

Draft minutes subject to approval

Burrator Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 26th April 2018 at Meavy Parish Hall

Councillors present: Cllrs Aves, Ellis, Fisk, Legassick, Glanville, Landick, Scrivener, Palmer, Moorhead, Paskins & Cole.

Absent: Cllrs Powell, Hopson & Wills. Cllr D Cloke, Borough Councillor.

Also present: Cllr D Moyses, Borough Councillor.

The Vice Chairman, Cllr Cole welcomed all to the meeting at 7.30pm and reminded Cllrs of the Annual General Meeting in May where it becomes necessary to nominate a new Chair and Vice for the Parish Council. Cllr Cole advised that she would not be accepting either position due to other commitments and requested that Cllrs consider nominations to be made at the meeting.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs Powell, Hopson & Wills.

2. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Minutes of the Council Meeting held 29th March 2018

Amendment was agreed to remove the word “from” at Item 4 3rd line and Item 8 to change word “stakeholders” to “interest groups”. With those amendments the minutes were agreed as accurate and signed by Cllr Cole.

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

Cllr Moyses advised that she had spoken with the relevant person at WDBC regarding the errors on the Council Tax bills with Cllr Moyses confirming the grouping of Burrator Parish in 1979.

Cllr Palmer raised the recent chimney fire at the Royal Oak Inn and questioned whether the chimney was lined, how often swept etc. Cllr Cole advised that this was not a matter arising from the minutes and the matter was dealt with at the time however Cllr Palmer could raise other questions under Item 7.

Cllr Paskins advised that he was still waiting for information to circulate after his attendance at the “Making Planning Work” workshop at DNPA.

Cllr Scrivener advised that various road closures on the B3212 had been notified to him for areas of surface dressing, patching and pothole works. Cllr Scrivener confirmed that he would place the information on the Facebook page.

5. Planning Committee.

a) Minutes of the meeting held on 19th April 2018

Cllr Moorhead presented the minutes and these were noted.

- 6. Finance & General Purposes Committee.**
 - a) Minutes of the meeting held on 19th April 2018. Cllr Glanville presented the minutes and confirm that Item b Year End Summary had been checked and signed off.
 - b) Year End Summary 2017-2018. As above.
 - c) Bills for payment. It was agreed to pay the bills presented.
 - d) Financial Statements. The statement was noted.

- 7. The Royal Oak Inn Committee.**

Cllr Cole advised that the steel structure was now complete in the roof space and that DNPA are aware that should they need to inspect, now is the time before the accesses are closed. Cllr Aves suggested an article in the Tavistock Times but this was not agreed at the time. Cllr Palmer raised the recent chimney fire again and questioned whether the staff members were trained in basic fire skills. It was agreed that whilst staff training was the tenants' responsibility, the question would be raised at the annual inspection.

- 8. Parish Plan Steering Group**

Cllr Paskins gave an update on the Walkhampton Steering Group and their recent meeting with Interest Groups, Moxhams Garage & Walkhampton Memorial Hall. Cllrs discussed progress being made within Meavy, it is proving challenging to progress with a questionnaire that the group has agreed on. Concerns were expressed by Cllrs that Meavy is slowing progress of the Burrator Area Community Plan.

- 9. Burrator Beacon.**

No report.

- 10. Reports from outside bodies.**
 - a) Borough Councillors Report
Cllr Moyse gave a verbal report on waste collections, flooding and potential development on brown field sites but yet to be concluded whether this includes the DNP.

 - b) Any Other Reports
Cllr Scrivener raised an email received from the Head of Angling at South West Lakes Trust advising that a safety line will be installed for the summer months at Burrator to prevent boats being blown over the dam. Cllrs raised concerns on the visibility of this line (with buoys attached) from the higher ground dispute DNPA's support of this to SWLT, also to object to the installation for the sake of one boat currently permitted on the water and that it may lead to an increase of boating activity. It was agreed to feedback concerns to SWLT.

- 11. Public Relations.**

No report.

- 12. Parish Property.**

Cllr Paskins advised that the Walkhampton Notice Board will be delivered to him on 15th May 2018.

The Clerk advised that the Meavy War Memorial was now prepared by the DNPA stonemason and is now liaising with DNPA and the Parish Council's stonemason to agree the exact position of the new inscription.

13. Highway Matters.

Cllrs discussed the many potholes throughout the Parish and take some are so deep that they are a danger for cyclists too. Cllrs despaired over the poor road conditions on smaller lanes due to extreme weather conditions and lack of funds at DCC to repair the rural areas. Cllr Legassick advised that she had reported the cattle grid at the Scout Hut as being so full that the animals can now walk straight over this. Blocked drains were noted to remain blocked unless water is standing after 24 hours but agreed to continue to report to DCC.

14. Correspondence.

None.

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

Cllr Moorhead advised of a planning application that should have been raised under Item 5, it was agreed by the Vice Chair to take the matter at this point. Application 0181/18 16 Knowle Terrace was discussed with Cllrs Legassick and Ellis reporting on their site visit. It was agreed by the planning committee members to support the application as it will assist relieve the parking congestion on Knowle Terrace.

Cllr Cole raised the suggestion made at the recent Finance and General Purpose's committee to reconsider a Footpaths Committee. Cllrs discussed the aims of the suggestion. It was agreed that in the first instance, the Clerk could circulate the list of footpaths by email to all Cllrs.

Cllr Cole advised of a complaint made regarding the condition of Knowle Down due to supplementary feeding of cattle. Photographs were circulated showing the ruts and the now impassable footpath at the bottom of the Down. Cllrs agreed that a letter should be sent to the landowner, Dartmoor Commoners Council, Dartmoor National Park and the farmer whose cattle are being kept and feed on Knowle Down.

Clr Palmer raised concerns over the gorse on Yennadon Down and the fire risk particularly with woodland and housing surrounding the Down. Cllr Palmer suggested that the Parish Council assist part fund of a scrub cutter to create fire breaks. Cllrs discussed this and agreed that this was the Commoners responsibility. The Clerk was requested to write to the Landowner and Yennadon Commoners Association with the Parish Council's concerns.

The Meeting was closed at 8.38pm.

Signed

Date