

Draft minutes subject to approval

Burrator Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 26th September 2019 at Meavy Parish Hall

Councillors present: Cllrs Paskins, Wills, Hopson, Ayres, Stribley, Brunson, Balkwill & Palmer.

Also Present: Cllr Moyse, Borough Cllr.

Absent: Cllrs Scrivener, Gregory & Glanville & Cllr T Bolton, Borough Councillor.

The Vice Chair, Cllr Paskins opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

1. Election of Chairman.

Cllr Paskins requested any nominations for Chairman. Cllr Brunson proposed Cllr Paskins and this was seconded by Cllr Stribley and agreed by all. Cllr Paskins accepted the role and therefore continued in the Chair.

2. Apologies.

Cllrs Scrivener, Gregory & Glanville.

3. Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest. Otherwise as recorded in the register.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 1st August 2019.

The minutes were signed as an accurate record.

5. Matters arising from the minutes of 1st August 2019.

Item 13 Cllr Ayres advised that he could obtain a spare set of pads (shelf life 10years) for the defibrillators at reduced significantly lower cost than from St John's Ambulance. This was agreed.

Item 16 Cllr Wills confirmed that he had removed the bench from under the Oak Tree and was storing this at his farm temporarily. He advised that he was meeting the owner of the bench the following day to discuss a different location for it to be sited. Cllr Stribley asked who would be expected to pay for the re-siting.

6. Planning Committee.

a) Minutes of the meeting held on 19th September 2019.
The minutes were noted.

- 7. Finance and General Purposes Committee.**

 - a) Bills for payment.** The Bills were authorised for payment. Proposed Cllr Hopson Seconded Cllr Wills.
 - b) St Leonard's Churchyard Grant Application.** The Clerk summarised the application and figures and it was agreed to make payment of £165.00.
 - b) Financial Statements.** The statement was noted.
- 8. The Royal Oak Inn Committee.**
The Clerk advised that the annual inspection had taken place and that the Committee next meet on 10th October 2019.
- 9. Burrator Events.**
It was noted that an Orienteering event was scheduled in the woods.
- 10. Parish Plan Steering Group.**
It was noted that Kay Thomas is moving forward with a meeting before the Council meets again at the end of October. Cllrs discussed the Meavy steering group and levels of interest. Cllr Paskins advised that he would make contact with Kay regarding the next meeting.
- 11. Burrator Beacon.**
It was noted that one bundle remained the post office and that the volunteer had been contacted.
- 12. Reports from outside bodies.**

 - a) Borough Councillors Report. Cllr Moyse gave a verbal report on the DNPA local plan and a meeting with SWW due shortly. Cllrs enquired if SWW had an emergency evacuation plan (Burrator Dam) that could be shared with the residents of the Parish. It was agreed that the Clerk write to SWW and request this. Cllr Hopson enquired with Cllr Moyse if the reception was closing at WDBC offices in Tavistock as he had heard this, Cllr Wills confirmed that he had also heard this. Cllr Moyse advised that she would look into this. Waste and recycling was discussed due to the proposed introduction of a plastic waste bag.
 - b) Other reports. Cllr Wills reported on a recent Yennadon Commoners Meeting and that it is proposed to deregister 7.4 acres of Quarry land and to allocate a further 13 acres elsewhere. Cllr Wills and Stribley advised that Maristow want the Commoners to go into an environment scheme that could give them some funds but as yet no agreement has been made.
- 13. Public Relations.**
No reports.
- 14. Parish Property.**

 - a) Defibrillators.** It was noted that Cllr Ayres will source a spare set of pads.

15. Highway Matters.

a) South West Water. The report on the recent meeting, prepared by Mr Aves, was noted.

The Clerk was requested to enquire over pot hole repair in Lovaton and throughout the Parish.

The Clerk advised of an email from Highways requesting confirmation of the Parish's Snow Warden. Cllr Stribley agreed to take on the role and the Clerk advised that she would find out some more information on the role.

16. Correspondence.

Meavy Oak Tree. The recent survey and recommendations prepared by the Ancient Tree Forum was discussed. It was agreed to contact the original surveyors to see if they agreed with the proposed need for soil testing and mulching. Cllrs also suggested contacting Plymouth University to see if they were interested in a project or to contact a specialist directly.

Cllr Paskins advised of a proposed annual festival in Walkhampton and circulated a flier with details.

The Clerk advised of a letter from Mr Orchard regarding Meavy School not taking bookings for the MAD rehearsals. It was agreed to respond to advise that the Parish Council no longer rent the school hall and therefore have no comment on their decision.

It was noted that Mr K Hancock and Mr Reeves of SWLT will attend the November Council meeting to provide an update.

The questionnaire/feedback form for the DNPA Local Plan Consultation was handed to Cllr Brunson and noted that Cllr Scrivener had suggested that the proposed bypassing of planning laws for installation of 5G masts was commented on. Cllrs discussed the response from Dartmoor Preservations' Phil Hutt and noted that comments could be submitted using the link at the end of his email. It was agreed that Cllr Hopson would submit a response for the Parish Council.

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

Cllr Stribley advised of concerns in Meavy for the amount of vehicle traffic to and from the school and lack of consideration with parking. This was discussed and agreed to write to the Headmaster and Chair of the Governors to request a site meeting from 2.30pm onwards to witness the problems and to discuss.

The Meeting was closed at 9.10pm.

Signed

Date