

Draft minutes subject to approval

Burrator Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 6th November 2014 at Meavy Primary School, Meavy

Councillors present: Cllrs Scrivener, Hopson, Lynn, Moorhead, Legassick, Parle & Inman.

Councillors absent: Cllrs Wannell, Palmer, Cole, Fisk, Powell & Trueman.

Also present: Cllr D Moyse, WD Borough Councillor. Mr R Aves (for Item 3) & Mrs Monk, members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and invited Mrs Monk to speak. Mrs Monk introduced herself and explained that she lived next to the site at Gratton Cross which has been put forward for the SHLAA process. Mrs Monk reminded Councillors of what had happened a couple of years ago when the same site was discussed and that the planning inspector had, then, deemed the site not suitable. Mrs Monk advised that nothing had changed and therefore expected that the outcome would be the same and urged the Parish Council to object strongly when consulted on the SHLAA. Cllr Scrivener reassured Mrs Monk that the Parish Council will engage with the public when consulted. Mrs Monk left the meeting.

Cllr Scrivener opened the meeting at 7.35pm.

1. Apologies

Cllr Wannell, Palmer, Cole, Fisk, Powell & Trueman.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Parle declared his interest as the applicant of planning application 0582/14 The Mill, Meavy. Otherwise as recorded in the Register.

3. Co-Option of New Councillor.

Cllr Scrivener invited Mr Aves to introduce himself. Mr Aves did this, along with a brief summary of his interest in the Parish. Mr Aves left the room for the vote to take place. Cllr Hopson proposed that Mr Aves be co-opted onto the Parish Council and this was seconded by Cllr Lynn and agreed by all. Mr Aves re-entered the room and invited to join the Councillors at the table. Cllr Scrivener reminded Mr Aves that he could not vote on any matters until the relevant forms were registered with WDBC. The Clerk confirmed that Cllr Aves would serve the Walkhampton-Dousland Ward.

4. Nominations for Committees and Outside Bodies.

Cllrs discussed the Committee memberships and Cllr Scrivener advised that he would like to add Cllr Trueman to the Finance Committee. This was agreed. Cllr Legassick offered to be the volunteer Snow Warden and the Clerk advised that her details would be forwarded to DCC for further information.

5. Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th September 2014.

Amendments were agreed as follows:

Item 1 Cllrs Lynn and Inman were not absent from the meeting.

Item 12 Amend Cllr Ross to Cllr Lynn.

With the amendments, the Minutes were signed as an accurate record.

6. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Public Time:

It was noted that the plans had been returned to Mr Edge.

The Clerk had contacted the housing association and advised that the applicant herself would need to make enquiries and that applications are determined on other matters as well as local connections.

Item 13 Cllr Scrivener recommended that the Parish Council adopt the amended Code of Conduct and asked the Clerk to place an agenda item for this at the next meeting. Cllrs were reminded to read and note the amended version.

7. Planning Committee.

0582/14 proposed demolition of existing side extension and erection of two storey side extension in same location, The Mill, Meavy.

Cllr Lynn asked a question of the applicant, Cllr Parle. Cllr Parle then left the room for the discussion to take place. Cllrs Moorhead and Lynn advised of their site visit and gave details of the amended plans just received. Cllr Moorhead proposed that the Parish Council supported the application and this was seconded by Cllr Lynn and agreed by all. Mr Parle re-entered the room and joined the meeting.

06221/14 proposed construction of parapets and fences for safety reasons, Foggintor Bridge, Foggintor Quarry, Princetown.

Cllrs discussed the application and agreed that the proposed was for essential works. Cllr Parle proposed that the Parish Council support the application and this was seconded by Cllr Lynn and agreed by all.

0636/14 proposed extension including re-covering of roof and relocation/rebuilding of storage sheds and new pedestrian access, Walkhampton Memorial Hall, Walkhampton.

Cllrs discussed the application and agreed that a site visit was not necessary as the Hall is familiar to all. Cllr Lynn proposed that the Parish Council support the application and this was seconded by Cllr Legassick and agreed by all.

8. Finance & General Purposes Committee.

a) Minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2014 & Land at Manor Park, Dousland.

The minutes were noted. The Clerk advised of three quotations for the provision of seats at Land at Manor Park. Cllrs discussed purchasing the hard wood seats at £475 each plus VAT & fixtures/fittings. It was proposed by Cllr Moorhead to purchase the hardwood seats, seconded Cllr Inman and agreed by all.

b) Bills for payment. The receipts to date were noted. It was proposed to pay the bills of £3985.47.

c) Financial Statements. The Clerk gave a verbal balance with written statements to follow at next meeting.

9. The Royal Oak Inn Committee.

a) Minutes of the meeting held on 9th October 2014.
Cllr Parle presented the minutes and these were noted.

10. Burrator Beacon.

Cllr Inman enquired about dog fouling in the Parish, particularly in Walkhampton village and advised that some residents had approached her requesting dog bins be provided. Cllr Scrivener advised that Cllr Inman could write a short article for the next Burrator Beacon, asking residents to present any comments on for / against dog bins in the area before the Parish Council could consider such a provision.

Cllr Parle asked the Chairman to clarify any protocol on Cllrs writing articles for the Burrator Beacon. The Chairman confirmed the procedure and reminded all that a proof is sent to both himself, the Clerk and Cllr Legassick before being sent to the printers.

11. Reports from Outside Bodies.

None.

12. Parish Property.

Cllr Inman raised discussion on footpaths in the Parish and reported that one at Church in Walkhampton and another from Huckworthy to Horrabridge are in bad condition being overgrown and very muddy. The Clerk was asked to bring the list of footpaths to the next meeting for further discussion. Cllr Parle advised that the paths are also listed on DCC.

13. Highways

a) Speed Limits

The email from DCC was discussed and the Clerk was asked to forward it to Mr Walker for his information. Cllr Parle expressed his dissatisfaction at the response and gave an example of areas in Cumbria which have 20 mph with no housing or street lighting. The Clerk was asked to respond to DCC and enquire if Meavy village could have a 30 mph limit which would be better than the national limit that it currently has.

14. Correspondence.

Item 3 The request for permission to site a Christmas tree on Meavy Green was agreed and noted that it will be powered by solar lights.

Item 4 Cllr Scriveners declaration of interest was noted, regarding a potential planning application at a site next to his house in Sheepstor.

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

Cllr Legassick advised that the sign at Burrator Reservoir was still broken and also the post next to the cattle grid in Sheepstor had been broken.

Cllr Inman reported that a 30 mph sign on Knowle Down had been knocked and required attention.

The Meeting was closed at 8.47 pm.

Signed

Date