

Draft minutes subject to approval

Burrator Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 29th September 2016 at Meavy Parish Hall

Councillors present: Cllrs Cole, Ellis, Powell, Glanville, Moorhead, Fisk, Scrivener, Paskins & Landick.

Councillors absent: Cllrs Aves, Legassick, Hopson & Palmer. Cllrs Moyse & Cloke, WD Borough Cllrs.

Also Present: Mr G Cornish, Project Officer, DCC & two members of the public.

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Cole (Vice Chairman), welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Mr Cornish to speak.

Mr G Cornish gave a power point presentation to the Cllrs of the proposed Cycle Path – Yelverton-Midella Road-Rear of Binkham Hill-Lake Lane. Cllrs asked questions of Mr Cornish and the proposals noting that changes had already been made to the route outside the Yelverton shops following concerns of Buckland Monachorum PC. Cllr Scrivener requested that the proposed sign promoting a circuit of the reservoir was removed from the scheme as this was an already congested route and Mr Cornish agreed that this could be removed. Concerns were raised (by Cllrs and public present) over the use of Lake Lane with its inclines, restricted visibility and lack of passing places. Mr Cornish stressed that the proposals were yet to go through a Safety Audit and that if the route deemed unsafe then changes would be made. Cllrs also questioned the funding and the outcome of the long discussed proposed footpath along the B3212 from Yelverton to Dousland. The Clerk recalled that the last communications years ago confirmed that the landowners refused to part with their land. Mr Cornish advised that he would look in the footpath matter but expected that this was shelved due to the fact that another route was available (i.e. compulsory land purchase could not be used).

Cllr Cole opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

1. Apologies

Cllrs Aves, Legassick, Palmer & Hopson.

2. Declarations of Interest.

None. Otherwise as recorded in the Register.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th July 2016.

The Minutes were signed as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Item 13 Cllr Paskins advised that whilst the notice board in Walkhampton had been refurbished, the cork did not reach the whole of the interior and that people were only placing notices on the new cork resulting in not much room for others. Cllr Scrivener confirmed the same for Sheeptor and Cllr Cole for

Lovaton. After discussion it was agreed that Cllrs were responsible for the sensible location of notices and removal of expired notices and that they could tidy the notices as necessary. It was noted that the contractor had not repainted the wording and the Clerk clarified that he had advised that this was not his skill.

5. Planning Committee.

a) Minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2016.

Cllrs noted the minutes.

b) Application 0474/16 Proposed conversion of barn to holiday let, Lower Goodameavy, Goodameavy.

Cllr Moorhead advised of her site visit with Cllr Hopson and proposed that the Parish Council supported the application subject to the pre-application advice being taken and the approval of the Historic Buildings Officer taken. This was agreed.

6. Finance & General Purposes Committee.

a) Bills for payment. It was proposed to pay the bills of £1779.36. **Proposed** Cllr Moorhead **Seconded** Cllr Scrivener.

b) Financial Statements. The Clerk advised of the comment made by external auditor of the reserves retained for Footpath/Public Property and recommended that the Parish Council consider this when issuing grant awards for the year end. Cllrs discussed and agreed to spread the word within the wards for local groups and village halls to make their application to the Parish Council. The Clerk reminded Cllrs that copies of accounts are required from the applicants and that grants awarded to those bodies subject to Section 137 have a cap. The Clerk confirmed that she would prepare a forecast for the grant meeting and have available the amount of the Cap that applies.

7. The Royal Oak Inn Committee.

Cllr Cole summarised the meeting held earlier that evening and reported on the next phase of works for propping the ceiling had been authorised. Cllr Cole advised of the works that the tenant has been carrying out.

8. Burrator Twinning Association.

a) The Clerk apologised for not bringing colour copies of the proposed designs and would do so for the next meeting.

9. Burrator Beacon.

The paper used by the printers was discussed and agreed to continue with glossy paper as only a fraction more expensive at £20 per run. The rota for Meavy was discussed with temporary volunteers confirming they were able to continue for the time being.

10. Parish Plan Review.

The Clerk had circulated copies of information regarding Parish Plans and Neighbourhood Plans provided by Mr M Rich of Devon Communities Together. Cllrs discussed ideas and Cllr Glanville suggested that the Parish Council agree the benefits of a Plan to warrant the effort required. Cllr Paskins suggested that the Clerk research further advice from Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE) for the next meeting and this was agreed.

11. Reports from Outside Bodies.
a) Borough Councillors Report

None.

b) Any other reports.

None.

12. Proposed transfer of West Devon Services to a Company.

It was noted that the agenda item was following the circulation of an email from another Parish Council to Cllr Sanders with concerns over the proposals. Cllrs discussed this and agreed that many concerns were unanswered to date. The Clerk was requested to also write with concerns over the benefits, risks and costs to rate payers.

13. Public Relations.

a) Social Media Updates.

Cllr Scrivener updated Cllrs on various updates on the Facebook page including the forthcoming closure of the B3212 for 3 weeks within 6 weeks of works. The Clerk was requested to enquire with Highways of the proposed diversion route.

14. Parish Property.

None.

15. Highways.

Cllr Paskins reported over the leaking manhole again which SWW had promised to keep a close eye on in their last communications. He advised that he would draft a letter for the Clerk to send.

The presentation earlier that evening by Mr Cornish was discussed and the Clerk requested to write and thank him for his time and to summarise the concerns raised (Yelverton Surgery, Lake Lane & Circuit of the Reservoir).

16. Correspondence.

Cllrs discussed the email from the organisers of their Burrator 10k, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Scrivener proposed that the Parish Council respond to say that once again, they will object to a road closure application and request that the organisers consider an alternative route that does not affect the village of Sheepstor (copied to Mr Pryce and Cllr Sanders. This was agreed.

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

The Clerk requested that the date of the next meeting be one week later, on 3rd November due to annual holiday. This was agreed.

Cllr Cole advised of the intention of local resident in Lovaton to adopt the telephone kiosk on their land. The Cllrs agreed that they would support the adoption.

Cllr Ellis advised that BT were yet to repaint the Dousland Kiosk.

The Meeting was closed at 9.40pm.

Signed

Date