

Draft minutes subject to approval

Burrator Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 28th February 2019 at Walkhampton Memorial Hall

Councillors present: Cllrs Palmer, Paskins, Scrivener, Wills, Hopson, Moorhead, Landick, Aves, Glanville, Ayres & Cole.

Also present: Cllr Moyse Borough Councillor, Mr P Glanville, DNPA Ranger & Mr J Hancock & Mr S LeBailly, SWLT.

Absent: Cllrs Powell, Legassick & Stribley. Cllr Cloke, Borough Councillor.

Cllr Palmer welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Mr Glanville to speak. Mr Glanville gave a verbal update on recent works carried out by DNPA in the Parish including placement of boulders to prevent vehicle damage on the moorland and works to the bridle path at Outham. He also advised of swailing in the Parish and provided his mobile number to all Councillors for use at any time with any concerns.

Mr Hancock introduced himself and his colleague and explained their roles with SWLT. Mr Hancock gave a verbal update on the start of the new management plan and that at a recent meeting he had been pleased that their ideas align with the Sheepstor Parish Plan and DNP Local Plan. Cllr Paskins asked when the cycle bridge at Burrator woods would re-open again as it is clear that people are removing the timbers to access across anyway instead of going around as indicated. Mr Glanville responded on this point as DNPA are working with SWLT to agree the works required, stalled due to temporary absence of the Conservation Officer. Cllr Palmer requested that SWLT look at re fencing between Sheepstor and the dam as stock are getting out and then cannot be driven back. Mr Hancock advised that he could look into funding for this.

Mr Glanville, Mr Hancock & Mr LeBailly left the meeting.

Cllr Palmer opened the meeting at 7.45pm.

- 1. Apologies for Absence.**
Cllrs Powell & Legassick. Cllr Cloke, Borough Councillor.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.**
There were no declarations of interest. Otherwise as recorded in the register.
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 29th November 2018.**
Amendments were agreed to Item 7 spelling of Hopson, Item 5 discussion did take place on the location of a defibrillator at Sheepstor and that the hall was not necessary the agreed location as yet & Item 9 permission to plant a tree was agreed subject to there being no local objections. With those amendments the minutes were signed as an accurate record by Cllr Palmer. Proposed Cllr Hopson Seconded Cllr Cole.

4. Matters arising from the minutes of 29th November 2018.

Item 12 It was noted that the hotel proposed had been scrapped.

Item 16 Cllr Wills advised of a digger on Yennadon Down cutting fire breaks and that a burn is planned for later on. He requested that the Parish Council note that Yennadon Commoners are not responsible for the provision of fire breaks; this is down to the landowner.

Cllrs discussed the fire breaks and concerns were made over whether adequate breaks had been made behind the houses. Cllr Aves volunteered to walk the area the next morning and report to the Clerk if the landowner needs to take further actions.

Item 17 The Clerk advised that an application to DNPA had been made for the tree works and summarised a couple of emails received from members of the public. The Cllrs agreed that the works application should be supported by the Parish Council and that a prompt response was required for the works to be completed in the advised timescale. Cllr Palmer advised that he has contacts to graft from a cutting from the Old Oak and that when the contractors are on site he will remove all cuttings and store at his home for further use agreed by the Parish Council. Cllr Aves advised that he is a wood turner and would like any appropriate cutting if possible.

Item 9 Cllr Paskins gave an update on three objections from local residents and therefore the proposal was on hold and referred back to the light committee.

5. Planning Committee.

No recent meeting.

6. Finance and General Purposes Committee.

a) **Bills for payment.** The bills were authorised. Proposed Cllr Glanville seconded Cllr Ayres.

b) **Financial Statements.** The statement was noted. Cllr Hopson asked the Clerk why so many cheques had not been presented yet. The Clerk responded that the local halls etc seem to bank on a quarterly basis and that the higher cheque was the recent VAT submission payment.

7. The Royal Oak Inn Committee.

No report.

8. Burrator Events.

No reports.

9. Parish Plan Steering Group.

Cllrs Scrivener and Aves referred to the comment made by Mr Hancock at the start of the meeting where he implied that the Sheepstor Parish Plan aligned with their plans for SWLT management plan, concerns were that if a Parish Plan has been drafted that it has not yet been made available to the Parish Council. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would email Kay Thomas regarding this and request that any drafts be shared with the Parish Council.

10. Burrator Beacon.

The Clerk advised that the Spring edition would be at the Post Office from Friday lunchtime.

11. Reports from outside bodies.

a) Borough Councillors Report. Cllr Moyses gave a verbal report on matters at West Devon and DNPA.

b) Any other reports.

Cllr Aves advised that he had attended a chair briefing at West Devon BC in advance of the Southern Links Committee later in March. He advised that the Community Together Fund had been removed with no replacement scheme as yet. However Cllr Lane from Peter Tavy PC had researched funding available in 13 other County Councils for Parish Lengthsmen duties and that this had been put to the leader of DCC. Cllr Aves advised that he would report back further after the meeting.

12. Public Relations.

No report.

13. Parish Property.

a) Meavy War Memorial Railings.

Cllr Palmer gave an update on his inspection of the removed railings and advised that he would power wash them down and prepare a list of repairs necessary. Cllrs discussed the railings and it was agreed that these should be repaired and replaced after the inscription works are completed.

The Clerk advised that the wall units for the defibrillators had now been delivered and that Mike Perkins electrician had estimated £100 plus VAT for the installation of the unit for Walkhampton Memorial Hall and that he would also be prepared to install the other three units at similar estimate each. The Clerk suggested that she deliver the equipment to the electrician along with the contact names and tel nos for each location. Cllrs agreed this. Proposed Cllr Wills Seconded Cllr Cole.

14. Highways

Cllr Palmer referred to the previously minuted discussion on the junction of Iron Mine Lane and Burrator Road and asked Cllr Moorhead for any update on the mirror provided at Horrbridge. Cllr Moorhead advised that she had made enquiries and was waiting for more details.

15. Yennadon Down Gorse Fire Risk.

Previously discussed. Cllr Cole advised of swailing carried out at Lynch Common and Wigford Down that week.

16. Correspondence.

The Clerk advised that the War Memorial at Sheepstor had now been listed.

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

Cllr Palmer advised of a verbal complaint of rats at Meavy School after food waste was left inappropriately bagged for the half term week. Cllr Moorhead advised that she had also spoken with the complainant and had advised to contact the Environment Agency. Cllrs agreed that the Clerk should write to the Headmaster and to advise the Environment Agency of this instance. Proposed Cllr Glanville Seconded Cllr Paskins.

The Meeting was closed at 8.50pm.

Signed

Date