

Goodleigh Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3 December 2024 at 6:30pm at Goodleigh Village Hall

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

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

95. Items from the public

It was reported that the Community bus was commencing a fortnightly service on Thursdays.

96. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr R Gulwell and Cllr Mrs A Davis (DCC).

97. Approval of Minutes of meeting held 5 November 2024

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

98. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

99. Reports

1. District Councillor

Cllr Prowse reported that NDC were maintaining a five year land supply for housing. Work on the Local Plan had paused following the government's proposal to increase the annual house building target from 720 to 1300.

The Devolution White Paper had been expected that day. The government was likely to look at making Devon a unitary council, abolishing the County and District Councils.

The council had secured £800,000 to help with creating Community Land Trusts, which was the best way to provide affordable homes.

Work on the Bear Street/Queen Street car park was progressing. When complete this would be renamed ad the Central Car Park.

Enforcement and legal action was continuing on the unauthorised work at Honey Hill.

2. County Councillor

The County Councillor's report had been circulated to councillors and placed on the website.

100. Planning Applications

No new applications had been received.

101. 2024 Christmas Lunch

All the shopping for the food etc was complete.

Everything was in hand for the lunch on 4 December.

102. North Devon Homes

No further information available.

103. Play Area

The grant of £18000 from the National Lottery had been secured. Cllr Clarke was thanked for all his work.

It was agreed to place the letter on the website.

It was agreed to meet on site to plan the necessary work.

It was agreed to enquire if North Devon Homes would agree to transfer the freehold of the play area to the parish council.

104. Website

Details for the Village Hall section was awaited.

105. Correspondence Received

1. NDC were asking Parish Councils if they would like any change, either by merging with another parish, or amending the boundary. The review would take place after the May election of County Councillors. Changes to the number of councillors were also invited. It was agreed not to request any changes.

106. Surface Water/Drains/Highways

A number of blocked drains were reported, although drainage work had between carried out between Goodleigh and Gunn.

107. Grass Cutting

No progress had yet been made.

108. Matters from the Chairman

None.

109. Finance

1. Payments

Goodleigh Village Hall	£ 33.00	Cheque No. 1082
Gallagher Insurance	£694.02	Cheque No. 1083
Clerk's Salary & Expenses	£ 83.77	Cheque No. 1084
HMRC	£ 16.40	Cheque No. 1085
Dr S Ley (Christmas Lunch)	£163.60	Cheque No. 1086

The five accounts were approved for payment.

110. Items for the next Agenda:

Christmas Lunch; North Devon Homes- Play Area; Grass Cutting

111. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7 January 2025

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:10pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date