

Draft minutes subject to approval

Burrator Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 23rd February 2017 at Walkhampton Memorial Hall

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

Also Present: Cllr D Cloke & Cllr D Moyse, Borough Councillors. Eleven members of the public. Mr P Glanville, DNPA Ranger.

Absent: Cllr Ellis.

The Chairman Cllr Hopson welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited members of the public to address the Councillors.

Mrs France spoke on behalf of many residents in Knowle Terrace with concerns over The Leat including parking issues, one property being used for business purposes (house clearances) which includes putting out excessive numbers of black sacks for the general refuse collection. Tyres are also being stacked alongside a property. Delivery lorries cannot properly gain access due to the inadequate entrances, the Hedge which was supposed to be shunted back during construction but has not and the lack of policy for placing tenants with a local need. Mrs France handed the Chairman photographic evidence of some of the complaints.

Mr Allan complained that many of the tenants are not local and that one comes from London. He advised that he knew of local people being turned down in their applications.

Mrs Watling complained that the entrances to the houses are not wide enough and no allocated spaces were made for existing residents despite promises made during the planning consultation. With visitors to occupants of The Leat parking in Knowle Terrace, this leaves no parking for the residents of Knowle Terrace. Mrs Watling also advised of two people that have been turned down in their applications for these houses.

Mr Glanville handed a copy of the criteria issued with applications for the housing and advised that the criteria is not being followed.

Mrs Gibbings advised of her concerns as a resident of The Leat, in that she is living next door to a person recently convicted of offences involving young children and that the person was not being moved out of the community.

Cllr Hopson thanked all for their comments and advised that the content would be discussed within the meeting which he then opened.

- 1. Apologies**
None.

2. Declarations of Interest.

None. Otherwise as recorded in the Register.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th January 2017.

The Minutes were signed as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Cllr Moyse advised that she had chased for progress on the Yennadon Quarry application and felt that this would be at least another month before any update can be given. Cllr Legassick advised she would give an update on the Parish Boundary Signs later in the meeting.

5. Matter arising regarding Walkhampton Village – Cllr Palmer

Cllr Palmer read a prepared statement following on from the Planning Meeting of 9th February which, in part, outlined the duty of care to follow up concerns made from parishioners by identifying the correct authorities to deal with matters and passing information on.

Cllrs discussed the criteria of applicants applying for housing in The Leat, Cllr Moyse advised that “swopping” is possible but could mean that people are swopping in from outside the local area.

Mr Allan intervened at this point, advising that Julie Harris from the housing authority had admitted that the housing may have been forgotten about since the first allocation of tenants was made. Cllr Moyse advised that she was deeply concerned about this and would be making enquiries at WDBC. Cllr Cloke advised how the system is supposed to work, with allocations prioritised for local need, then widens out to other immediate parishes, then West Devon, then Devon. Cllr Cloke advised that the Section 106 agreement was put on the development and housing association to allocate local persons to the houses. He advised that this may have been followed initially but then the system could have failed since.

Members of the public intervened again, urging the Borough Councillors to represent them and investigate with the local authority and correct the system to fulfil the Section 106 agreement for future allocations and to also urge a re-housing of one tenant to a more suitable location. Both Borough Councillors agreed that they would do this and further discussion was held on the points to investigate.

Cllr Palmer proposed that the Parish Council write a letter to Devon & Cornwall Housing and the Borough Councillors to set out the concerns and request a response. This was seconded by Cllr Scrivener. Cllr Scrivener reminded all present of what the Parish Council was capable of, and in this instance to also write to DNPA to query the implementation of the Section 106 agreement and urged the Borough Councillors to use all their powers to sort the occupancy issues at The Leat.

Cllr Hopson concluded that the residents present should return at the next meeting on 30th March 7.30pm Walhampton Memorial Hall for the Borough Councillors to respond on their enquiries.

The members of public then left the meeting.

5. **Planning Committee.**
 - a) **Minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2017.**

The minutes were noted.
 - b) **Application 0072/17 Prior notification application of erection of agricultural building, Nattor Farm, Sheepstor**

Cllr Scrivener summarised the application and proposed that the Parish Council made no objections. This was seconded by Cllr Hopson.

6. **Finance & General Purposes Committee.**
 - a) **Bills for Payment.** It was agreed to pay the bills of £5081.42. Proposed Cllr Scrivener Seconded Cllr Hopson
 - b) **Financial Statements.** These were noted.

7. **The Royal Oak Inn Committee.**
 - a) **Minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2017**

The minutes were noted.

8. **Burrator Beacon.**

The Clerk advised that the copies would be collected on Monday and delivered to Karen.

9. **Parish Plan Review.**

The Clerk was requested to chase Mr Rich for progress.

10. **Reports from Outside Bodies.**
 - a) **Borough Councillors Report.**

Cllr Moyse gave a verbal report and discussed the Joint Local Plan with the Cllrs urging them all to have a read through online and make comments on Highway matters that will be affected by the housing developments proposed on the A386.
 - b) **Any other reports.**

Mr Glanville advised Councillors of his mobile telephone number and encouraged contact as and when he was required. Mr Glanville summarised various works planned in the Parish. Mr Glanville advised of a forthcoming site meeting in a field in Walkhampton where the the landowner is complaining that the PROW is being abused by residents using the field as a general dog exercise area with dogs off leads and fouling left on the ground. The Clerk advised that the landowner had requested a Parish Councillor also attend and Cllr Legassick confirmed that she would attend as was aware of similar problems elsewhere in the Parish.

Councillors asked questions of Mr Glanville including actions against use of off road vehicles at Lynch and Cadover. Mr Glanville responded that the areas were regularly monitored with local police also to try and deter such use. Swayling was also queried with regard to the dates that it must cease.

11. **Public Relations.**
 - a) **Social Media Updates.**

No report.

12. **Parish Property.**

None.

13. Highways

Cllr Moorhead advised of the overgrowth at the seat on Redhill and the Clerk advised that this would be dealt with by the grass contract which will commence again in mid April.

Cllr Cole advised that the signpost at Lovaton was still outstanding and the Clerk advised that all signage requests previously made were on a list for April when Highways would commence their new year and have the funds to carry out such replacements. This has been the same response for an additional sign at Burrator Dam to warn long and wide vehicles of restricted access beyond the Dam.

14. Correspondence.

None.

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

Cllr Legassick gave an update on the placement of new Parish Boundary Signs. Cllr Landick confirmed that he would be able to assist. Cllr Glanville advised of a suitable location for an additional sign at Ward Bridge and would forward a photograph to the Clerk. Cllrs Glanville and Landick confirmed that as Landowners and Tenants full permission was granted. The Clerk was requested to order an extra sign.

Cllr Moorhead advised that the Twinning Association was short on accommodation for the forthcoming visit to the Parish and if anyone can assist to please contact Karen Batson.

The Meeting was closed at 9.20 pm.

Signed

Date