

Draft minutes subject to approval

# **Burrator Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016 at Walkhampton Memorial Hall, Walkhampton**

**Councillors present:** Cllrs Moorhead, Scrivener, Fisk, Aves, Ellis, Lynn, Powell, Cole, Paskins & Landick.

**Councillors absent:** Cllrs Palmer, Hopson, Trueman, Legassick & Glanville. Cllr D Cloke (Borough Cllr)

**Also Present:** Cllr D Moyse, Borough Councillor & Mr G Manning, Dartmoor Forest Parish Council.

Cllr Cole took the Chair in Cllr Hopsons absence and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr Manning addressed the Councillors and explained his Parish Council's efforts to control tourism in times of snow without deterring visitors to the area. Mr Manning outlined problems of inconsiderate and dangerous parking, trespass on private ground, lack of consideration to live stock in leaving gates open and use of car parks at night for vehicle entertainment. Mr Manning advise that the Parish Council was looking into CCTV, improved signage for private land and a clear way from the Peek Hill cattle grid to Princetown. Cllrs asked questions and Cllr Scrivener proposed that the Parish Council support the Dartmoor Forest Parish Council in their proposal for a clear way. This was seconded Cllr Lynn and agreed. Cllr Cole advised that she would like a Parish Councillor to attend some of the Dartmoor Forest Parish Council meetings and Mr Manning advised that he would feedback with a view to an invitation being made.

Cllr Cole thanked Mr Manning for attending and opened the meeting at 7.45pm.

**1. Apologies**

Cllrs Legassick, Trueman, Palmer & Hopson.

**2. Declarations of Interest.**

None. Otherwise as recorded in the Register.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016.**

Cllr Aves requested amendment to Item 13 on the first page to read:

".....reasons of non viability and availability of other inns in the parish. He considered that it would be an error for the Council to legitimise the request Walkhampton Residents to register the Inn as an Asset of Community Value and delay the change of use which is the only viable option for the property."

Cllr Lynn requested amendment to the public time paragraph, line 9, where "such" needs to read "should".

With those amendments the Minutes were signed as an accurate record.

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes.**

Item 14 It was noted that some of the potholes had been filled but the largest and most problematic had not. The Clerk was asked to notify Highways of this.

It was noted that SWW had acted promptly on the sewerage report and this was now in hand.

**5. Planning Committee.**

**a) Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

Cllr Moorhead summarised the meeting and the minutes were noted.

**b) 0071/16 Proposed to erect single storey extension to the side and rear of existing dwelling at 1 New Cottages, Meavy.** Cllr Moorhead advised that a site visit could not be arranged in time for the meeting and Cllrs discussed the plans as presented. It was agreed that without a site visit, that the Parish Council would submit a neutral view to the application. Proposed Cllr Moorhead Seconded Cllr Fisk.

**6. Finance & General Purposes Committee.**

**b) Bills for payment.** It was proposed to pay the bills of £1929.18. **Proposed** Cllr Scrivener **Seconded** Cllr Moorhead.

**c) Financial Statements.** These were noted.

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

The Clerk advised that she and Cllr Cole had attended the site meeting between the Structural Engineer and the Conservation Officer of the DNPA and that the minutes and action plan would be circulated for the next committee meeting.

**8. Burrator Twinning Association.**

It was noted that this item would remain on the agenda whilst the Clerk gains quotes for the replacement boundary signs.

**9. Burrator Beacon.**

The Clerk advised that the copies were ready for collection at the University and that she had asked the two volunteers to do this as soon as possible.

**10. Reports from Outside Bodies.**

**a) Borough Councillors Report**

Cllr Moyle short report on West Devon and DNPA.

**Other reports:**

Cllr Aves advised that the next Southern Link Committee meeting was scheduled for the same date as the next Royal Oak Inn Committee Meeting and that he attend the meeting of the Royal Oak Inn Committee.

**11. Public Relations.**

Cllr Scrivener advised that he and the Chairman have been discussing ways to open communications with the village hubs and improve the information being presented to the public on the Parish Council website. Ideas were presented with a Facebook page being agreed in principle. Cllr Scrivener, Paskins, Ellis & Powell agreed to meet informally to get discussions started and report at the next meeting.

- 12. The Walkhampton Inn.**  
**a) draft application to List as an Asset of Community Value.** The Clerk reminded those present that the draft application had been circulated to all Councillors by email and requested that one sentence be removed from the draft which was agreed by all. It was proposed to submit the application by Cllr Paskins seconded by Cllr Ellis and agreed by those present with one objection.  
The Clerk read aloud a PR statement prepared by the Chairman and this was agreed to be submitted to the Tavistock Times Gazette.
- 13. Parish Property.**  
It was noted that the Clerk is obtaining quotes for replacement Parish boundary signs.
- 14. Highways.**  
None.
- 15. Correspondence.**  
**a) Back Lane, Walkhampton**  
The Clerk summarised the events to date starting with a residents complaint that the lane had been gravelled over, a site visit from DNPA and their consequent report that no breach has occurred, further information behind the reasons for the layering on the lane which has washed away and recently been replaced. Cllrs discussed and agreed that the Parish Council had no authority to take any actions on the matter.  
**b) Memorial on Meavy Green**  
Cllrs discussed the request from the PCC to add a name to the memorial and support their request. It was agreed to contribute £50 towards the costs incurred by the PCC to carry this out.
- The Clerk explained a sequence of emails from Wild Night Run organisers arranging a marathon event around the Reservoir on 22<sup>nd</sup> May and their proposals to apply for a road closure. The Clerk read aloud a response prepared by the Chairman objecting to any road closures and this was agreed to be sent.
- 16. Urgent additional business, by leave of the Chair.**  
The Clerk advised of an email from Brian Beesley at DNPA regarding the proposed removal of saplings from the roadside at Meavy. It was noted that Highways have requested the saplings be cut back as they encroach the highway but both the landowner and DNPA are of the opinion that the saplings should be removed entirely as would not survive if cut back and this was agreed.

The Meeting was closed at 9.28 pm.

Signed

Date