

# ***Goodleigh Parish Council***

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 4 February 2025 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.

**128. Items from the public**

The Planning Dept at NDC had been advised that a number of containers had been placed on site at Tree Beech. It was understood that the enforcement officer would be making a visit.

**129. Apologies**

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

**130. Approval of Minutes of meeting held 7 January 2025**

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

**131. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

None.

**132. Reports**

**1. District Councillor**

None – District Councillor not present.

**2. County Councillor**

A report had been received from Cllr Mrs Davis, which had been circulated to councillors and placed on the council's website:

**Free school meals**

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 at state schools in England automatically get free school meals. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to apply for free school meals when they enrol their child in school, as this can help their child's school to attract additional '[pupil premium](#)' funding to support learning.

From year 3 onwards, children whose parents are getting any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods).
- Income Support (IS).
- Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA).
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (IRESA).
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income that does not exceed £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on (the payment you get for a further 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).

School children living on their own (16-19 year olds) who receive a qualifying benefit in their own right can also get free school meals.

**How to apply**

Apply through the [Devon Citizens Portal](#). This is the quickest and easiest way to apply and will result in you getting an instant decision. Alternatively, call the Education Helpline on 0345 155 1019.

[School meals – Education and Families](#)

### **Energy Efficiency support available**

Householders who want to make their homes more energy efficient but are unsure of what steps to take next can get free impartial advice from trusted local experts at [Energy Saving Devon](#).

The Energy Saving Devon Advice Service provides personalised consultations, helping residents to make informed decisions about improving energy efficiency in their homes. This could include a free home visit from a local energy advisor to help you understand which energy saving measures are best suited to your home, advice on grants you may be eligible for as well as solutions to issues such as damp and mould, condensation or underheating.

Energy Saving Devon is a partnership of all the local authorities in Devon, local community energy organisations and other strategic partners, administered by Devon County Council. The Energy Saving Devon team will be able to advise you on the suitability of your home for measures such as insulation, energy efficient windows, heating and hot water systems and renewable energy systems like solar panels.

Retrofitting these measures can make your home warmer and more comfortable as well as providing healthier living conditions, lower energy costs and lower carbon emissions.

To find out more, or to book your free home visit, contact your local community energy organisation by phone or WhatsApp on 0800 999 1439, or email [energysavingdevon@devon.gov.uk](mailto:energysavingdevon@devon.gov.uk)

*Please beware of rogue traders who may approach you directly. You will never be asked to make an upfront payment by Energy Saving Devon. If in doubt, please contact the Energy Saving Devon advice line.*

### **133. Planning Application**

79644 Removal of condition 3 (holiday occupancy) attached to planning permission 32457 (conversion of existing barn to form unit of holiday accommodation together with access improvements) to allow use as a dependent relatives annexe. The Old Stable Stone Cross House Brayford

It was agreed to recommend approval.

### **134. Play Area**

North Devon Homes had passed the council's enquiry regarding the transfer of the play area land to the parish council to their Regeneration and Development team.

### **135. Correspondence Received**

Playsafety had advised that the play area safety inspect would be carried out during March, but no exact date had been given.

It was agreed to advise them that work to the surface of the play area was due to be carried out during early March, and may not be complete at the time of the inspection.

The work, including security fencing was due to start 20 February, and take four weeks to complete.

### **136. Surface Water/Drains/Highways**

It was not yet known when the water tables would be cleaned, due to the extra work being carried out by the contractor gritting the roads.

### **137. Grass Cutting**

The Chairman reported that he had contacted North Devon Tree and Garden Services, who had expressed an interest in cutting the grass in the playing field. He had quoted £60 per cut, which at 14 cuts per year would total £840.

As this was substantially less than the budgeted total, and only slightly more than the previous contractor had charged in 2022, it was unanimously agreed to accept the tender.

**138. Matters from the Chairman**

None.

**138. Finance**

**1. Payments**

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|---------------------------|---------|-----------------|
| Goodleigh Village Hall    | £ 33.00 | Cheque No. 1093 |
| HMRC                      | £ 16.40 | Cheque No. 1094 |
| Clerk's Salary & Expenses | £ 66.67 | Cheque No. 1095 |
| NDC – emptying dog bins   | £123.08 | Cheque No. 1096 |

The four accounts were approved for payment.

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

Play Area; Grass Cutting

**140. Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 4 March 2025

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.50pm.

Signed .....  
Chairman

Date .....