

Goodleigh Parish Council

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

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

In Attendance: 7 members of the public, Cllr Mrs A Davis (DCC), Parish Clerk.

102. Items from the public

Parishioners expressed their dis-satisfaction with the change of date of the January meeting. The Chairman explained that the date of the meeting had reverted to the first Tuesday of the month due to the unavailability of the clerk and councillors on 11 January which would have rendered the meeting inquorate. It was agreed in future to advertise any last minute change on the village facebook page.

It was noted that it was difficult to read the notices in the notice board owing to the Perspex becoming obscure. It was agreed to replace the Perspex. Cllr Gulwell agreed to obtain prices.

103. Apologies

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs Mrs J Morris, Dr S Ley and Cllr M Prowse (NDC).

When sending her apologies for not being able to attend this evening's meeting, Cllr Mrs Morris tendered her resignation from the council, for family reasons.

104. Approval of Minutes of meeting held 2 January 2024

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

105. Matters Arising from the last Minutes

None.

106. Reports

1. District Councillor

Cllr Prowse reported that he was a bit concerned about the Acorn position re viability. Initially the District Valuer dismissed their report and said the permission was a viable option. The officer who dealt with this at the DV has retired and the agents for Acorn have re-opened the debate with other officers at the DVO. He was concerned that Acorn's arguments and continually adding new information and arguments may be gaining some traction, although the planning department were not convinced. He had insisted that his call-in stayed in place and had asked for an update in the next fortnight.

2. County Councillor

Call for sites: EV charging at Parish and Community car parks in Devon

Devon County Council (DCC) have been provisionally allocated £7m by the Department for Transport's Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) fund, and are working with district councils and others to develop the project. This project will enable Devon local authorities to deliver chargepoints across the county over coming years in parish and community car parks, local authority car parks, and on-street locations.

DCC are now seeking Parish Councils and community groups interested in hosting an Electric Vehicle charging point in a car park they own. We understand that many Parish, Town Hall, and Community Hall car parks are owned by community trusts, and these sites will also be eligible. If you are interested in hosting an EV chargepoint please complete the form linked below. DCC will then assess the sites and provide feedback and further details. An outline of the proposed chargepoint type, car park requirements, and proposed delivery approach is included in the link. At this stage, there is no binding commitment needed to the project by parish councils or community groups as this is only a call for sites. To find out more and complete the form, please visit: <https://forms.gle/Y72qpbDrm85tBGiX7>

Grit bins and information about gritting routes

With the colder weather we can expect to be using the grit bins, if you find a bin which needs filling there is an easy to use grit bin map on the website, just click on the icon and ask for it to be filled, damaged bins can also be reported here.

There is a map of the gritting routes in Devon but I would advise that when out driving in icy conditions to treat all roads as if they haven't been gritted as it needs friction for the grit to work. Grit Bins map – Road and Transport (devon.gov.uk)

Highway defects

Following the recent cold weather we can expect an increase in potholes, please would you report any you come across at Report a pothole - Devon County Council

Drainage issues; Report standing water, flooding or blocked drains - Roads and transport (devon.gov.uk)

You will see on the website there are other highway categories such as fallen trees etc.

Highway emergency number is: 0345 155 1004 (If you are reporting an emergency that is very likely to present an imminent threat to life or serious injury or serious damage to property)

107. Planning Applications

78210 Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling and associated infrastructure. The Yard Easterwood Goodleigh

It was agreed to recommend approval.

78188 Reduction in Phase 2 works from 8 units to 2 units. Tree Beech Rural Enterprise Park Gunn.

The council had no objection to the application, and recommended that it be approved. In submitting the response, it was agreed to include concerns raised by local residents:

That the original drainage plan with attenuation tanks and proper drainage conditions as per application 75131 are included. There were only vague references to drainage in this application.

The environmental/ecological and landscaping conditions be included as per application 75131.

Conditions be imposed to prevent light pollution from the roof lights and windows.

108. Website

It was noted that the website was showing as being suspended, although the reason was not known. It had not been possible to contact the person who had been maintaining the website.

The clerk stated that it was a requirement for council's to have a website.

Cllr Gulwell knew of someone who may be able to design a new website, and was willing to contact him.

This was agreed.

109. Playing Field

Item deferred to the next meeting.

110. Correspondence Received

DALC Newsletter. Noted.

An email had been forwarded by a parishioner from a resident in Stoke Rivers concerned about the length of time it was taken to evict the occupiers of Honey Hill, accusing the planning department of inaction, and suggesting that the council take the matter to the ombudsman.

It was known that NDC had taken the occupiers to court, but they were still refusing to move.

It was agreed that no action should be taken until an update had been received from Cllr Prowse.

111. Surface Water/Drains/Highways

It was reported that the road hedge at the development site was overgrown, and was forcing motorists into the middle of the road. It was agreed to contact the developer, asking them to cut the hedge.

112. Matters from the Chairman

None.

113. Finance

1. Grants

Deferred until the next meeting.

2. Payments

Goodleigh Village Hall	£ 95.00	Cheque No.1033
Goodleigh Village Hall - January meeting	£ 30.00	Cheque No.1034
North Devon Council – emptying dog bins	£117.00	Cheque No.1035
North Devon Homes	£ 7.50	Cheque No.1036
Clerk’s Salary & Expenses	£ 67.92	Cheque No.1037
HMRC	£ 16.40	Cheque No.1038
Goodleigh Village Hall (replacement of cheque no.1029)	£ 30.00	Cheque No.1039

The seven accounts were approved for payment

114. Items for the next Agenda:

Website; Honey Hill, New Development; Grants; Playing Field.

115 . Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5 March 2024

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.10pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date