

Draft minutes subject to approval

# **Burrator Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at Meavy Primary School**

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

**Also present:** Cllr Moyse & Cllr Cloke, Borough Councillors & 6 members of the public.

**Absent:** Cllrs Powell, Landick & Cole.

Cllr Palmer welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited those members of the public to speak. Parishioners spoke of their concerns over the junction of Iron Mine Lane onto Burrator Road and the poor visibility to the right when trying to pull out. The parishioners requested that the Parish Council seek actions from relevant authorities to place a mirror opposite the junction, to mark the road with SLOW, improve the signage of a cross roads ahead and restrict the parking near the post box which also hinders the visibility. Cllr Palmer recalled that the trees on the land to the right, had recently been cut back but it was clarified that this has not resolved the problem. Cllrs agreed that when also approaching the cross roads from along Burrator Road, it is always a concern that someone will pull out. Cllrs discussed potential solutions including contacting Highways or residents instigating fund raising for the purchase of a mirror and contacting the resident opposite to site a mirror in their hedge. Cllr Palmer advised all that the item would be further discussed under Highways on the agenda, which he would bring forward once the formalities of the meeting were underway.

Cllr Palmer opened the meeting at 7.40pm.

**1. Election of Vice Chairman.**

Cllr Palmer again requested nominations for a Vice Chair and reminded all that in his absence, a Councillor could take the Chair to gain experience for that one meeting. Cllr Aves offered to take the position of Vice Chair, all Cllrs agreed this. Proposed Cllr Scrivener Seconded Cllr Legassick.

**2. Apologies for Absence.**

Cllr Landick.

**3. Declarations of Interest.**

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

**4. Minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018.**

Item 16, 12<sup>th</sup> Line, it was agreed to amend the word handing to handed. With that amendment, the minutes were signed as an accurate record by Cllr Palmer. Proposed Cllr Paskins Seconded Cllr Wills.

**5. Matters arising from the minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> November 2018.**

Cllrs Aves advised that he was delighted to read that Cllr Sanders had attended the meeting and was disappointed that he was unable to attend.

Cllr Palmer suggested that the Parish Council write to Cllr Sanders thanking him for his input into obtaining the grant for the purchase of defibrillators. The Clerk expressed concern in the administration during and since the verbal grant award and advised that it would seem sensible to receive the grant first before thanking various members. This was agreed.

Cllr Palmer moved the Highways item to this point of the meeting so that parishioners present could make their way home afterwards.

**15. Highways**

Cllr Legassick asked if the siting of such a mirror would be on private land, Cllrs discussed the possibilities but agreed that landowner permission would need to be obtained which led to discussion on liability arising from any accident occurring from use of a mirror. It was agreed to contact Mr Lee of Highways in the first instance to request consideration for the installation of a mirror, improved signage, SLOW on the road and restriction of parking near the post box. Cllr Glanville requested that the Clerk enquire into the Council's insurance if the Council were to assist with this item. Proposed Cllr Legassick Seconded Cllr Moorhead. Cllr Aves suggested that a grant could be requested from the Communities Together Fund which would enhance to the Highways officers present at the meetings, the consequences of reducing highways budgets.

The parishioners left the meeting.

**6. Planning Committee.**

**a) Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018.**

Cllr Moorhead presented the minutes and these were noted.

**7. Finance and General Purposes Committee.**

**a) Minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2018.** Cllr Glanville presented the minutes and these were noted.

**b) Parish Precept Proposal 2019-2020.** Cllr Glanville referred Cllrs to the Budget circulated and advised that it included an allowance for the replacement of another notice board. Hence the Precept would increase by £750 to £5000. This was agreed. Proposed Cllr Scrivener Seconded Cllr Wills.

**c) Bills for payment.** The bills were authorised. Proposed Cllr Legassick seconded Cllr Hopson.

**d) Financial Statements.** The statement was noted.

**8. The Royal Oak Inn Committee.**

Cllr Aves gave a brief report on the installation of the stove.

**9. Burrator Events.**

Cllr Palmer requested this remain an agenda item to deal with any event that may require discussion. Cllr Scrivener gave a summary of history over the communications over the buoy line and proposed a response to Mr King, SWW requesting assurances that the buoy is not a precursor for the introduction of facilities for boating, sailing, canoeing and similar water sports at Burrator. This was agreed. Proposed Cllr Scrivener Seconded Cllr Hopson.

- 10. Parish Plan Steering Group.**  
No reports.
- 11. Burrator Beacon.**  
The Clerk advised that she hoped to collect the Beacons from the printer on Monday.  
Cllrs raised concerns over bundles still at the Post Office from the Summer edition. It was agreed that the Clerk should double check the distribution rota with the Editor and check that the distribution email list is up to date. Cllr Aves offered to monitor the collection of bundles during his regular visits to the Post Office and chase up those volunteers remaining.
- 12. Reports from outside bodies.**  
a) Borough Councillors Report. Cllr Moyse gave a report on the West Devon & South Hams Peer Review. Cllr Aves reminded Cllrs of his report on the last Southern Links where Julian Glover has requested feedback from those who live and work in the National Park.  
b) Any other reports. Cllr Aves reported on the Southern Link meetings and the future of such meetings.
- 13. Public Relations.**  
No report.
- 14. Parish Property.**  
Cllr Wills advised that the Meavy Notice Board does not require any maintenance at present.
- 15. Highways continued**  
Cllrs agreed to write to SWLT to thank them for the works in improving the visibility at the entrance of Quarry Car Park.  
Cllr Moorhead requested that the Clerk raise the blocked drains and over hanging trees on the left hand side of Iron Mine Lane with Highways.  
Cllr Legassick complained of the poor attention on the verges of the Commons that the turfs have been left root side up, therefore not only an eyesore but will not assist in the grass rooting down.
- 16. Correspondence.**  
Cllrs noted the items of correspondence already discussed in the meeting.  
Cllr Scrivener advised of Cllr Sanders input directly with DCC on the annual road closure at Burrator Reservoir. Cllr Scrivener requested a further response be sent to address the claim that the Quarry Car Park and other car parks are left accessible during the closure and that he can back this up with photographs. Cllrs discussed the forthcoming eve/night event of 300 participants which has not required them to seek a road closure which leads to a question as to why a closure is necessary in June. Cllrs discussed the impact on the moorland with 300 people running possibly off road as easier than the stony tracks. Cllr Legassick advised that she would speak to the Commoners on this point. Cllr Glanville advised that from his recent attendance at the DNPA Forum, he learnt that events involving over 100 participants carries a presumption of no permission. With that in mind, Cllrs wondered if such an event has any permission to go ahead. Cllr Moyse advised that she would telephone a senior member of DNPA the next day regarding the event scheduled for the weekend.

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

Cllr Aves requested if the Parish Council should be instigating discussions with the Parish Halls/Inns on the siting of defibrillators. Cllrs discussed and agreed to obtain the grant funds first.

Cllrs Wills and Aves reported on a complaint made by a resident of Manor Park that the substation in the Helen Rowett Memorial Park was unsightly and requested its removal or refurbishment. Cllr Wills advised that upon a site visit, he found the substation to be in same render and colour as many houses in Manor Park and as it is well maintained by Weston Power for its ongoing essential use, the Parish Council should take no action on the complaint made. Cllr Aves agreed to report back to the resident concerned.

Cllr Glanville gave feedback on his recent attendance at the DNPA Forum and was encouraged by the positivity and advised that he would like to attend again.

The Meeting was closed at 9.25pm.

Signed

Date