

Draft minutes subject to approval

Burrator Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 3rd November 2016 at Meavy Primary School

Councillors present: Cllrs Cole, Ellis, Powell, Glanville, Moorhead, Fisk, Paskins, Aves, Legassick, Hopson & Landick.

Councillors absent: Cllrs Scrivener & Palmer. Cllr Cloke WD Borough Cllr.

Also Present: Cllr D Moyse, Borough Councillor. 32 member of the public. Mr E Persse, EJFP Planning Ltd & Mr A Lopes, Walkhampton Trust. Mr M Rich & Miss A Szpinda, Devon Communities Together.

Cllr Hopson welcomed everyone to the meeting and opened public time at 7pm. He invited Mr Persse to address those present on their proposals for development in Meavy. Mr Persse explained that he was making a courtesy visit to the Parish Council meeting to explain his clients' plans to investigate development potential on a site in the centre of Meavy village and also on a site at Gratton Cross. Mr Persse explained that there would shortly be surveys carried out on archaeology, ecology, drainage etc to assist the determination how many units of housing the site may allow. Mr Persse explained that the site in the centre of Meavy would most likely be small development including affordable housing and possibly open market housing whilst the site at Gratton Cross would be most likely for downsizing & age restricted housing.

Cllr Hopson invited questions from the public and Parish Councillors to Mr Persse. Concerns were raised over additional traffic on small roads which are already congested, speeding, parking and flooding which frequently the village and residents suffer. Mr Persse responded that the highways department and environmental agency would be consulted as part of the process. A question was raised as to why that particular site in Meavy to which the response was that the site is already developed on two sides and it well related to the village centre with access from a highway. The public disputed that the small country lanes could be considered a highway. Mr Persse refused to answer questions relating to his clients decision to investigate that site against other sites.

One resident defended a statement made from a fellow parishioner that all residents are against development and explained that she would welcome some suitable development to bring new young families into the village, to contribute numbers to the primary school, increase members on the various committees and church attendance.

Mr Persse advised that he would return to the Parish Council as and when more information is available and explained his clients' intentions to attend at least one public meeting where it is hoped to gain comments on how any development can contribute to village life.

Cllr Aves gave his opinion on the developers' proposals. Cllr Hopson thanked all for their attendance. Mr Persse, Mr Lopes and the members of the public left the meeting.

1. **Apologies**
Cllrs Scrivener & Palmer.
2. **Declarations of Interest.**
None. Otherwise as recorded in the Register.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th September 2016.**
Cllr Moyse advised that she had apologised for the meeting. With that amendment the Minutes were signed as an accurate record.
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**
Item 12 It was noted that there was no reply from Cllr Sanders.
5. **Planning Committee.**
a) **Minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2016.**
Cllrs noted the minutes. Cllr Aves requested update on the application for Yennadon Quarry to which Cllr Moyse explained that there was supplementary information currently being circulated for consultation again.
6. **Finance & General Purposes Committee.**
a) **Bills for payment.** It was proposed to pay the bills of £2223.95. **Proposed** Cllr Moorhead **Seconded** Cllr Cole.
b) **Financial Statements.** This was noted.
7. **The Royal Oak Inn Committee.**
Cllr Cole advised of no report.
8. **Burrator Twinning Association.**
a) Boundary sign replacement.
The colour proofs were discussed and a vote taken to determine whether the sign should include "Normandy". 4 for / 6 against therefore the Clerk was instructed to order the signs without "Normandy".
9. **Burrator Beacon.**
The edition is currently being prepared for proof reading.
a) Rota for Meavy.
It was noted that Cllrs would cover the distribution but would welcome volunteers from Meavy village.
10. **Parish Plan Review.**
Cllr Hopson invited Mr Rich to talk to the Councillors on Parish and Neighbourhood Plans.
Mr Rich explained the differences of the plans and what they can bring to the Parish, how the plans are created with the need for parishioners forming steering groups. Mr Rich circulated an example of a Parish Plan and supporting information on the process of gathering information including a sample questionnaire. Cllrs asked questions in particular with concerns of a grouped parish and the need for the individual villages to form own steering groups and create individual plans. Mr Rich advised that it was possible to proceed in that way with the Parish Council being the overriding body. Cllr Hopson thanked Mr Rich for attending and Mr Rich left the meeting.

(Cllr Powell left the meeting).

Councillors discussed the information and it was agreed to explore further with gaining any interest from the parishioners as this would be the determining point whether a plan(s) could be created. It was agreed to thank Mr Rich for his time and request that he provide an article for insertion into the Spring Edition of the Burrator Beacon to attempt to engage the parishioners and also to provide a breakdown of estimated costs for each stage of assistance.

11. Reports from Outside Bodies.

a) Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Moyse advised that the creation of a Company run by the local authority was now on the back burner until further notice.

b) Any other reports.

None.

12. Public Relations.

a) Social Media Updates.

The updates on Facebook were discussed briefly.

13. Parish Property.

Cllr Aves reported a section of collapsed wall at the Helen Rowett Park and it was agreed to request the grass contractor make the wall sound.

14. Highways.

It was reported that the sign to Lovaton and also the sign to Sheepstor have now fallen over having been bent for some time. The Clerk was requested to report this to highways.

The recent road closure on the B3212 for leat repairs was noted to be quite short however it was noted that next closure will be for a much longer period. Cllrs reported various grit bins as full and ready.

15. Correspondence.

a) BT consultation on proposed removal of public payphones on Dartmoor.

Cllrs discussed and agreed that the Parish Council should object to the proposals as the phone boxes can be a life line in rural areas.

b) Local Plan Review DNPA 8th Nov.

Cllrs regrettably advised that they are unable to make the workshop on 8th Nov due to other commitments. It was agreed that all Cllrs would read the proposed draft and local plan document for the next meeting where this would be further discussed.

The SWLT End Project Evaluation was discussed and agreed the comments that the Clerk should submit.

16. Urgent additional business, by leave of the Chair.

None.

The Meeting was closed at 9.25pm.

Signed

Date