

# *Goodleigh Parish Council*

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15 June 2023 at 6:30pm at Goodleigh Village Hall

**Present:** Cllrs N Thorne (Chairman), R Gulwell, Dr S Ley and Mrs J Morris.

**In Attendance:** 20 members of the public, Cllr M Prowse (NDC), Parish Clerk.

**15. Items from the public**

None.

**16. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Clarke and Cllr Mrs A Davis (DCC)

**17. Approval of Minutes of meeting held 23 May 2023**

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

**18. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None.

**19. Co-option of Parish Councillors**

It was noted that there were currently three vacancies on the council which needed to be filled by co-option.

**20. Reports**

**1. District Councillor**

Cllr Prowse reported that the various posts at the District Council had been allocated. He retained the role of Lead Member for Regeneration, Economic Development and Planning.

Meetings had taken place with Torridge District Council regarding the joint Local Plan.

The council had retained some joint party working since the May election.

**2. County Councillor**

None – County Councillor not present.

**21. Extension of Speed Limit**

In tendering her apologies for this evening's meeting Cllr Mrs Davis had noted that any extension to the 30mph area had to go through a team of consisting of Police and highway safety officers and that there was a policy which it had to comply with. It was a very lengthy and expensive process

**22. Planning Applications:**

77068 Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 64973 (The erection of 17 dwellings, junior playing pitch, public open space, footway links to the village hall and Coombe Farm County Wildlife Site, 20 community use car parking, and associated drainage and landscaping infrastructure (Amended plans)) to allow amended plans for the alteration of two dwellings (plots 5 and 6) from semi-detached to detached units. Meadow Drive Goodleigh

It was noted that the layout and footprint detailed in this application is significantly different from the plans attached to planning application 64973, which was the basis for this council having no objection.

Although included in the description of application 77068, the latest plans did not show the play area or car parking spaces. Given that the layout and size of the housing element of this application appear to have changed, it was agreed to request confirmation that the other elements remain exactly the same as shown on the original plans, and had not changed in layout, location or size.

It was strongly agreed recommend that the application be refused.

77143 Notice of an application to modify planning obligations under regulation 3 of the T & C P (modification & discharge of planning obligations) Regulations 1992 in respect of the removal of the affordable housing obligations on the grounds of scheme viability (planning permission 64973), Land at Combe Cross Goodleigh.

It was noted that the main reason that the community and Parish Council accepted application 64973 was that it contained five affordable dwellings. With the removal of this element, the development is totally unacceptable to the parish.

It was considered that the developer had been fully aware of the provision of affordable homes from the outset, and therefore the council could see no reason for their removal. It was agreed to strongly request that the developer’s claim that the affordable homes would render the development unviable be stringently examined.

It was agreed to very strongly recommend that this application be refused.

**23. Community Speedwatch**

More names were needed before it would be possible to form a group.

**24. Correspondence Received**

- 1. DALC Newsletter. Noted.
- 2. Letter from a parishioner regarding a right of way over the Private Road past the development site. This had been circulated to councillors, and was noted.

**25. Surface Water/Drains/Highways**

It was noted that the road between Goodleigh Cross and the village had recently been closed, with no prior notification given. It was agreed to contact Cllr Mrs Davis for more details. A pothole was reported between Dean Cottages and Middle Dean. Then road surface through Snapper was in a poor condition. There was still a number of blocked drains through the village.

**26. Matters from the Chairman**

None.

**27. Finance**

**1. Payments**

Goodleigh Village Hall – hire for April meeting	£30.00	Cheque No. 998
Goodleigh Village Hall – hire for May meeting	£30.00	Cheque No. 999
Clerk’s Salary & Expenses	£67.62	Cheque No. 1000
HMRC	£16.40	Cheque No. 1001
Mrs E Harding (fabric for play area)	£48.00	Cheque No. 1002

The five accounts were approved for payment.

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

Community Speedwatch; Co-option of Parish Councillors

**29. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 4 July 2023**

Cllr Thorne gave his apologies for being unable to attend the next meeting.

There being no further business, the chairman declared the meeting closed.

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date .....