

Goodleigh Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3 June 2025 at 6:30pm at Goodleigh Village Hall

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

In Attendance: 2 members of the public, Parish Clerk.

16. Items from the public

The clerk explained why the Village Hall report had not been included in the minutes of the May meeting. This was due to the report being given at the Annual Parish Meeting, which had preceded the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

The monthly checking of the defibrillator was clarified. If for any reason, it was not checked and the online record updated, it would not be shown on the database as being available to use. This would mean that the Ambulance Service would not give its details to a 999 caller.

17. Apologies

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllrs R Gulwell, Dr S Ley, Cllr M Prowse (NDC) and Cllr Cllr Mrs A Davis (DCC)

18. Approval of Minutes of meeting held 6 May 2025

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

19. Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting.

20. Reports

1. District Councillor

None – District Councillor not present.

2. County Councillor

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

Recent Election

Thank you for returning me as your County Councillor, I look forward to working with you and the other parish councils for our area.

The election has completely changed the Council and now Devon County Council is left under no single party control. Of the 60 seats, the Lib Dems won the most with 27, but that left them just short of the 31 seats needed to gain overall control.

Reform UK, new to the council, won 18 seats; the Conservative Party – seven seats; Green Party – six; Independents – two; with the Labour Party now having no seats on the council.

With Local Government reorganisation looming I do not know how long this term of office will be. What I do know is that we will need to make sure that we are not forgotten in our corner of Devon and my main priority will be standing up for us and the future of our services in Combe Martin Rural. It is all too easy for the more urban areas to have little or no regard for the remoter areas and as you might expect, I have no intention of being quiet.

I will be updating you regularly about developments on the reorganisation in Devon. Both the District Councils and the County Council will be disappearing and a unitary structure will be in put in place.

The DCC website is very useful for reporting highway problems and the reports go straight to the contractor. Report a problem - Roads and transport

Alternatively, the highway contact number is 0345 155 1004

If it's a river flooding the environment agency can be contacted on 0345 988 1188

Winter road updates; <https://www.devon.gov.uk/roads-and-transport/safe-travel/winter-travel/>

21. Planning Applications

80145 Alterations and two storey side extension to dwelling together with erection of covered porch and associated works. 1 Crow Hill Goodleigh

It was resolved to recommend approval.

22. Correspondence Received

1. Acorn Homes – planning application. Acorn Homes had advised that a new planning application would be submitted within the next two weeks.
2. Response from Acorn Homes re Village Hall drains. A plan had been received from Acorn Homes showing the position of drains on the site. Despite assurances that they were aware of the routes of drains on the site, the Village Hall drain was not shown. It was agreed to ask Acorn Homes for a copy of the plan showing the village hall drains.

23. Audio Recording of Meetings

Item deferred to the next meeting.

24. Litter Pick

Item deferred to the next meeting

25. Surface Water/Drains/Highways

It was noted that the road through the village had been resurfaced.

26. Payment for Lengthsman Work

It was reported that the cost of employing a lengthsman to clear the most overgrown water-tables would be £400. It was agreed that this could not be funded from existing council reserves, and that money would need to be found elsewhere.

Cllr Dr Underwood offered to set up a crowdfunding page to raise the necessary money. This was agreed.

27. Matters from the Chairman

Cllr Thorne reported that the applicant for the proposed dwelling in Coombe Close had recently arranged for the traffic flow to be monitored. Concern was expressed that this had been carried out during the school holiday, when the volume of vehicles using the road was at its lowest.

It was agreed to inform the planning department that the result would not present a true figure of the amount of traffic using the road on a typical day. Cllr Prowse to be copied in to the email.

It was agreed that the vacancy for a parish clerk should be advertised, together with that for parish councillors.

It was agreed that a letter of complaint should be sent regarding Lloyds Bank procedure of accurately recording cheque signatories, and authorising new signatories. This followed the bank’s refusal recently in accepting the signatures on a cheque sent for payment of work carried out on the play area. It was agreed that a meeting should be held to discuss the matter, date to be arranged.

28. Finance

1. Payments

Goodleigh Village Hall	£ 33.00	Cheque No.1117
Clerk’s Salary & Expenses	£ 70.52	Cheque No. 1118
HMRC	£ 16.40	Cheque No. 1119
North Devon Trees and Garden Services	£180.00	Cheque No. 1120

The four accounts were approved for payment.

29. Items for the next Agenda:

Litter Pick; Audio Recording of Minutes; Playground; Lloyds Bank.

30. Date of next meeting: Tuesday 1 July 2025

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.05pm.

Signed
Chairman

Date