

Draft minutes subject to approval

# **Burrator Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 25th April 2019 at Meavy Parish Hall**

**Councillors present:** Cllrs Aves, Cole, Legassick, Paskins, Scrivener, Wills, Hopson, Moorhead, Stribley & Glanville.

**Also present:** Cllr D Moyse, Borough Councillor.

**Absent:** Cllrs Palmer, Landick, Powell & Ayres. Cllr D Cloke, Borough Councillor.

The Vice Chairman, Cllr Aves took the chair in Cllr Palmer's absence and opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

- 1. Apologies.**  
Cllrs Palmer, Landick, Cloke, Powell & Ayres.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.**  
There were no declarations of interest. Otherwise as recorded in the register.
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 28th March 2019**  
The minutes were signed as an accurate record by Cllr Aves. Proposed Cllr Paskins Seconded Cllr Legassick.
- 4. Matters arising from the minutes of 28th March 2019**  
Item 4 Cllr Paskins advised that the defibrillator for Walkhampton was shortly due to be installed and that a familiarisation session was being planned. The Clerk advised that SWLT had communicated that they preferred the defibrillator to be placed on the toilet block by their own electrician. This was discussed. Cllrs agreed that this would be better installed on a board giving room for a notice from the Parish Council advising of the lock combination.

Cllrs discussed the recent pruning of the Oak Tree and a recent visit from the Ancient Tree Forum, whose report is expected to the Parish Council. Cllrs discussed the need to progress with the other recommended works in relocating the seat and extending the railings to protect the ground around the tree. Cllr Aves requested that the Clerk place an agenda item for this at the next meeting and enquire in the meantime if planning permission is required for the relocation of seat and railings. Cllr Aves also thanked Cllr Scrivener for his press report on this matter.

Cllr Scrivener advised that he had walked the public right of way mentioned at the last meeting and found the route to be accessible however there is a broken gate and signpost. He advised that he had photographed this and emailed the Clerk and requested that the Parish Council agree that this be forwarded to the Ranger. Cllr Moyse advised that Mr Rob Taylor had carried out a site visit and would probably be the next recipient for the photographs. This was agreed

It was noted that the fly tipping has been cleared.

**5. Planning Committee.**

No report

**6. Finance and General Purposes Committee.**

**a) Bills for payment.** The bills were authorised. Proposed Cllr Glanville seconded Cllr Wills.

**b) Financial Statements.** The statement was noted.

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

Cllr Aves gave a verbal report on the way forward with window replacement/restoration and cobbling. He reported that the Clerk and he had met with the new Conservation Officer and colleagues from DNPA who had given very helpful advice which will be further discussed at the next Committee meeting. Cllr Aves finished his report with a summary of a recent fund raising event at the Inn and also that the tenant was standing for Councillor for Dartmoor Parish.

**8. Burrator Events.**

Cllr Scrivener advised that SWLT were inviting tenders for franchises for catering at Fernworthy Reservoir and one other and opened discussion on whether the Parish Council should be stating at this stage, that this would not be welcome at Burrator. Cllrs discussed and agreed that at present, Burrator is not mentioned and that SWLT are very aware of the opposition for commercialisation. It was therefore agreed that no comment would be made at this time.

**9. Parish Plan Steering Group.**

Cllr Paskins reported that he is hoping to be in a position to give an update at the next meeting.

**10. Burrator Beacon.**

Cllrs discussed comments from parishioners on the recent colour edition.

**11. Nomination of Parish Councillor for Parish Member of Dartmoor National Park Authority.**

Cllr Aves nominated Cllr Hopson to become a member and it was agreed that he sign the relevant nomination papers.

**12. Reports from outside bodies.**

a) Borough Councillors Report. Cllr Moyse gave a short report on the next DNPA Development meeting and the Hatherleigh Market.

b) Any other reports. Cllr Aves advised of the next Southern Links meeting and that he would be attending this.

**13. Public Relations.**

No reports.

**14. Parish Property.**

Cllrs agreed that once all the defibrillators are in place, that a press release is made. The Clerk was asked to send a photograph and dimensions of the defibrillator for the SLWT placement to Cllr Legassick.

**15. Highway Matters.**

Cllrs commented on the recent hedge trimming throughout the Parish in particular the over hanging trees on B3212. A damaged wall at Nelders Lane, Sheepstor was discussed and noted that it is the tree that is damaging the wall. Cllrs expressed concerns that if the tree falls it would take out the wall opposite bounding Hellington Farm. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact SWLT and the landowner to express our concerns. Cllr Glanville advised of lots of skilled labour available with DNPA through a voluntary scheme available to Parishes and that the Parish Council can tap into or indeed any landowner. It was noted that SWLT's own Emily Cannon is the contact for voluntary works around Burrator.

Cllr Moorhead advised of overgrown bushes in Iron Mine Lane that is actually making the road narrower outside Yennadon House and Yennadon Lodge. The Clerk was requested to report this to Highways.

**16. Correspondence.**

Cllrs noted the email circulation from Jen Manning's regarding encouraging walks within the Parish.

**17. Urgent additional business, by leave of the Chair.**

Cllrs noted that the toilets at the Dam were currently closed and requested that the Clerk find out why and what the plan is, as visitors are fouling the land instead.

Cllr Aves raised concerns over the recent moorland fires at Princetown and whether the Parish Councils have an active role in response. Cllr Cole responded to advise that all local farmers and commoners work with DNPA and emergency vehicles in these instances as they have the necessary training, land knowledge and vehicles to hand.

Cllr Scrivener thanked all Councillors not standing again, for their valuable contribution to the Parish Council and this was echoed by all. It was noted that Cllr Moorhead had served 28 years and Cllr Cole had served 19 years.

Cllr Stribley raised a query on cycling within the DNP and it was clarified that this is permitted on bridleways only

The Meeting was closed at 8.40pm.

Signed

Date