no response was received, it would be necessary to employ another contractor.

**69. Finance**

**1. Payments**

Goodleigh Village Hall	£30.00	Cheque No.1012
Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£68.72	Cheque No. 1013
HMRC	£16.40	Cheque No 1016
Dr S Ley (Christmas Lunch)	£23.31	Cheque No.1015

The four accounts were approved for payment.

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

Playing Field; Christmas Lunch; Community Speedwatch.

**71. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3 October 2023**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date .....