

Goodleigh Parish Council

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

Present: Cllrs A Seaford (Chairman), S Clarke, R Gulwell Mrs C Karniewicz, Mrs J Norris and N Thorne.
Cllr Dr Ley joined the meeting via Teams

In Attendance: 10 members of the public, Parish Clerk.

124. Items from the public

It was noted that the Tree Beech Planning Application had been approved.

The Parish Council and local residents were disappointed that no notification of the planning committee meeting had been received, thereby not having the opportunity to attend the meeting,

It was agreed that the parish council should enquire why no such notification had been received, as had been the normal procedure in the past.

Appreciation was shown by those who had attended the Christmas Lunch. Comments were made on how well organised and enjoyable it had been.

125. Apologies

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

126. Approval of Minutes of meeting held 6 December 2022

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

127. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

128. Reports

1. District Councillor

None – District Councillor not present.

2. County Councillor

None – County Councillor not present.

129. Planning

1. Applications:

76384 Conversion of Methodist Church to form 1 no holiday unit. Goodleigh Methodist Church Goodleigh

Both councillors and local residents had serious concerns over the lack of off-road parking for the proposed holiday unit. Parking was already a major problem in that part of the village, made worse by the fact that it was on a cross-roads, and no footpath.

It was agreed to recommend refusal of the application due to the lack of parking, and the lack of privacy for neighbouring properties from the upstairs windows of the conversion.

The council did not consider it to appropriate to convert the building into a residential unit without the adequate provision of parking space.

130. Development Site

It was agreed that it was now necessary to begin to make a move on the Northleigh Hill Playing Field, for which it would be necessary to have the agreement of the United Reform Church, as there was a covenant on the site.

It was agreed to obtain a copy of the Conveyance. Mr Gockmann thought that he may have an electronic copy, which he would forward to the Clerk.

131. Christmas Lunch

The Lunch had raised £266 from the raffle and donations, which almost covered the total expenditure. It was noted that everything had run very smoothly. Some of the residents from Gunn had been sorry in not being able to attend, but had donated raffle prizes.

132. New Gateway in Hedge

No clarification had been received. It was noted that a fence had been erected across the opening.

133. Community Speedwatch

It was noted that this would help in the application for a 20mph speed limit in the village. It was agreed that it would need someone to lead the Speedwatch Team. Mr Gockmann was willing to advise, but was not able to be party of the team.

It was agreed to place an item of the village facebook page.

134. Correspondence Received

1. Notification of a Road Closure between 8.30am and 3.30pm on Monday 30 March between Coombe Cross and Dean Cross. Noted.
2. Copy of a letter from a parishioner to the planning department claiming serious blunders made by the department when considering a planning application. To be circulated to councillors.

135. Surface Water/Drains/Highways

It was reported that there were still several blocked drains in the village

136. Matters from the Chairman

None.

137. Finance

1. Payments

Goodleigh Village Hall – hire for meeting	£ 30.00	Cheque No. 973
Clerk’s Salary & Expenses	£ 66.37	Cheque No. 674
HMRC	£ 16.40	Cheque No. 678
Dr S Ley – Christmas Lunch	£ 78.08	Cheque No. 676
D & I Bridgman & Sons Ltd - fencing	£675.17	Cheque No. 677

The five accounts were approved for payment.

138. Items for the next Agenda:

Ideas for Celebrating the Coronation

139. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7 February 2023

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

Signed
Chairman

Date