

Goodleigh Parish Council

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

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

In Attendance: 4 members of the public, Cllr M Prowse (NDC), Cllr Mrs A Davis (DCC), Parish Clerk.

33. Items from the public

1. An overgrown road hedge was reported. It was understood that this was owned by the Diocese of Exeter. Clerk to contact their agents in Barnstaple.
2. Concern was raised over the appearance of the village, and whether it would be possible to encourage residents to take a pride in the village. It was suggested that this could start with a litter pick.
3. A request was made to extend the 30mph speed limit at the Gunn end of the village. Cllr Mrs Davis offered to make enquiries. She would also enquire into the possibility of funding being available towards the cost of an interactive speed sign.

34. Co-option of Parish Councillor

Mr & Mrs Underwood expressed an interest in being co-opted as councillors to fill the two vacancies that existed. They were both thanked for their interest.

Cllr Thorne proposed that they should both be co-opted. All councillors were in agreement.

Mr & Mrs Underwood took their place on the council.

35. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dr S Ley.

36. Approval of Minutes of meeting held 2 July 2024

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

37. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Min. 23. A broken swing seat had been removed. It was agreed that it should be replaced.
Cllr Clarke reported that he had contacted the National Lottery regarding possible funding, and had been advised that the council/project was eligible for a grant. It was agreed that Cllr Clarke should proceed with the application.

Min. 24. The Clerk reported that work on the new website was progressing. It was agreed that the Chairman should have a generic email address linked to the website.

38. Reports

1. District Councillor

Cllr Prowse reported that the new National Planning Framework would require a target 700 – 1300 new homes annually. This may involve the provision of a new settlement in north Devon.

The council currently had 75 temporary accommodation units, all of which were occupied. Housing had become a serious problem in the area.

New activity was reported at Honey Hill. Cllr Prowse said that he would report the matter to Planning Enforcement, and report on the current situation.

2. County Councillor

Winter Woes

At the time of writing it is a warm August day but all too soon we will be back in the colder months. With the announcement that pensioners will not be receiving a winter fuel allowance this year I am concerned that there will be more people worried about turning on the heating in the area, especially as a lot of us have no access to gas.

To check if you are eligible for pension credit, below is the link to the Pension credit claim form; gov.uk/pension-credit/how-to-claim

Alternatively, it is also worth looking at the Rural Devon Citizens advice webpages or calling them on the number below.

North Devon Citizens advice; www.ruraldevoncab.org.uk Telephone; 08082 787999

Mobile Boost Scheme

The Mobile Boost scheme has been hugely popular and it's extremely rewarding to hear from people that it's made such a difference to their business or their daily lives. People in some rural

areas continue to struggle with their mobile signal and I know there are many in Combe Martin rural area. There is new funding support will enable more people to benefit from improved connectivity,

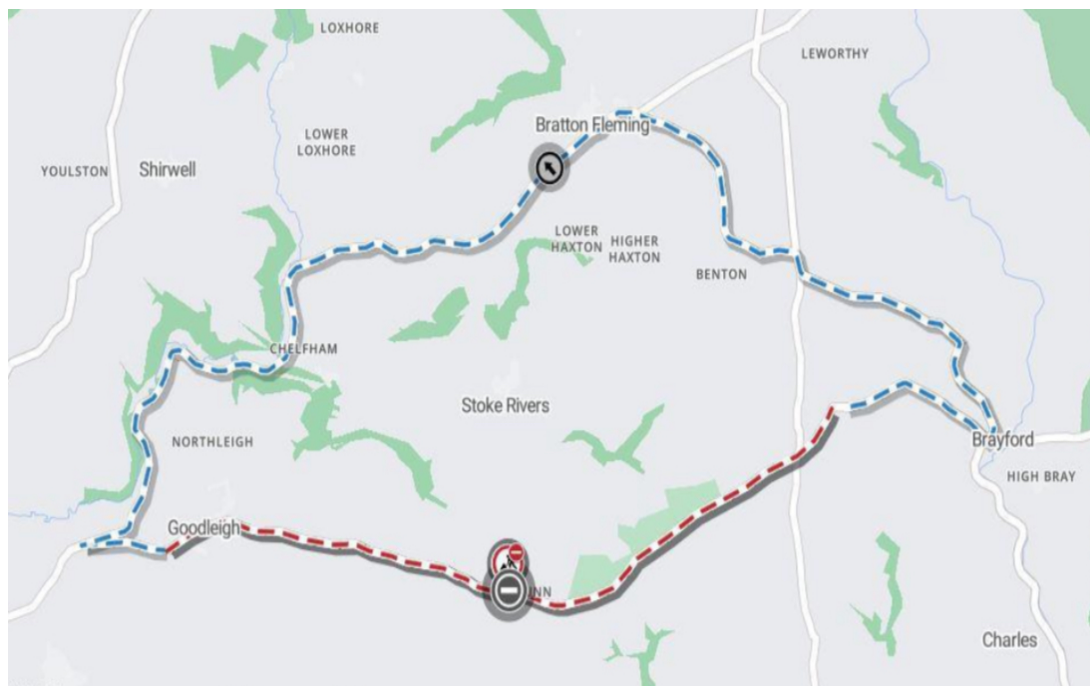
<https://www.connectingdevonandsomerset.co.uk/better-connection/mobile-boost-voucher-scheme/mobile-boost-voucher-scheme-guide/>

The latest round of the scheme will continue to enable businesses and residents in Somerset, Devon, Torbay and Plymouth to apply for a voucher of up to £1,300 towards the cost of a mobile signal booster from a number of registered suppliers. Applicants have to pay towards the cost of installation themselves.

Road Closure reminder;

Devon Highways will be carrying out patching works on the Road from Coombe Cross to Dean Cross, Goodleigh, between Thursday 15th – Thursday 29th August 2024.

Due to the nature of the works a road closure is required and the diversionary route for traffic will be signposted and advance signs will also be placed on the Highway. Emergency access will be maintained, as well as access for residents. Please see the road closure and works area highlighted in red on the map below, there will be a signed diversion route which is shown on the map in blue. Drivers with local knowledge will be able to use alternative side roads but these will not be publicly advertised for safety.



39. Planning Applications

78867 Single story extension. Jade Folly Goodleigh

Since the preparation of the agenda, the application had been approved.

40. Defibrillator

No update was available.

41. 2024 Christmas Lunch

Item deferred to the next meeting.

42. Correspondence Received

An email had been received from a resident of Longland Close complaining of large trees overing theirs and a neighbours fence, blocking light and posing a safety risk.

As the parish council did not own the land there was no action that it could take, apart from advising the resident to contact the landowner, whether that was a neighbour or North Devon Homes.

It was noted that the resident had a right to remove any branches overhanging their property.

43. Surface Water/Drains/Highways

Blocked drains were reported in Combe Close. Cllr Mrs Davis said that she would investigate and report the matter.

44. Matters from the Chairman

The Chairman reported that he had given the playing field another cut since the last meeting.

45. Finance

1. Payments

Goodleigh Village Hall - May	£ 30.00	Cheque No.1060
NDC – Emptying Dog Bins	£123.08	Cheque No.1061
Mrs J Snooks – Internal Audit	£190.00	Cheque No.1062
Clerk’s Salary & Expenses	£ 69.18	Cheque No.1063
HMRC	£ 16.40	Cheque No.1064
HMRC (Oct-Dec 23 – replacement cheque)	£ 49.20	Cheque No.1065
Goodleigh Village Hall – Jul	£ 30.00	Cheque No.1066

The seven accounts were approved for payment.

46. Items for the next Agenda:

Defibrillator; Christmas Lunch; Play Area; Internet Banking.

47. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3 September 2024

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.34pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date