

Goodleigh Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5 November 2024 at 6:30pm at Goodleigh Village Hall

Present: Cllrs N Thorne (Chairman), Ms L Boyle, S Clarke, R Gulwell, Dr S Ley, Dr F Underwood and R Underwood.

In Attendance: 3 members of the public, Parish Clerk.

79. Items from the public

1. A request was received for help towards the cost of paint to tidy up the bus shelter.
2. Longland Close residents requested support from the council in their bid for North Devon Homes to carry out work to the overgrown trees.
3. Thanks were extended to DCC for the repairs to the road that had been carried out recently.
4. The Village Hall Committee requested information on what was needed to be included on the parish council website.

80. Apologies

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

81. Approval of Minutes of meeting held 1 October 2024

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

82. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

83. Reports

1. District Councillor

When tendering his apologies Councillor Prowse had reported that a new enforcement notice was being served on the owners of Honey Hill for a subterranean structure.

2. County Councillor

A written report had been received from Cllr Mrs Davis, and had been circulated to councillors.

84. Planning Applications

79229 Repair and renovation of existing buildings to include a link corridor to connect building 4 & 5 together with part change of use to provide a sui generis catering facility, accommodation block and heritage centre, whilst retaining the C2 Use Class as a residential adult training and wellbeing retreat centre. Chelfham Mill School Goodleigh.

There were no objections to the application, which was recommended for approval.

79246 Reinstatement/rebuild of collapsed agricultural storage building. Boglands Land adjacent Riversmead Snapper

It was agreed to recommend that the application is refused.

In view of recent work on the site, it was questioned whether the building would be used for agriculture, and whether this need had been established.

85. 2024 Christmas Lunch

It was reported that some items had been bought for the lunch, which was to be held on 14 December. Other organisations were being contacted for help.

86. Play Area

No response had been received regarding the application for funding from the National Lottery.

87. Website

The Clerk agreed to contact the Village Hall committee regarding information to be placed on the website.

88. Correspondence Received

NDC – The government had launched a consultation into resume allowing councillors to attend meetings remotely, and to allow proxy voting. It was agreed to respond in favour of the proposal.

89. Surface Water/Drains/Highways

It was reported that 20 November was to be a National Speedwatch day. The Goodleigh group would be joining other groups throughout the country in carrying out speed checks on that day.

It was reported that a number of household had cleared the road/pavement in front of their properties to make the village tidier.

90. Grass Cutting

Cllr Thorne reported that he had mown the Playing Field grass again.

He had not yet had the opportunity of speaking to the local contractor who had expressed an interest in cutting the grass next year,

91. Matters from the Chairman

It was agreed to pay the cost of the paint to decorate the bus shelter..

It was agreed that the council should send a letter to North Devon Homes in support of the requests by local residents, but before this could be done more information was required. It was agreed that the residents should be invited to attend the next meeting.

92. Finance

1. To Agree Budget and Set Precept for 2025/2026

The draft budget was unanimously agreed.

In order to finance the additional work being undertaken by the council, and an increase in costs, it was unanimously agreed that it would be necessary to increase the Precept from £4400 to £7000.

It was agreed to enquire whether National Grid would release the Wayleave in favour of a one-off payment.

2. Payments

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| Goodleigh Village Hall | £ 30.00 | Cheque No. 1077 |
| NDC – Emptying Dog Bins | £123.08 | Cheque No. 1078 |
| Clerk’s Salary & Expenses | £ 66.67 | Cheque No.1079 |
| HMRC | £ 16.40 | Cheque No. 1080 |
| Dr S Ley – Christmas Lunch costs | £ 99.50 | Cheque No. 1081 |

The five accounts were approved for payment.

93. Items for the next Agenda:

Christmas Lunch; Play Area; Grass Cutting; North Devon Homes; Website.

94. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 3 December 2024

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

Signed

Chairman

Date