

Draft minutes subject to approval

# **Burrator Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at Meavy Parish Hall**

**Councillors present:** Cllrs Moorhead, Scrivener, Fisk, Trueman, Legassick, Hopson, Wannell, Powell, Lynn, Aves & Cole.

**Councillors absent:** Cllrs Parle, Palmer & Inman.

Also Present: Mr P Glanville, DNPA Ranger, Mr F Luxmoore, proposer of Carriage Rides around Burrator. Two members of the public & Ms D Moyse, Borough Councillor.

Cllr Scrivener welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Mr Luxmoore to speak. Mr Luxmoore spoke regarding his proposal to provide Carriage Rides around Burrator and his application to WDBC for the necessary licence. He summarised that he had arranged storage at Lowery Barn and was conscious of the Council's concerns of extra traffic and congestion at the Dam. Cllr Scrivener advised of other concerns of local residents and invited Mrs Thomas to speak as a resident of Sheepstor. Mrs Thomas stated that she and others felt this was commercialisation of Burrator which would set a precedent for other such business activities. Councillors asked questions of Mr Luxmoore including concerns of safety, intended routes, speed of vehicles and cyclists, bus service and proposed hours and days of trading. Cllr Scrivener thanked Mr Luxmoore for attending and advised that the Parish Council had no agenda item for further discussion until such a time that WDBC make a decision on licencing.

Mr Glanville gave a verbal report to the Councillors on current works being carried out around the Parish. Councillors agreed that the clearance works to drains on tracks around Burrator were most satisfactory.

- 1. Apologies**  
Cllrs Parle, Palmer & Inman.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.**  
None. Otherwise as recorded in the Register.
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2015.**  
The Minutes were signed as an accurate record.
- 4. Matters arising from the Minutes.**  
Item 9 was noted as the history leading to Mr Luxmoore attending the meeting that evening.
- 5. Planning Committee.**
  - a) Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2015**  
The minutes were noted.

- 6. Finance & General Purposes Committee.**
  - a) Bills for payment.** It was proposed to pay the bills of £1821.12. **Proposed** Cllr Wannell **Seconded** Cllr Legassick. Cllr Scrivener abstained as a recipient of expenses for mileage.
  - b) Financial Statements.** The statement was noted.
- 7. The Royal Oak Inn Committee.**

Cllr Cole advised that all was well at present with no items for discussion.
- 8. Burrator Beacon.**

It was noted that the recent edition had been distributed. Cllr Cole requested that her telephone number be corrected on the back page and Cllr Aves advised that he would take over the Princetown Road deliveries.
- 9. Reports from Outside Bodies.**

Cllr Scrivener gave a report on the recent workshop held at DNPA that he attending with Cllr Cole. Superfast Broadband had been discussed and Cllr Scrivener proposed that the Parish Council look into whether funding towards improved services would place the remote areas of Burrator Parish higher on the list for works. This was agreed to be looked into providing that the Council was provided detailed information and Cllr Scrivener agreed to request the attendance of the DNPA contact to a Parish Council meeting.

Cllr Scrivener also reported on DNPA fees for pre planning advice and it was agreed that the Parish Council welcomed the zero pre application advice fees for home owners developing in their own property boundary.
- 10. Parish Property.**
  - a) Helen Rowett Park.**

Cllrs discussed the minor improvement works to the boundary of the park. The Clerk was asked to gain two quotes for replacement self closing gates or restructuring the existing gates and tighten the wire fencing where necessary. Cllr Trueman offered to gain quotes for a brass plaque on the new benches and some appropriate welcome sign to the Helen Rowett Park.

The Clerk was reminded to chase the contractor for the removal of the dead tree.

Cllr Cole advised that voluntary works on Watery Lane had been completed and that the lane was now functioning.

Cllrs reported broken or missing road signs at SX665548 & SX673568. The Clerk was requested to report these to Highways. Also at the junction just past the Discovery Centre at Burrator.
- 11. Highways**

Cllrs discussed the forthcoming traffic restriction order for Burrator Dam and it was clarified that this is an experimental project to see how cars can park further around the Reservoir and hopefully encourage future alternative parking to aid reduced congestion in future.
- 12. Correspondence.**

None.

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

Cllrs Legassick and Scrivener informed the Councillors of a forthcoming music event in July, at the Head Weir of Burrator Reservoir. Cllr Legassick outlined the planned weekend event that has been arranged by SWLT who are selling tickets. Cllr Hopson spoke in objection to such an event as continuing attempt by SWLT to commercialise the area. Other Cllrs agreed.

After discussion it was agreed to raise some questions both to DNPA and SWLT on any planning permissions, agreements with the landowner or licensing arrangements and whether the Parish Council should have been consulted. Traffic congestion was again a major concern and Cllrs suggested that SWLT advertise access to Norsworthy Bridge by the top road thereby avoiding Sheepstor village.

The Meeting was closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed

Date