



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

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**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING HELD ON
3rd September 2024 at 7.30pm**

Parish Councillors Present: Cllr Atkinson (Chairman), Cllr K Hamlyn, Cllr G Thorne, Cllr R Nicholson, Cllr S Paulger, Cllr S Trusler, Cllr A Nicholson, Cllr Bowyer, District Cllrs Hackett and Gibson, County Councillor Morrish.

In attendance: Clerk Kayleigh Walker, members of the public: 1

1. PUBLIC SESSION

1.1 A member of the public attended to raise concerns over the collapsing of the road opposite Moorfield Road. Cllrs discussed this and many other road condition issues along with input from the County Councillor and agreed the Clerk would write to Highways. The member of the public proposed that a community defibrillator was considered for the Stanbury Close/playground area. He suggested the pc approach the National Grid to see if the electric could be connected to their substation. County Cllr Morrish confirmed he would grant £200 of his locality budget towards the project if it went ahead. The Clerk confirmed she would contact National Grid.

2. RECEIVING APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE & DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2.1 Cllr K Dimmock, Cllr A Curtis.

2.2 Resignation from Cllr Scott.

3. MINUTES

3.1 Minutes of the meeting held July 23rd, 2024, were previously circulated. The minutes were proposed by Cllr Paulger, seconded by Cllr Bowyer, and agreed by all as a true record of the meeting, the Chairman signed a copy.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 None.

5. REVIEWING CORRESPONDENCE AND CLERKS REPORT

5.1 County Cllrs Report – Cllr Morrish reported 7 communications from members of the Parish on varying subjects such as speed, grants and roads. He reported that devolution (bringing power and money to the local government) is still planned and funds for the Levelling Up project are looking positive. Cllr Hackett asked whether it would ever be the case that the district council would be able to overturn the county council to which Cllr Morrish did not envision. Cllr Morrish advised that he still has some of his locality budget remaining and welcomed a request for financial help with a project. Cllr Hackett asked Cllr Morrish whether under the road warden scheme parish councils would be able to get financial help, resources and training required in order to undertake the work and Cllr Morrish advised he was sure this would be possible and would speak directly with Stuart Hughes of Highways to confirm. Cllr Morrish advised that at the next full council meeting one of the motions to discuss was a request for County Council to only serve vegan food. Cllrs discussed objections to this given the rural nature of the county and also the freedom of choice. Cllrs also considered the motion a waste of time and money. Cllr Morrish advised he would represent those concerns. The discussion moved on to speeding within the parish and Cllr Morrish said although he would support a request for a 20mph limit he did not believe it would be permitted due to the type and size of the road. Cllr Morrish suggested the parish council invite Stuart Hughes to a parish meeting to try and draw in more of the community and Cllr Hackett said he would follow up with the matter of the speed gun not being correctly calibrated. The Clerk was asked to write to Highways raising concerns over a number of matters including speed, road collapse and pot holes.

5.2 District Cllrs Report – As the district councillors were actively involved in the discussions under 5.2 no formal report was given.

5.3 Bus shelter repairs - A member of the public was invited to report on his findings and he advised that the shelter requires some extensive repairs that are more than the volunteers can provide. Issues include broken tiles, Chairman Sign and date



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damaged cement under the fascia boards and water getting inside the shelter. The Clerk will obtain some quotes for the repair work for consideration. Cllr Gibson offered to provide a small grant towards the project.

5.4 Fence/boundary proposal from parishioner - Cllrs had all received a copy of the proposal to move the boundary of the play area. The Clerk also shared advice from TDC and Highways. Cllrs agreed that the Clerk would write to the parishioner advising that no changes would be permitted as per the advice received. A copy of the advice would be included. Proposed by Cllr Hamlyn, seconded by Cllr A Nicholson and all Cllrs agreed.

5.5 Additional grass cuts proposed by contactor - two further cuts had been proposed, Cllrs agreed to request one additional cut and to consider a second closer to the time dependent on how the weather has been. Proposed by Cllr Trusler, seconded by Cllr Paylger and agreed by all.

5.6 Speeding concerns raised by parishioner - Cllrs had all received a copy of the concerns. The Clerk confirmed she had requested a full copy of the SCARF report under the Freedom of Information Act and would share it with the parishioner in due course.

5.7 Holsworthy Rural Community Transport anniversary celebration invitation. - The Clerk shared the invitation for the open event on September 18th between 9am and 12noon.

5.8 Road Warden Scheme - initial discussions took place under 5.1. The County Cllr advised you would not be permitted to undertake work on a B road. Councillors agreed to include the potential to join the scheme in a future parish meeting.

5.9 DALC AGM Invitation - The Clerk shared details of the event which is held at Exeter Racecourse and costs £50+VAT per ticket. No Cllrs wished to attend.

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. Permission granted - acknowledged.

7. REVIEWING PROGRESS OF COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

7.1 Community speed watch – discussed under item 5.1.

7.2 Project for £1000 grant – Cllrs discussed the progress of the health or safety focused project and following positive feedback from those who attended the first aid courses Cllrs agreed to run another session in the new year. Proposed by Cllr Paulger, seconded by Cllr Thorne and agreed by all.

7.3 Project Playground – The Chairman shared details of an email received from a teacher at the primary school. The teacher advised they were working on a project that involved designing a playground and the Chairman felt this might provide a good opportunity to engage parents in our own project.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Cllr Hamlyn requested the pc write to the tenant farmer of the land that adjoins the footpath up to the primary school as the vegetation is spilling over onto the footpath.

8.2 Cllr Hamlyn suggested that the hedge on the inside of the playing field was cut asap. Cllrs agreed to proceed with this using Dan Genders as per previous occasions. Proposed by Cllr R Nicholson, seconded by Cllr Trusler and asgred by all.

8.3 The Clerk suggested a notice for co-option of new councillors was put up following the resignation of Cllr Scott. Cllrs agreed this would be correct protocol.

8.4 The Chairman said she had still not received access to the online banking system. The Clerk agreed to follow up with HSBC.

Chairman Sign and date



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9. FINANCES

9.1 Authorisations of expenses: Coronation Hall September meeting £18, J Sanders grass and hedge cutting £635, Clerks expenses laptop price increase £20, land registry fee £3, postage £2.55. Accounts proposed for payment by Cllr Thorne, seconded by Cllr R Nicholson and agreed by all.

9.2 Current account as of 17th August 2024 - £6813.52.

9.3 Monthly budget sheet – circulated for Cllrs information only.

10. NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

10.1 Tuesday 15th October 2024 7.30pm.

11. CLOSE

11.1 Meeting closed approx. 8.50pm.