

Draft minutes subject to approval

Burrator Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Thursday 21st May 2015 at Meavy Primary School

Councillors present: Cllrs Hopson, Parle, Fisk, Legassick, Powell, Aves & Cole.

Councillors absent: Cllrs Lynn, Moorhead & Scrivener.

Also Present: Borough Councillors Moyse & Cloke. Mr S Grey, Burrator Twinning Association.

The Clerk welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the Borough Councillors for their attendance. Cllr Cloke introduced himself and gave a brief summary of his background.

1. Election of Chairman.

The Clerk requested nominations for a Chairperson. Cllr Parle nominated Cllr Hopson and this was seconded by Cllr Legassick. All agreed to this nomination and Cllr Hopson took the Chair.

2. Election of Vice Chairman.

The Chairman requested nominations for a Vice Chairman. Cllr Legassick nominated Cllr Cole and this was seconded by Cllr Parle. All agreed to this nomination and Cllr Cole accepted the post.

3. Apologies

Cllrs Lynn, Moorhead & Scrivener.

4. Acceptance of Office and Declarations of Interest.

The Clerk collected the completed paperwork from the Councillors present.

5. Nominations of Committees and Outside Bodies.

The Councillors reviewed the committee and body memberships.

6. Minutes of the Meeting held on 30th April 2015.

The Minutes were signed as an accurate record.

7. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Item 12 The Clerk gave feedback from her site meeting with a local Highways Officer and WDBC Officer in relation to the proposed installation of a dog waste bin in Meavy Village. The feedback was that both officers encourage the Parish Council to consider a second litter bin on the Green that can be used for both general litter and dog waste. The WDBC Officer explained that this was the preferred way forward to prevent foul smells that occur from concentrated dog waste. Councillors discussed this and agreed to purchase a second litter bin from Glasdon. Proposed Cllr Aves Seconded Cllr Cole and agreed by all.

Item 10 Cllr Aves confirmed that he had the signs ready to install in the Helen Rowett Park.

8. Planning Committee.

0215/15 Propsoed extension to stable block to provide additional storage for feed and tack at land r/o Myrtle Close, Dousland. Cllr Fisk reported on the site visit she had carried out with Cllr Moorhead. Cllr Fisk proposed that the Parish Council support the application and this was seconded by Cllr Hopson and agreed by all.

0191/15 & 0192/15 Amended Plans, Lean to extension at Yeo House, Meavy. Councillors noted the slight amendments to the plans being a reduction in size and use of corrugated sheet instead of slates.

The Clerk was asked to email DNPA to enquire of any workshops for planning consultation training.

9. Finance & General Purposes Committee.

a) Accounts year ended 31 March 2015. The Clerk apologised for this item remaining unnecessarily on the Agenda.

b) Bills for payment. It was proposed to pay the bills of £2610.04. **Proposed Cllr Parle Seconded Cllr Cole.**

The Clerk reported on last month's instruction to place £5910 (Tenants Deposit) in a Fixed Term Deposit Account and that the minimum amount was £10000. The Clerk was therefore instructed to place £10000 in the Fixed Term Deposit Account for one year.

Cllr Cole requested that the Parish Council look at renewing the Website to bring it up to date and modernise it.

10. The Royal Oak Inn Committee.

The Clerk advised that a meeting would be held in mid June to discuss the annual inspection due shortly.

11. Burrator Beacon.

It was confirmed that the current edition was now ready for distribution with copies stored in the Dousland Post Office.

12. Reports from Outside Bodies.

Cllr Moyse requested to speak and this was agreed by the Chairman. Cllr Moyse requested that the item WD Borough Councillors Report be returned to the Parish Council agenda. This was agreed by all. Cllr Moyse gave a report of WDBC explaining the new role of locality officers.

13. Parish Property.

The Clerk reported on the broken railings in Meavy Green which had reportedly been broken by a horse being tied. In view of liability in having broken railings on the Green, the Clerk advised that she had instructed a repair and Councillors expressed their disappointment in the horse owner not coming forward.

14. Highways

Cllr Legassick advised that highways signs were still missing or broken and the Clerk advised that Highways have a list of signs in need of attention but at this time they were not high enough on the priority list to be carried out.

15. Correspondence.

The Clerk summarised an email sent by Mr Symes of Walkhampton requested that the Parish Council take action on the, once again, empty Walkhampton Inn. The Clerk advised of her initial response to Mr Symes and that upon investigation advised that the Inn is being actively marketed with the lease for sale or invitations to rent. Mr Grey requested to speak and this was agreed by the Chairman. Mr Grey advised that the previous tenants simply could not afford the rental payments, reportedly set at £42,000 per annum. Councillors agreed that such a rent was extremely high and hoped that some negotiations can be met with future tenants to make certain the Inn stays open. It was agreed the Parish Council can have no impact on actions of the owners only to support new tenants once found.

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

Cllrs discussed whether dog bins/litter bins elsewhere in the Parish were required, the Clerk expressed concern on use of Inn income to serve the litter and dog waste left by tourists visiting the Reservoir area and preferred that such use of income be invested into the village centres for benefit of residents. Councillors agreed that the Reservoir area should come under the remit of South West Lakes Trust. The Clerk was asked to report to WDBC, a gap between the Sheepstor litter bin and surrounding container that is filling waste which is not taken when the bin is emptied.

The Meeting was closed at 8.25 pm.

Signed

Date