

Burrator Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held remotely by Zoom on Thursday 24th September 2020

Councillors present: Cllrs Paskins, Glanville F, Ayres, Palmer, Stribley, Palmer, Mechan, Glanville R, Wills, Scrivener, Hopson

Also present: Mrs V Smith, parishioner.

Absent: Cllr Balkwill. Cllr D Moyses, Borough Councillor.

The Chairman, Cllr Paskins opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllr Paskins explained the procedure of the meeting to Mrs Smith.

- 1. Apologies.**
Cllr Balkwill.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.**
There were no declarations of interest. Otherwise as recorded in the register.
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 30th July 2020.**
Typing error Item 14 line 6, amended to “off” and also Item 11 second paragraph: insert full stop after Burrator beacon (secondline) Delete “was” and start new sentence “The Editor...”. With those amendments the minutes were agreed as accurate.
The Part two Minutes also contained typing errors amended to the opening paragraph “clarified” and “people”. With those amendments the minutes were agreed as accurate.
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes of 30th July 2020.**
No response was noted on the fly tipping query with WDBC despite being chased.
No response was noted from VPS re the defibrillator at Burrator Inn.
- 5. Retract Delegation agreed in March 2020 (to the clerk)**
The Clerk summarised the delegation agreed in March and it was agreed to now retract this. Proposed Cllr Hopson Seconded Cllr Mechan.

6. Return to physical meetings.

Cllr Paskins summarised the information received from DALC and village halls. He advised that the recent NALC advice was to continue with remote meetings until further notice. Cllr Hopson gave his opinion on the guidelines presented which contain onerous cleaning regimes, for the village halls especially Meavy Village Hall, that would outweigh the length of the Parish Council meeting. It was therefore proposed to continue with remote meetings until further notice. Proposed Cllr Hopson & Seconded Cllr Glanville.

7. Planning Committee.

a) Applications 0397/20 & 0398/20 Proposed conversion to existing garage to residential annex for us in connection with main residence at Goodameavy Barton, Goodameavy, Roborough. Cllr Brunson summarised his site meeting and the application details. He proposed that the Parish Council support the application on the condition that the accommodation be ancillary to the main house to prevent letting or sale. Proposed Cllr Stribley Seconded Cllr Brunson.

b) Application 0432/20 Solar panel array on roof of dwelling at Terriers, Gratton Lane, Yelverton. Cllrs agreed that they had no objections to the application.

c) Appeal of application 0184/20 Proposed installation of 25m lattice with two antennas, two 0.6m dishes, three equipment cabinets, electrical meter cabinet and temporary generator within fenced compound at Burrator Reservoir, Sheepstor. Cllr Hopson summarised the two applications to date and advised he felt the later application was to browbeat parishioners into favouring the first, lower height, mast application. Cllr Hopson requested that the Parish Council write to the Appeal Inspector and support the grounds of refusal submitted by DNPA and request that the Inspector agree. Cllr F Glanville suggested that the mast at Princetown is used as navigational landmark and wonders if a mast at Burrator be an accepted sight after a few years. This was not supported by other Cllrs. Cllr Scrivener advised that the appeal inspector has already refused the lower mast and therefore was unlikely to support a higher one. The Clerk was requested to send a stronger letter referring to Cllr Hopson's previous email notes, to the Appeal Inspector. Proposed Cllr Hopson Seconded Cllr Scrivener.

d) Application 0439/20 Proposed conversion of conservatory to utility room, change of roofing material to slate and addition of one roof light at Quinta Park, Princetown Road, Dousland.

Cllr Paskins summarised the application. It was proposed that the Parish Council had no objection to the application. Proposed Cllr Palmer Seconded Cllr Stribley and agreed by all.

Cllrs discussed delays in planning application details being loaded onto the DNPA website and that despite being notified of the planning application, it frequently takes a few days to upload the information onto the planning portal. It was agreed to request a speedier service from DNPA to allow cllrs the

opportunity to consider properly the detail within the timescale given. The Clerk was asked to write to DNPA and raise this matter.

Cllr Paskins advised that no cllr was able to attend the site meeting at Yennadon Quarry. Cllr Glanville advised that he would have been willing to go but was unable to support the Parish Council's objection to the application in 2015 as he would support the extension. Other cllrs discussed and agreed with this.

8. The Royal Oak Inn Committee.

Cllr Paskins referred to the letter received from Mrs Smith and asked Mrs Smith if she would like to speak at this point. Mrs Smith stated that there was an unacceptable number of people using the green and greater control was required. Mrs Smith advised that she is of high risk and would have liked the opportunity to sit with neighbours on the green obeying social distancing guidelines, but was unable to owing to the large number of visitors present on the green. Mrs Smith advised that the tables on the green have enticed more visitors to the village. Cllr Paskins gave an outline of the visitor numbers at the Walkhampton Inn which is similar to Meavy. Cllr Scrivener advised of numbers of vehicles parked everywhere which affects their daily activities safely in Sheepstor. Cllrs discussed the increased visitors that are everywhere at present and it was agreed that the change of seasons would now see numbers starting to decrease.

Cllr Wills gave a short verbal report on the Inn and advised a couple of complaints have been received and that running of the pub was reasonably smooth. The lights have been repaired. Cllr Wills confirmed that he has been monitoring frequently. Cllr Wills advised of a positive meeting with Jim Luxton regarding repairs to the cobbles and that a quote was forthcoming. Cllr Wills advised that the tenant had recently sent an email regarding the rent and that further information had been requested. The Clerk advised that a Committee meeting will be summoned once the information has been received.

9. Finance and General Purposes Committee.

a) Bills for payment. Cllr F Glanville presented the bills for payment and summarised the income. It was proposed to pay the bills. Proposed Cllr F Glanville and seconded Cllr Mechan.

b) Financial Statements. Cllr F Glanville summarised the statement which reinforced the previous decision of non urgent expenditure.

c) Draft Budget 2021-2022. Cllrs discussed the draft budgets and to budget the precept to cover the essential running costs of the Parish Council. After discussion it was agreed to hold a finance meeting earlier than planned and that the Clerk would prepare more details.

10. Burrator Events.

None.

11. Parish Plan Steering Group.

Cllr Paskins gave a summary of the agreed process; three reports out of four, have now been provided and will be shortly circulated to all cllrs for comment and discussion at the next meeting. The fourth report is being chased for

submission. Cllrs discussed the way forward and concluded that should be unified into a single report. It was concluded that this is the role of the Steering Group.

12. Burrator Beacon.

Costs of printing were discussed for the next edition and cllrs agreed to remain digital with a small number of printed copies for those that cannot access online services. In light of Covid restrictions, it was agreed to review again in 2021. It was proposed therefore that the next edition remain digital and will be reviewed at each edition.

13. Reports from outside bodies.

- a) Borough Councillors Report. No report.
- b) Any other reports. No reports.

14. Public Relations.

Cllr Scrivener raised the recent absence of notifications of road closures through email and the need for these to be made available more readily for facebook. The Clerk advised she would be more vigilant for searching through the emails received each day.

Cllr Paskins was asked for an explanation of the process for the replacement of the Parish Clerk. Cllr Paskins summarised the need for a working party and the administrative tasks required to move forward.

15. Parish Property.

- a) Defibrillators. Reports were made on the units and noted that Walkhampton's and Dousland's are in working order. The Clerk was asked to chase the security company regarding the power to the unit at the Burrator Inn.

16. Highway Matters.

No matters.

17. Correspondence.

Communications over the use of Meavy Bus Shelter were discussed. Cllr Paskins advised that he felt there should not be a problem and that the Parish Council is not responsible for people's behaviour. Cllr Paskins proposed that another letter be sent to the school requesting social distancing be respected and that signage is left in place, cc to Mrs Boylett. Cllr Stribley summarises the evidence that the shelter was provided for shared use of bus users and school access. The headmaster is insisting that the shelter is for the school only. Cllr Stribley stated that we have the evidence to give to the headmaster and requested that shared use be respected. Cllr Ayres advised of the notice that states this is not a bus shelter which is not true and not acceptable. Cllr Stribley advised of the movement of the bus stop to the other side of the road some years ago, and that it is regrettable that the shared use is now disputed. Cllr Brunson proposed that he draft a letter be sent to the headmaster, providing the evidence for the bus shelter use and that our expectation is that it remains used as a bus shelter and our disappointment with the attitude being adopted by the school and previous unresolved matters vehicle congestion at the school. The letter should be copied to the Governors and the Diocese to encourage a collaborative working relationship. The proposal was seconded

Cllr Hopson. Cllrs discussed and agreed that the Parish Council should try to influence this. Further discussion including establishing land ownership and seeking legal advice. It was agreed to discuss with the Chair of Governors in the first instance, who is known to the Walkhampton cllrs. Cllr Paskins advised that he would feed back once this approach has been made. The Clerk was instructed to make enquiries with Land Registry re ownership and also of DNPA records.

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

Cllrs recorded their thanks to the Clerk for her work over the years.

Cllr Palmer advised that he would chase the Meavy railings up for progress.

Cllr Palmer raised the matter of the new planning proposals and whether the Parish Council had made any progress on querying this. Cllr Paskins advised that he had contacted DNPA without response to date and will continue to attempt to make contact on this matter.

The Meeting was closed at 9.47 pm.

Signed

Date