

Draft minutes subject to approval

# **Burrator Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 25th January 2018 at Walkhampton Memorial Hall**

**Councillors present:** Cllrs Fisk, Aves, Ellis, Glanville, Hopson, Moorhead, Paskins & Scrivener.

**Absent:** Cllrs Powell, Cole, Palmer, Landick, Wills & Legassick. Cllr Moyse, Borough Councillor.

**Also present:** Cllr D Moyse, Borough Councillor. Mr & Mrs Vanstone, applicants to item 4.

Cllr Hopson welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7.30pm and invited those present to address the Councillors. Mrs Vanstone introduced herself and her husband as local farmers of the Parish and described their application in detail with reasoning behind the proposal.

- 1. Apologies for Absence.**  
Cllrs Cole, Landick & Legassick.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.**  
There were no declarations of interest.
- 3. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 30th November 2017.**  
The minutes were agreed as accurate and signed by Cllr Hopson.
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes.**  
None.
- 5. Planning Committee.**
  - a) Application 0014/18 Proposed erection of 3 dwellings, land north west of Walkhampton. The application for outline permission was discussed and agreed that the application was contrary to policy (as stated, a departure) and would have an adverse affect on the conservation area. Affordable housing was not being offered or any contribution to other affordable housing in the parish. Cllr Moorhead proposed the objection, seconded by Cllr Glanville and agreed by all.
  - b) Application 0020/18 Proposed erection of two agricultural buildings (323.3 sqm each) and creation of new access track at land at Meavy, Yelverton. Cllrs discussed the application taking into consideration the information provided by Mrs Vanstone at the beginning of the meeting. It was agreed to support the application. Proposed Cllr Scrivener seconded Cllr Fisk and agreed by all.
- 6. Finance & General Purposes Committee.**
  - a) Bills for payment. It was agreed to pay the bills presented. Proposed Cllr Aves Seconded Cllr Glanville.

c) Financial Statements. The statement was noted and Cllr Scrivener requested that Councillors refer to the statement for the next item discussion.

**7. The Royal Oak Inn Committee.**

a) Truss Repairs.

The Clerk had circulated prior to the meeting, the contractors estimate of £22700 plus VAT and a written brief of the advice prepared by the Clerk, from discussions with Cara Stobart, Devon Association of Local Councils to aid the Councillors in discussing the way forward. Cllrs discussed the information presented noting that the West Dartmoor Benefice had given approval of access through the Churchyard for essential access and would be provided with a copy of the contractors insurance details.

Councillors agreed that time was of importance and lack of interested Contractors a problem resulting in no additional estimate being received.

It was agreed that the Council would be satisfied to instruct the contractor providing the estimate be confirmed as a quotation (apart from the electrics which are unknown until works commence. It was agreed to minute that the contractor was recommended by the structural engineer and had already competently carried out phases 1 & 2 of the project. The Clerk was therefore instructed to respond to the contractor and request confirmation of a quotation rather than estimate. It was agreed that upon receipt of this confirmation, the clerk email all Cllrs to agree an instruction as soon as possible.

**8. Parish Plan Steering Group**

No report.

**9. Burrator Beacon.**

No report.

**10. Reports from outside bodies.**

a) Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Moyse advised that she had not much to report due to her recent absence and invited Cllrs to present any questions to her. Recycling was discussed.

b) Any Other Reports

The Clerk had circulated notes taken from a meeting with DNPA in Meavy Parish Hall on 8th January and these were noted. Cllr Aves reported on the last Southern Links Meeting.

**11. Public Relations.**

None.

**12. Parish Property.**

Cllr Paskins, again, advised of the rotten notice board in Walkhampton village and advised of some prices of its replacement and total costs if all the Parish notice boards were to be replaced. Cllrs discussed and noted that Sheepstor, Iron Mine Lane, Dousland Post Office were in satisfactory condition for a few more years. Cllr Aves advised that the TAP fund guidelines for applications for funding would shortly be available and that he would advise if an application for financial support would be possible although as he sits on the Committee for the Parish Council would not be prepared to action an application for submission. It was agreed that Cllr Aves would advise the Clerk as and when information was available.

**13. Highway Matters.**

Cllr Fisk reported on a missing signpost at the end of Lovaton approaching the road for Greenwell Farm.

Cllr Scrivener advised of flooding again in Meavy village from the junction just below Yennadon cattle grid. A local resident has provided some photographs and suggested that a drain be installed from the highway into the leat adjacent to take flood water away rather than flow down into Meavy village. The Clerk advised that she had forwarded this onto SWW as a suggestion and awaits response.

Cllr Paskins advised of the, long existing, blocked drain outside Walkhampton Memorial Hall. He reported that Highways have confirmed it will be addressed on the next annual clearance which apparently appears to be every three years now.

The Clerk advised of notification from Walkhampton villagers that the hand held gritter (funded by the Parish Council in previous years) had been successfully used and appreciated in recent icy condition.

**14. Correspondence.**

a) Woodland Trust Care Award

The Clerk advised of formal notification that the Oak Tree on Meavy Green had received a runner up award. The Parish Council can now claim for £500 towards essential care and maintenance of the tree. The Clerk was requested to submit the claim form for care and maintenance with the guidance of Mr Beesley, DNPA.

**15. Urgent Additional Business, by Leave of the Chair.**

None.

The Meeting was closed at 8.35pm.

Signed

Date