

Draft minutes subject to approval

# **Burrator Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017 at Walkhampton Memorial Hall**

**Councillors present:** Cllrs Scrivener, Fisk, Ellis, Aves, Hopson, Wills, Landick, Moorhead, Paskins, Cole, & Glanville.

**Also present:** Cllr D Moyse & Cllr D Cloke, Borough Councillors. 10 members of the public. Mrs A Rehaag, West Devon Borough Council.

**Absent:** Cllrs Palmer, Powell & Legassick.

As the Chairman had not arrived for the beginning of the meeting, Cllr Cole (Vice) welcomed everyone at 7.30pm and invited Mrs Rehaag to speak.

Mrs Rehaag gave feedback on a recent vacant unit of affordable housing in Meavy village and explained how the process led to the successful placement of a local person. Questions were asked of Mrs Rehaag including a private development site in Walkhampton that was granted permission for executive housing plus units of affordable housing, yet the affordable housing unit remain unbuilt to date. Mrs Rehaag advised that she could look into this with DNPA and report back. Other questions were raised on occupancy requirements. Miss Steers advised that changes to legislation for areas at risk of flood have been made and that as Meavy is within close proximity to a reservoir this would prevent Meavy from gaining any units of new housing. Cllr Cole thanked Mrs Rehaag for attending the meeting.

Mrs Parris raised question of the boundary fence of Yennadon Quarry and that on a recent walk had concerns over the safety of users of the moorland. Cllr Moyse advised that this had been picked up on a site meeting held by DNPA members and was surprised that no repairs had been undertaken to the fencing. Cllr Moyse advised that she would take this back to DNPA and Cllr Cole advised that the Parish Council would also write.

Many of the public spoke with concerns over recent Parish Plan meetings in Meavy that have not been advertised. Some residents have received questionnaires to complete but some have not. Mr Stibley read aloud a prepared statement.

Cllr Cole summarised how the Parish Council had introduced residents to the information necessary to get started, then explained how the Parish Council takes a back step as the plan must be driven by local residents. Cllr Cole advised that the Parish Plan meetings were advertised in the Burrator Beacon, Tavistock Times, notice boards and facebook and encouraged those in attendance to get involved. Cllr Cole advised that the next Meavy meeting will be on 19th October location yet to be agreed. Mrs Steers interrupted to state that process is not in line with government legislation, Cllr Cole urged Miss Steers to attend the meeting and give her input. Miss Steers advised she would not attend such a meeting.

Cllr Glanville stated that at the very start of this process the Parish Council had concerns that not many local residents would get involved but it has been quite the opposite. He urged all to go to the next Parish Plan meeting and assist each other in creating their plan.

Cllr Hopson arrived at the meeting and took the Chair. He opened the meeting at 8.07pm.

1. **Apologies for Absence.**  
Cllr Powell.
2. **Declarations of Interest.**  
None. Otherwise as recorded in the Register.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2017 & extraordinary meeting of 21st September 2017 Part Two.**  
The minutes of the 29th July 2017 were signed as accurate with the extraordinary meeting minutes be deferred.
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes of 29th July 2017.**  
None.
5. **Planning Committee.**
  - a) **Minutes of the meeting held on 17th August & 14th September 2017.**  
Cllr Moorhead presented the minutes which were noted.
  - b) **Meavy War Memorial**  
The Clerk summarised the proposals of DNPA for the Parish Council to resubmit the listed building consent application for the addition of the recommended inscription, which would lead to the removal of existing inscription and improvements works to the Memorial face. The Clerk confirmed the costs at approx £750 plus vat (the balance from the Parish Council would be subject to a grant application from War Memorials Trust). Cllr Hopson proposed that the Parish Council take on the proposals, this was seconded by Cllr Scrivener and agreed by all.
  - c) **Application 0441/17 Proposed demolition of existing flat roofed garage and replacement with pitched roof construction.** Cllr Moorhead advised of her site visit and that Cllr Ellis was also familiar with the site but could not attend. It was proposed to support the application and this was agreed by all.
6. **Finance & General Purposes Committee.**
  - a) **Bills for Payment.** The Clerk presented the bills for payment and these were agreed.
  - b) **Financial Statements.** The balances were noted.
7. **The Royal Oak Inn Committee.**  
Cllr Cole advised that the Committee is waiting for the structural engineer to progress with the next phase of works.
8. **Parish Plan Steering Group.**  
Cllr Cole summarised that the next Steering Group Meavy meeting would be on 19th October and for Burrator Steering Group on 24th October.
9. **Burrator Beacon.**  
Cllr Scrivener advised that he had spoken to the Editor regarding the editorials placed by organisations outside the Parish and reminded all to consider placing

articles of interest for matters within the Parish. The Clerk suggested that the Editor be authorised to proceed with a smaller publication rather than strain to fill 28 pages. It was agreed that all would be mindful of the deadline dates and try to support the Editor with local editorials.

**10. Reports from Outside Bodies.**

a) Borough Councillors Report. The Borough Councillors suggested that Cllr Aves give his report on the One Council proposal. This was agreed and Cllr Hopson advised that Agenda Item 14a) would be dealt with at this point.

Cllr Aves gave a verbal report on the proposed for the One Council, the financial situation of WDBC, staffing etc and explained how the Councils are already sharing services. It was considered that the Council would still retain two Planning Departments. Cllrs Moyses and Cloke also gave reports and explained how the number of Councillors would be dealt with in each area.

Councillors asked questions and raised concerns over the diverse areas proposed to merge, a different way of life in both areas, council tax and Councillor votes in South Hams favour by possibly 8.

Cllr Scrivener expressed concerns over giving up on West Devon and proposed that the Parish Council object to the merge to One Council with South Hams, supporting the efforts of all parties but would be willing to accept the consequences of future difficulties for West Devon. Seconded by Cllr Moorhead and agreed by a vote of 8 for / 1 against / 2 abstentions.

b) Any other reports.

Cllr Moyses gave an update on Yennadon Quarry, with the application going before DNPA on 6<sup>th</sup> October and of the response to the Otter Project with the Auction due at the weekend. Cllr Moyses asked Councillors if they had received any complaints from residents on the use of HGV's possibly from China Clay using this route to Yelverton as she had received a complaint herself. Councillors agreed that this was not an acceptable route due to the use of the ancient bridges at Cadover and Gratton and it was agreed that the Clerk would make enquiries with China Clay.

**11. Public Relations.**

**a) Parish Councillor Introductions – Cllr Paskins**

Cllr Paskins advised of recent comments made that Cllrs did not introduce themselves at recent Parish Plan Steering Group meetings and asked that the Parish Council consider introducing themselves at meetings. It was discussed and agreed as an initial step for the Clerk to make some name cards for the Council Meetings that can sit in front of each Councillor along with their Ward details.

**12. Parish Property.**

None.

**13. Highways**

Cllrs discussed the broken road sign at the entrance of Knowle Terrace in Walkhampton and the Clerk was asked to report this to Highways along with the drainage in Walkhampton still needing attention.

Cllr Cole reported a broken granite post around Meavy Green and it was agreed to request the Cann Bros to fix this asap.

Cllrs agreed of the poor visibility when exiting the Quarry carpark at Burrator Reservoir and it was agreed to ask SWLT for their input.

Cllr Moorhead advised that trees remain fallen on the footpath from the Reservoir to Meavy. The Clerk advised that she would respond to the Ranger's last email on this subject.

**14. Correspondence.**

- a) Taken under Item 10a.
- b) The document had been circulated and read.

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

Cllrs briefly discussed parish boundary maps.

The Meeting was closed at 9.40pm.

Signed

Date