

Goodleigh Annual Parish Meeting

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 6 May 2025, in the Village Hall at 6:30pm.

Present: Cllrs S Clarke in the chair, Ms L Boyle, R Gulwell, Dr S Ley, Dr F Underwood and R Underwood.

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

1. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Thorne, and Cllr Mrs Davis (DCC).

2. Approval of Minutes of the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting

The Minutes of the 2024 Annual Parish Meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes.

None.

4. Parish Council Annual Report from the Chairman

Cllr Clark reported that the National Lottery grant application to upgrade the play area had been successful, and that the work had been carried out. The area was now Health and Safety compliant. The launch had been very well attended. He thanked everyone involved.

The speedwatch team had been active. Thanks were extended to all the team.

During the year two new parish councillors had been co-opted.

5. District Councillor's Report

Cllr Prowse reported that the Barnstaple regeneration Project was progressing. Butchers Row and Cross Street would be resurfaced.

More properties in Ilfracombe had been purchased in order to ease the homelessness problem in the town.

A new Local Plan was being prepared. NDC was continuing to work with Torridge District Council.

The decision on what a new unitary authority would look like was awaited. It was not sure what impact the result of the recent Devon County Council election would have.

6. County Councillors Report

No report received – County councillor not present.

7. Reports from Village Organisations

Village Hall Committee

Although there had been good support for the hall from village organisations with the resulting increased income, the hall still had some financial concerns. A number of large expenses were expected in the near future. The hall was well supported in the village, and considered as a valuable asset.

The hall was unable to make a reduced charge for short bookings.

The committee would greatly appreciate the resumption of the £400 annual grant from the parish council.

The Clerk and Cllr Prowse clarified the £400 grant which was provided by the District Council upon receipt of an application from the parish council. This had originally been put in place at a rate of £2 per electorate in the parish, with the Village Hall being eligible to a maximum of £400.

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