

Goodleigh Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 2nd September 2025 at 6:30pm at Goodleigh Village Hall

Present: Cllrs Ms L Boyle, R Gulwell, Dr F Underwood, R Underwood and C King, Cllr M Prowse (NDC), Cllr Mrs A Davies (DCC)

In Attendance: Donna Collier (Acorn Homes Planning Director), Steve Fossey (Acorn Homes Build Manager) approx. 35 members of the public, Parish Clerk (FM)

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs N Thorne (Chairman), Dr S Ley.

2. Approval of Minutes of meeting held 5th August 2025

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

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

None.

4. Planning Applications

77068 – Variation of Conditions 2, 3, 4 and 25 of Planning Permission 64973 Meadow Drive

The Council considers this acceptable in relation to the existing 64973 approved plan – the DC has pulled this application and will investigate further.

77143 – Removal of affordable housing obligations from Planning Permission 64973 as above

This originated in 2023, Acorn suggested that this has been superseded by the new plans and this could be discounted – the DC has pulled this application and will investigate further.

80579 – Erection of 11 dwellings to facilitate delivery of Planning Permission 64973 as above

The Council unanimously rejected this application based on the lack of consideration for the transport plan, the rights of way issue and questionable functionality of the sewage works.

80615 – Removal of Condition 4 to longtime rental use at The Byre Cross Farm, Goodleigh

The Council has no objections for this application

80659 – Conversion of redundant rural building to dwelling at Dean Cross, Goodleigh Rd, Gunn

The Council rejected this application as there is no current agricultural building to convert, there is no fresh water supply or foul waste provision.

80665 – Erection of agricultural workers dwelling at Bampffield Farm, Northleigh Hill, Goodleigh

The Council has no objections for this application

80674 – Removal of derelict poly tunnel and replace with gazebo at Furze Farm, Gunn

The Council has no objections for this application

5. Items from the public

The villagers of Gunn noted that there were large stones on the edge of the road by the new build on the left hand side coming into Goodleigh village from Gunn. There were also some large sleepers with evidence of nails protruding upwards. The villagers felt that these objects could have the potential to cause damage to passing vehicles and harm to pedestrians should they get too close to the property.

It was noted that there may be a requirement for another dog waste bin for the dog walkers using ‘Tom & Sue’s’ field up on the right of Northleigh Hill. FM to ask the district council if the current provision will include the additional bin or would it incur additional cost.

6. Reports

1. District Councillor

Cllr Prowse explained to the Council that the District Councils will be abolished and new larger regional Councils will be created. This will effectively create a loss of jobs and economic development from the local area.

Communities will be asked to write chapters about the villages over the next few years. The PC will be required to support the current DC in the coming months.

2. County Councillor

No report available however AD did update the Council on the following:

- Crow Hill is scheduled to be patched imminently
- 654 Free bus Service – AD will do more investigation
- 20 mph request from the villagers – AD will send an email to Transport Dept
- Drain Drop at Little Lilly – AD to inform Highways

7. Correspondence Received

None

8. Audio Recording of Meetings

The equipment has suffered a technical glitch so it was unable to be utilised at this meeting.

9. Playground

The equipment is required to be inspected following the re-surfacing. FM is to rebook the inspection asap.

10. Surface Water/Drains/Highways

See point 5.2 above

11. DALC Membership

Membership has been re-instated – FM in receipt of weekly email updates. Training to be scheduled.

12. Bench Repairs

There are now two benches that require mending. FM to obtain two estimates from contractors to carry out the repairs, advertise on Facebook for suitable contractors with £5million Public Liability Insurance

13. Coombe Woods – Footpath and Access

The Woodland Trust have cut back the access area although the footpaths require more work. FM to contact the Woodland Trust again.

14. Community Bus

See point 5.2 above

15. Matters from the Chairman

Goodleigh Christmas Lunch Flyer – reminder to let Dr S Ley know details of who is eligible.

16. Lloyds Bank – update

Online Banking failed to register; further assistance is required from the existing signatories.

17. Finance

1. Payments

Goodleigh Village Hall	£ 33.00
DALC	£204.68

18. Items for the next Agenda:

Free Bus Service, Online Banking; Benches; Woodland Trust; Christmas Lunch

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 7th October 2025

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10 pm.

Signed

Chairman

Date