

Draft minutes subject to approval

# **Burrator Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 7th February 2019 at Sheepstor Village Hall**

**Councillors present:** Cllrs Palmer, Legassick, Paskins, Scrivener, Wills, Hopson, Moorhead, Landick & Cole.

**Also present:** Cllr Moyse Borough Councillor, Mr R Ayres & Mrs H Stribley for item 3.

**Absent:** Cllrs Aves, Powell, Glanville. Cllr Cloke, Borough Councillor.

Cllr Palmer welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised for any inconvenience caused with the cancellation of the meeting on 31st January due to snow fall. Cllr Palmer thanked the Clerk for telephoning all concerned and Cllr Paskins for placing a notice on Walkhampton Memorial Hall door and also for driving to Meavy to get word to the two applicants for co-option, as their telephone numbers were not yet known.

Cllr Palmer opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

- 1. Apologies for Absence.**  
Cllrs Aves, Powell, Glanville. Cllr Cloke, Borough Councillor.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.**  
There were no declarations of interest. Otherwise as recorded in the register.
- 3. Co-Option of Councillors.**  
Cllr Palmer summarised the applications from two Meavy residents. At this point, both applicants arrived at the meeting and apologised for their delay due to the darkness of Sheepstor and difficulty finding the hall. Cllr Palmer requested that both applicants wait in the kitchen whilst the Councillors made any comments and cast their votes. It was proposed to co-option Mr Ayres onto Meavy Village ward and Mrs Stribley onto the Meavy Dousland Ward. Proposed Cllr Paskin Seconded Cllr Wills and agreed by all. The applicants were invited back into the meeting room and Cllr Palmer advised them of their successful co-option and reminded them that until the relevant forms are completed, they may join discussion but not vote at this meeting.
- 4. Minutes of the meeting held on 29th November 2018.**  
The minutes were signed as an accurate record by Cllr Palmer. Proposed Cllr Legassick Seconded Cllr Hopson.
- 5. Matters arising from the minutes of 29th November 2018.**  
Cllr Paskins advised that he had held a meeting with the local Highways Officer for Parish Plan matters and that regrettably there was little enthusiasm for reducing the speed limit or improving signage in the Parish.

The email from the same Highways Officer regarding the Parish Council's request for a mirror and improved signage at the junction of Iron Mine Lane was agreed as not a surprising response. Cllr Palmer advised that he intended to speak with Horrabridge Parish Council as they have two mirrors (one on the green) and he would like to know how this came about.

Cllr Paskins raised a concern on how the forthcoming legislation on fuel for wood burning stoves would affect the Royal Oak Inn. Cllrs agreed that such legislation would affect many homeowners and therefore could not be concerned with restrictions on the Inn specifically.

Cllr Legassick advised that she had replaced the cork in Sheepstor notice board and Cllr Scrivener thanked her for this work. Cllr Wills advised that he had now noticed that the top of the notice board in Meavy village was showing signs of rot and that this would need attention in approx 12 months.

The Clerk confirmed that she was in receipt of four defibrillators but that the wall units had not yet arrived. In the meantime the Clerk had contacted Walkhampton Memorial Hall, Burrator Inn, Meavy Parish Hall and Sheepstor Village Hall with regard to placement. All four were keen to have the equipment placed on the exterior wall, the exact locations to be agreed with their individual committee. It was agreed that the Clerk would gain an estimate from an electrician once the wall units had been received. Training was discussed by the cllrs as eight places available free of charge with St John's Ambulance in Plymouth later in the year. Cllr Ayres advised that the equipment is designed to be used by anyone and offered his expertise to hold a training session in each village for those interested. Cllr Palmer thanked Cllr Aves in his absence for his campaigning of the grant which has funded the purchase of the defibrillators and units and requested that the Clerk write letters to Cllr Sanders, Pearce and Moyses to thank them for their support on this matter.

**6. Planning Committee.**

**a) Minutes of the meeting held on 6th December 2018 & 17th January 2019.** Cllr Moorhead presented the minutes and these were noted.

b) Application 0031/19 Proposed outbuilding with decking at Routrundle, Sampford Spiney. Cllrs discussed the application and agreed to support this. Proposed Cllr Scrivener Seconded Cllr Legassick.

c) Application 0041/19 Proposed construction of porch, replacement domestic outbuilding and renovated summer room to include side extension at 14 Knowle Terrace, Walkhampton. Cllrs discussed the application and agreed to support this. Proposed Cllr Legassick Seconded Cllr Moorhead.

**7. Finance and General Purposes Committee.**

**a) Minutes of the meeting held on 17th January 2019.** The Clerk presented the minutes and these were noted.

**b) Approval of Grants.** The grants referred to in the above minutes were approved by the full Council. Proposed Cllr Hospon Seconded Cllr Wills.

**c) Bills for payment.** The bills were authorised. Proposed Cllr Legassick seconded Cllr Wills.

**d) Financial Statements.** The statement was noted.

**8. The Royal Oak Inn Committee.**

No report.

**9. Burrator Events.**

The email circulated regarding the Dartmoor Demon Cycle Event in May was noted.

**10. Parish Plan Steering Group.**

Cllr Paskins advised he was waiting to hear of the date of the next meeting and that Walkhamptons' plan was progressing. Cllr Ayres reported on Sam's behalf, that Meavy was also progressing with a new questionnaire and offered the questionnaire as example to the other villages.

**11. Burrator Beacon.**

In Cllr Aves absence, the Clerk advised that the bundles were collected within 6 days of being delivered to the Post Office.

**12. Reports from outside bodies.**

a) Borough Councillors Report. Cllr Moyse gave a verbal report and Cllrs asked questions on the proposed hotel in Tavistock.

b) Any other reports.

The Clerk advised that Cllr Aves would be attending the next Southern Link Committee meeting on 21st March.

**13. Public Relations.**

No report.

**14. Parish Property.**

a) Meavy War Memorial Railings.

Cllr Palmer advised that it had been mentioned that the War Memorial might look better without the railings and requested discussion but not decision on this. Cllrs discussion included when the railings may have been placed and why, one cllr advised that it may be because of the close proximity of the Inn and that the railings were to respect and protect the memorial. The Clerk advised that she would chase the stone mason again for the inscription but it was likely that the weather was still too cold for the lead lettering to be fixed. The Clerk advised that she would ask the stone mason if they knew of any historical reason that railings are placed around some but not all memorials.

The Clerk advised, in Cllr Aves absence, that he had made progress with Weston Power Distribution and that they have agreed to refurbish the electrical substation in Manor Park.

**15. Highways**

Cllr Legassick raised again the digging of run offs on Lynch and Yennadon Common, the workforce are leaving the turf upside down. Cllr Legassick also reported that their efforts near the collapsed wall in Sheeptstor have only made the matter worse. Cllr Legassick advised that the workforce have a map that shows them where to dig but suggested that the Parish Council contact Highways and to request that they engage with the Parish Council for their local knowledge on areas that need attention and to repair the collapsed wall. This was agreed.

Cllr Wills advised that the service had been good in Meavy.

Cllr Cole raised concerns on the many potholes in particular on Lovaton lane between Coles Cottage and the cattlegrid.

**16. Yennadon Down Gorse Fire Risk.**

Cllr Palmer raised this matter again, that after the draught last year the Down is at risk of fire and that this could spread to neighbouring property and power

lines overhead. Cllr Palmer requested a letter be sent to Mr Northmore, Chair of Yennadon Commoners to request that consider action to create fire breaks and that they might consider contacting Tracey May of Natural England as they have a scrub cutter for trial or hire. This was agreed and also to copy the letter to the landowners proposed Cllr Palmer seconded Cllr Wills. Cllr Wills advised that this had been a subject of discussion at a recent Commoners meeting.

**17. Correspondence.**

The correspondence had been previously circulated and was discussed as follows:

- 1) Cllr Aves notes on the last Southern Link Committee Meeting were noted.
- 2) The email response from Highways regarding a mirror and improved signage at the junction of Iron Mine Lane was noted as not a surprising response. Cllr Palmer again advised of his intentions to enquire further on this.
- 3) Cllr Scrivener commended the letter from Mr James King, SWW, who gives assurance that the installation of the boom on Burrator Reservoir is not a precursor to increasing leisure activities at the site. Cllr Scrivener requested that this letter be retained on Parish Council file.
- 4) Cllrs discussed the letter from Historic England proposing to list the Sheepstor War Memorial and it was agreed to send a comment of support proposed Cllr Scrivener seconded Cllr Legassick.
- 5) Cllr Palmer advised that he would raise letter nos 5 and 10 in a part two immediately after this meeting.
- 6) Cllr Paskins notes on the draft Dartmoor Local Plan were noted and confirmed to have been included in the Parish Council's response. Cllr Palmer thanked all those cllrs who read the draft and submitted comments for this.
- 7) The Election dates were noted.
- 8) Cllrs discussed the survey on the trees of Meavy Green with particular attention and discussion on the old Meavy Oak. The Clerk advised of a quotation now received from the same company for their recommended works and that the works have been agreed with DNPA. Cllrs agreed that the works should commence as soon as possible and that some publicity was necessary so that residents of Meavy are informed. It was agreed that the Parish Council's stance was to keep the old Oak upright and safe for as long as possible. Cllrs discussed the other non urgent recommendations which included considering re-locating the bench and extending the railings. Cllr Legassick requested that the Clerk advise of when the tree surgeons would be in place so that she can speak with them on these other recommendations. The Clerk was also to diarise an annual survey inspection with the same company for safety and longevity of the old Oak.
- 9) Cllrs discussed the request from the Walkhampton Christmas Lights Committee to plant a Christmas tree on Walkhampton Green and agreed that the Parish Council had no objections. Cllr Palmer requested that as per Cllr Aves previous suggestion, a letter of congratulations be sent for the wonderful display in the village. Proposed Cllr Palmer seconded Cllr Cole.

Cllr Cole advised of a letter sent directly to her with concerns over the state of the roads in Meavy. In particular, the build up of leaves and debris washing down the roads from Parsons Lane. Cllrs discussed this and agreed that the works to Meavy Bridge had alleviated flood waters but the edge of the road particularly in Parsons Lane gathering water which then washes out taking stones and tarmac which washes down into the village.

The Clerk was requested to write to Highways with these concerns of Parsons Lane. In the meantime, Cllr Landick suggested that the Meavy residents arrange a village clean up, as was a very successful day in Walkhampton. Meavy cllrs took this on board.

**18. Urgent additional business, by leave of the Chair.**

None.

The Meeting was closed at 9.25pm.

Signed

Date