

Draft minutes subject to approval

Burrator Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 26th February 2015 at Sheepstor Village Hall

Councillors present: Cllrs Moorhead, Scrivener, Fisk, Trueman & Legassick.

Councillors absent: Cllrs Parle, Hopson, Wannell, Palmer, Inman, Powell, Lynn, Aves & Cole.

Cllr Scrivener authorised the meeting to proceed with 5 Councillors present with the agreement of those present. The meeting at 7.30pm.

- 1. Apologies**
Cllrs Parle, Hopson, Wannell, Palmer, Inman, Powell, Lynn, Aves & Cole.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.**
None. Otherwise as recorded in the Register.
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 29th January 2015.**
The Minutes were signed as an accurate record. Proposed Cllr Moorhead
Seconded Cllr Fisk.
- 4. Matters arising from the Minutes.**
The grass contract was briefly discussed.
- 5. Planning Committee.**
a) Minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2015
The minutes were noted.
- 6. Finance & General Purposes Committee.**
a) Bills for payment. It was proposed to pay the bills of £1289.12 and also a
refund to Cornwood Parish Church for an error in their advert. **Proposed** Cllr
Fisk **Seconded** Cllr Moorhead.
b) Financial Statements. The bank statement had not yet arrived and
therefore no up to date statement was available.
- 7. The Royal Oak Inn Committee.**
The Clerk advised that the next Committee meeting would be in two weeks.
- 8. Burrator Beacon.**
It was noted that the copies of the Spring Edition was now ready for collection
at Dousland Post Office. Councillors discussed taking a photograph of the
new benches in the Helen Rowett Park for the cover of the Summer Edition.

9. Reports from Outside Bodies.

Cllr Scrivener advised of a matter raised by Sheepstor Commoners and WDBC, affecting Burrator Reservoir. He reported that an application had been made to WDBC Licensing Department for a Horse Drawn Hackney Omnibus to operate around the Reservoir. It was noted that several land owners had been approached by the applicant for storage enquiries and as a result storage has been agreed at Lowery Farm. Councillors discussed this and agreed that the Parish Council should strongly object to such commercialisation of the area. Also for health and safety grounds in that the road is already congested at weekends by multi users: walkers, cyclists and horse riders, not to mention residents and agricultural vehicles. Vehicle parking is already at its maximum capacity without further enticement to the area. The Clerk was asked to email the Licencing Department at WDBC with the Parish Councils views. Proposed Cllr Trueman Cllr Fisk.

10. Parish Property.

a) Helen Rowett Park.

It was noted that the hedging had been cleared as requested and that the tree would shortly be removed. It was agreed to defer discussion of fencing and gates to the March meeting when it is hoped that more Councillors will attend with their ideas.

11. Highways

None.

12. Correspondence.

The Clerk advised of an email from the Burrator Pre-School with further information on current numbers and costs that had been requested to aid discussion on whether the Parish Council would make a grant payment. It was noted that numbers are relatively low at present with 3 sessions running per week. After discussion it was agreed that no grant would be made this year but the Clerk was asked to write to the Pre-School and suggest that they apply next year when hopefully the school has become established.

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

None.

The Meeting was closed at 8 pm.

Signed

Date