



**St Giles on the Heath with Northcott Hamlet
Parish Council**

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**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON
23rd July 2024 at 7.30pm**

Parish Councillors Present: Cllr Atkinson (Chairman), Cllr K Hamlyn, Cllr G Thorne, Cllr R Nicholson, Cllr K Dimmock, Cllr S Trusler, Cllr A Nicholson, Cllr Scott, Cllr Bowyer, Cllr E Williams, District Cllrs Hackett and Gibson.

In attendance: Clerk Kayleigh Walker, members of the public: 0

1. PUBLIC SESSION

1.1 No members of the public present.

2. RECEIVING APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 Cllr S Paulger, Cllr A Curtis.

3. MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the meeting held June 11th, 2024, were previously circulated. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Trusler, seconded by Cllr A Nicholson, and agreed by all as a true record of the meeting, Cllr Bowyer signed a copy as the Chairman was not present at the June meeting.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 None.

5. REVIEWING CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS REPORT

5.1 County Cllrs Report – None.

5.2 District Cllrs Report – Cllr Hackett reported that most business had been on hold during the election period, but a full council meeting had taken place last week. Cllr Gibson raised the subject of Ex-Link explaining that this is a project bringing in electricity from Morocco to Alverdiscott in Devon. Cllr Hackett advised this could provide up to 10% of the nation’s electricity, with a timescale of approx. 5 years. The District Councillors expressed the importance of ensuring the funds bought in by this project are secured for use within Torridge.

5.3 The Clerk had circulated quotes for a new laptop ahead of the meeting. Cllrs agreed to proceed with quote 1 from Box at a cost of £379.99. Proposed by Cllr Thorne, seconded by Cllr Bowyer and agreed by all.

5.4 The Clerk shared a quote from the grass cutter for cutting the hedge at the top of the playing field that is overhanging the pavement. The quote was £135 per cut. The Clerk also shared a quote for strimming around the planter on the entrance to the village which was £40 per cut. A quote for maintenance of the planter is awaited however Cllr Trusler advised that as the planter was originally put in by the Social Hub it would now be the responsibility of the Coronation Hall committee. Councillors agreed that the hedge did need to be cut but due to the nesting period it should not take place until September. Cllrs discussed that there may be an exemption where due to the overgrowth obstructing visibility and use of the pavement a cut may be permitted, further clarity is needed. For the time being the Clerk will instruct the contractor to undertake a one-off cut in September. Proposed by Cllr Trusler, seconded by Cllr R Nicholson and agreed by all.

5.5 The Clerk shared details of the public meeting at Clovelly Parish Hall on July 31st at 7pm titles Challenging the Madness of Net Zero.

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6. PLANNING AND ENFORCEMENT

6.1 1/0570/2024/FUL - Agricultural Building - Land At Grid Reference 235973 092089, St Giles On The Heath – Cllrs agreed no comment. Proposed by Cllr Thorne, seconded by Cllr Hamlyn and agreed by all.

6.2 1/0421/2024/FUL - Demolition of existing conservatory, proposed extension to north, garage extension to south, decking, amended access and vehicle parking - 20 Edwards Road – permission granted.

6.3 Hillview, St Giles on the Heath – site activity including the new entrance to was reported to the enforcement officer. After inspection the enforcement case has been closed due to no breach of planning.

7. REVIEWING PROGRESS OF COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

7.1 Community speed watch – no updates due to lack of volunteers.

7.2 Project for £1000 grant – Cllrs discussed the progress of the health or safety focused project. The first community CPR & Defibrillator first aid course had taken place with 9 participants. Positive feedback had been received from the community that took part. The instructor suggested that the preparation kit is attached to the defibrillator rather than the cabinet, so it is not left behind in an emergency. Councillors agreed that if this is not possible the Clerk should purchase a sticker to be stuck on the defibrillator case reminding people to take the prep kit too. Comments were also received with regards to the cabinet being locked. It is locked to prevent theft or malicious damage so Councillors agreed the Clerk should arrange for a sticker for the front of the cabinet notifying people to call 112 to obtain the code. Signs have been ordered to be erected in the hall, skittles alley and shop notifying users of the location of the community defibrillator. The head teacher at the primary school has agreed to take part in a project to create ‘drive carefully’ signs to be erected in the village, this will take place in September.

7.3 Project Playground – The Chairman reported that the project had come to a bit of a halt due to funding difficulties. The Chairman proposed a meeting in September for the playground subcommittee to see what the next steps could be. Cllrs agreed the oldest picnic table should be moved the playing field and thanked district Cllr Hackett for funding the new tables.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 The DCC consultation for the change in age range of the primary school from 4-11 to 2-11 has been completed, the proposed change has been approved and will take place from September.

9. FINANCES

9.1 Authorisations of expenses: Coronation Hall July meeting £18, Tamar Trading paint for phone box and bus shelter £53.47, Joe Rice CPR courses £432, J Sanders grass cutting £480, Pidsignz defib signs £48.26. Accounts proposed for payment by Cllr R Nicholson, seconded by Cllr Trusler and agreed by all.

9.2 Current account as of 17th July 2024 - £8930.67

9.3 Monthly budget sheet – circulated for Cllrs information only.

10. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

10.1 Tuesday 3rd September 2024 7.30pm.

11. CLOSE

11.1 Meeting closed approx. 8.20pm.

Chairman Sign and date