

Draft minutes subject to approval

# **Burrator Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at Meavy Parish Hall, Meavy**

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

**Councillors absent:** Cllr Lynn. Cllr Cloke, Borough Councillor.

**Also Present:** Cllr D Moyse, Borough Councillor. Mr T French, Tavistock Times Gazette.

Cllr Hopson welcomed all to the Parish Council Meeting and this opened at 7.30pm.

**1. Apologies**

Cllr Lynn & Cllr Cloke.

**2. Declarations of Interest.**

Cllr Glanville declared his interest in the planning application 0202/16 on the Agenda as the Applicant. Cllr Landick also declared his interest in the same planning application as assisted in the design of the proposal and also uses the applicants land for grazing. Otherwise as recorded in the Register.

**3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.**

Item 11 Amendment was agreed replacing the word “responsible” with “vulnerable”. With that amendment the Minutes were signed as an accurate record.

**4. Matters arising from the Minutes.**

Item 5c The Clerk outlined the Planning Officers email and the response sent clarifying the Parish Council’s objection to the application. It was agreed that the objection to the planning application and the continued use of the green shed for various events were two separate matters, the later being investigated by the Planning Officer.

Item 13 Cllr Cole advised that the gate remained broken at the cattle grid of Greenwell Farm. The Clerk recalled an email from Highways stating that this was the responsibility of the land owner. Cllrs disputed this and the Clerk requested to reply to Highways.

Flooding in Meavy Village was discussed and it was noted that SWW had attended the site and that an enquiry remained open. The Clerk advised of an email and photographs of flooded property from a local resident that had been forwarded to Highways. The resident had also requested that the Parish Council consider employing a local lengthsman to clear out the leat and drains on a regular basis. It was agreed that at this time, the source of the flooding should be investigated and route of runoff improved by those agencies actually responsible.

5. **Planning Committee.**
  - a) **Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

Cllr Legassick summarised the meeting and the minutes were noted. Cllr Scrivener spoke regarding the ground works in the field area and Cllrs agreed that there were concerns over the approval giving use of 28 days and that it was unclear as to whether it was 28 consecutive days or individual days to the maximum allowed. Cllr Cole advised that the permission was worded as a legal technicality and that 28 days was standard. The Clerk was asked to write to SWW and query their plans for the field, whether it will be purely for the annual fishing feast or whether there will be other events throughout the year for duration up to 28 days. Proposed Cllr Scrivener Seconded Cllr Aves and agreed.
  - b) **Nominations to Planning Committee**

It was agreed to place Cllr Trueman on the Planning Committee. Proposed Cllr Hopson and seconded Cllr Cole, agreed by all.
  - c) **0202/16 Proposed erection of agricultural building and machinery store, Welltown Farm, Walkhampton.**

Cllr Glanville summarised his application and the need for an agricultural store on his land. Cllrs Glanville and Landick left the meeting for the Cllrs to discuss the application. Cllrs discussed the application and the background of the applications and officers recommendations made to date. It was proposed to support the application. Proposed Cllr Cole and seconded Cllr Fisk and agreed. Cllrs Glanville and Landick joined the meeting.
6. **Finance & General Purposes Committee.**
  - a) **Bills for payment.** It was proposed to pay the bills of £3918.34. **Proposed** Cllr Scrivener **Seconded** Cllr Cole. Cllr Glanville requested a summary of the insurance cover for the Parish Council and the Clerk advised that a copy would be available at the next meeting.
  - b) **Financial Statements.** The statement was noted.
  - c) **End of Year Summary 2015-2016.** The Clerk circulated the end of year summary and talked through the figures of the Annual Return which has been prepared in advance of the internal audit in early June. The figures were agreed and signed by the Chairman.
7. **The Royal Oak Inn Committee.**
  - a) **Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016.**

Cllr Cole presented the minutes and these were noted.
8. **Burrator Twinning Association.**

Cllr Hopson advised of the card that he had sent to the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event at Mathieu that evening and that the card was being hand delivered by Cllr Lynn representing the Parish Council. The Clerk advised that she was still waiting for a response from DNPA on the boundary signs.
9. **Burrator Beacon.**

It was noted that two bundles remained in the post office and the relevant volunteers advised they would deliver them as soon as possible.
10. **Reports from Outside Bodies.**
  - a) **Borough Councillors Report**

Cllr Moyse gave a report on West Devon, Yennadon Quarry and the SWW recreation meeting recently attended where she was advised that Burrator Reservoir was considered an “environmental area” by SWW.

**b) Any other reports.**

None.

**11. Public Relations.**

Cllr Hopson summarised as he requested this as an agenda item and thanked Cllrs Scrivener & Ellis for their continued work in setting up and monitoring the Facebook page.

Cllr Scrivener advised on recent posts and the good feedback on Acorns from the Meavy Oak. This was discussed and noted that one resident has a 10 ft tree from one of the trees acorns. Cllr Trueman suggested that a new tree be planted on the green before the existing tree was expired. Cllr Palmer insisted that multiple acorns should be planted year in year out so that a ready supply can be considered at the time of need. Cllr Legassick advised that local resident Mr Drennan is working with Meavy School for gardening and that she would approach Mr Drennan with the idea for an acorn project.

The Parish Website was discussed and the Clerk requested to find out who created Horrabridge Parish Council's website and how it is managed.

**12. Parish Property.**

None.

**13. Highways.**

Cllr Ellis advised of increasing litter on the highways and in hedgerows and that the local Walkhampton Cottage Garden Society were planning a litter collection walk to target their area. Cllr Glanville advised that with the Queens celebrations this year, that all villages should be tidied up by a local group. Cllr Scrivener advised that he would place an appropriate article in the next Burrator Beacon and on the Parish Council Facebook page.

Cllrs discussed the road conditions after recent flooding with much erosion throughout the Parish. Cllrs also discussed potholes and were reminded of how to report the exact locations on the DCC Highways webpage.

Cllrs discussed the poor condition of cattlegrids at Woodtown and Shadycombe in that the grids are full and misleading to horses and cattle as solid ground. The Clerk was requested to report these items to Highways.

**14. Correspondence.**

**a) Burrator Advisory Group proposals for Longstone Peninsula & Dog Exercise Area**

Cllrs discussed the previously circulated information where the Burrator Advisory Group minutes stated the proposals were well received. Cllr Scrivener advised that he objected to these proposals in that all areas should remain open to the public and all users. There is also reference to events being planned by 2017 to increase visitor spending and public toilets. Cllr Aves stated that he felt this was creeping commercialisation by stealth. It was suggested to request another Burrator Advisory Group Meeting but noted that only one representative was allowed to attend. It was agreed to request a member of SWLT Management to a Council meeting as soon as possible.

**b) Potential Cycle Path at Midella Road, rear of Binkham Hill & Lake Lane.**

The circulated emails were noted and agreed to wait for consultation from DCC.

**c) Proposed road closure 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2016.**

Cllrs discussed the circulated email from DCC confirming that a temporary closure would be granted to the applicant and the reasons behind the decision. Cllrs disputed consultation being made as stated with the local farmers and residents and Cllr Moyse advised that both she and Cllr Sanders were also unaware. The Clerk was requested to acknowledge the email and ask who the applicant did consult with in Sheepstor.

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

None.

The Meeting was closed at 9.30 pm.

Signed

Date