

Draft minutes subject to approval

Burrator Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 27th September 2018 at Meavy Primary School, Meavy

Councillors present: Cllrs Palmer, Paskins, Scrivener, Wills, Legassick, Hopson, Glanville & Moorhead.

Also present: Mrs I Parris, Mrs H Smith & Mrs S Leonard, members of the public. Cllr D Cloke, Borough Councillor

Absent: Cllrs Powell, Landick, Cole, Aves, Fisk & Moyse.

Cllr Palmer welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested a minutes silence for the late Sian Ellis, wife of Cllr Ellis who sadly passed away in early September. The minutes silence was held. Councillors requested the Clerk write to Cllr Ellis, who has now stepped down from the Parish Council for a while, to thank him for his service to the Parish Council and express sympathy.

Cllr Palmer referred to the change of venue for the meeting, notified by the Clerk late on Tuesday by email and to him as Chair the following morning by telephone. The Clerk explained that her error on the agenda had only been brought to her attention by an email from the key holder for the school, which had prompted the double checking of which venue was actually booked and the need to notify all of the change at a late stage. Cllr Palmer expressed concerns over the legal requirement not being followed, which states that there must be advertisement of a meeting, three clear days before a meeting date and he requested a response from each individual councillor present as to whether the meeting should commence or not. All were in agreement that the meeting should commence.

Cllr Palmer invited members of the public to speak. Mrs Parris spoke on her progress with the speeding on Dartmoor and the campaign to reduce the number of avoidable livestock deaths. Mrs Parris circulated a copy of her letter to Geoffrey Cox QC.MP and his response and advised that she had requested the opportunity to speak at a forthcoming DCC meeting in Exeter later in the year. Mrs Parris gave examples of how the data from Speedwatch passed to the Police has assisted in action being taken on offenders. Mrs Parris also reported her disappointment with written and verbal responses from Cllr Sanders.

Cllr Palmer opened the meeting at 7.50pm.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Cllrs Powell, Fisk, Cole, Aves, Landick & Moyse.

2. Declarations of Interest.

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

3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd August 2018.**
Amendment was agreed to state that the meeting took place in Meavy Parish Hall not the Primary School. Also Item 14 to read Burrator Road not B3212. With those amendments, the minutes were signed as an accurate record by Cllr Palmer. Proposed Cllr Legassick Seconded Cllr Wills.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes of 2nd August 2018.**
Cllr Palmer requested discussion on Mrs Parris's update at the start of the meeting and questioned whether a public meeting should be called. Cllrs discussed and agreed that all Parish Council meetings were already open for public to attend yet very rarely does anyone attend to discuss speeding or the loss of their stock. Cllrs discussed the varying speed limits within Dartmoor and concluded that a letter should be sent to Mr Bishop, CE DNPA, to request consideration of a reduced speed limit on unfenced roads through the National Park, copied to Mr Fewings, DCC Highways & Dartmoor Commoners Council. Proposed Cllr Legassick Seconded Cllr Hopson and agreed by all.

Cllr Wills asked for an update on the application to the Devon Communities Together Fund. The Clerk advised that the application, whilst sent through on 16th August, had not been received or actioned but with a couple of days of communication with Cllr Sanders, Moyse & Aves, was now on the agenda for the meeting being held tonight.

Cllrs discussed the response from Mr Pryce regarding the ongoing discussions of the road closure at Burrator for commercial gain of a running event. Cllr Scrivener advised of an email from Dartmoor Commoners requesting the Parish Council's support in objections to the Burrator Noir in December. With agreement from the Chair between meetings, an email had been sent by the Clerk to DNPA. Cllrs discussed a previous comment from Mr Pryce that the diverted route must accommodate the same class of vehicle and expressed concerns that the use of Portland Lane in and out of Sheepstor does not actually accommodate the same class of vehicle that can reach the Dam usually i.e. lorries and coaches. It was agreed to pursue this further by corresponding again to Meg Booth, copying in Mr Fewings DCC Highways, Cllr Sanders & Mr Pryce.

5. **Planning Committee.**
a) **Minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2018.**
The minutes were noted.
6. **Finance and General Purposes Committee.**
a) **Bills for payment.** The bills were authorised. Proposed Cllr Glanville seconded Cllr Hopson.
b) **Financial Statements.** The statement was noted.
7. **The Royal Oak Inn Committee.**
a) **Minutes of the meeting held 13th September.** The minutes were noted. The Clerk advised that the stove would be installed on 2nd October 2018.
8. **Burrator Events.**
Cllr Paskins advised of a large banner now displayed at the Fishing Festival site advertising the site as a wedding venue. Cllrs discussed this and referred to the previous certificate of lawfulness granted for the preparation of the site for the annual fishing feast. Cllr Scrivener circulated copies of a letter received at that time from Mr Busby, Head of Property & Support Services,

South West Water, who stated that “this year (2016) other than for the weekend of the fishing feast, no additional use is likely to be intended. Any future use of this site would be the subject of planning legislation in the usual way”. It was therefore agreed to write to DNPA to see if permission is required for weddings or similar commercial events to be held on the site and to also write to Mr Busby reminding him of the comments of his letter and request response in view of the advertising for use as a wedding venue. Proposed Cllr Scrivener Seconded Cllr Hopson and agreed by all.

9. Parish Plan Steering Group.

Cllr Paskins advised that the next meeting would be held at 7pm on 3rd October at the Burrator Inn.

10. Burrator Beacon.

The Clerk advised of concerns raised by the Editor over the weight of the paper being used to print the Beacons, the cost and use of clay in the coating. Cllrs discussed and agreed that the glossy paper can be recycled and that the cost saving minimal, therefore should continue.

Distribution was discussed again, in light of the late availability of the Beacon in early September rather than mid to late August. It was agreed that extra volunteers were needed and that this was to remain an item in the Burrator Beacon.

11. Reports from outside bodies.

a) Borough Councillors Report. Cllr Cloke gave a verbal report on the finances of West Devon.

b) Any other reports. Cllr Palmer gave a summary of the recent Burrator Advisory Group meeting. He reported that SWLT has been divided into “commercial” & “charitable”, a five year plan workshop would shortly be held to which the Parish Council will be invited to send a representative & that discussion had taken place on the additional housing on the outskirts of Plymouth that may impact Burrator Reservoir with additional visitors. Cllr Cloke advised that the plans for the development are now with the inspectors.

It was proposed to write a letter to SWLT to request information of their aims and objectives with the division to commercial and charitable. It was also proposed to write to Mr Orchard who sits on the Burrator Advisory Group as “Friends of Burrator” and request information on the constitution, aims and current membership etc.

Proposed Cllr Scrivener seconded Cllr Glanville and agreed by all.

12. Public Relations.

No reports.

13. Parish Property.

Cllr Paskins advised that there are varying comments on the standard of grass cutting in Walkhampton. The Clerk advised that on the contrary had received positive feedback on the service in Meavy and Dousland.

It was noted that the Clerk had requested Mr Gibbons to remove the railings around the Memorial on Meavy Green so that the inscription matter could be concluded.

14. Highway Matters.

Cllr Legassick reported that the cattle grid at the end of Yennadon is full and growing, allowing the stock to easily cross and reach the B3212. Cllr Paskins reported that there are many road signs remaining after various road works and

diversions in the Parish that need to be collected. Cllr Scrivener requested that the Parish Council enquire with Highways that adequate surveying has been carried out to ensure that the works to the Meavy Cross drainage into the leat will not cause problems further down where the leat is overgrown, full of debris or filled in on private land.

The Clerk was instructed to communicate with Highways on the three points raised.

15. Correspondence.

Cllrs noted the email communication by Mr Abraham, Plymouth Cycling Campaign.

The Clerk advised of an email received by a resident detailing an incident in Iron Mine Lane which involved a lorry hitting an overhanging branch causing it to fall. The Clerk advised that matters have been resolved by forwarding the email to Highways, a site inspection carried out and enforcement letter sent to the landowner concerned to reduce the tree line.

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

Cllr Legassick advised that at a recent Sheepstor Village Hall committee meeting, it was discussed to use the Parish Council's grant for different lighting than detailed in the application. Cllrs agreed that the grant could be used for alternative lighting.

The Meeting was closed at 9.30pm.

Signed

Date