

Draft minutes subject to approval

Burrator Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 30th January 2020 at Walkhampton Memorial Hall

Councillors present: Cllrs Paskins, Wills, Hopson, Ayres, Stribley, Gregory, Balkwill & Brunson.

Also present: Cllr D Moyse, Borough Councillor. Chris & Karen Batson, Steve Grey & Jim Knight, Burrator Twinning Association. Mr P Glanville, DNPA Ranger. Mr Roger Mechan, for Item 3.

Absent: Cllrs Glanville, Scrivener & Palmer.

Cllr Paskins invited Steve Grey to address the Parish Council. Steve spoke to confirm that unfortunately the Burrator Twinning Association has been wound up due to closed relations with Mathieu for various reasons. Steve explained that the constitution of the Association requires funds and assets to be transferred to the Parish Council. It was confirmed that approx £3000 of funds are held and assets being the bench on Burrator Dam, the tapestry in Walkhampton Memorial Hall and a helmet. Steve requested that the Parish Council allow the Twinning Association to distribute the funds held according to the Association wishes, including to the three parish halls, Walkhampton, Meavy & Sheepstor, as recognition of parish contribution over many years. Cllr Paskins advised that an agenda item for this proposal would be placed on the next Parish Council meeting agenda in February and requested that in the meantime, a written proposal be prepared by the Twinning Association. The members left the meeting.

The Chairman, Cllr Paskins opened the meeting at 7.45pm.

- 1. Apologies.**
Cllrs Scrivener & Glanville.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.**
There were no declarations of interest. Otherwise as recorded in the register.
- 3. Co-Option of New Councillor.**
Cllr Paskins invited Mr Mechan to speak. Mr Mechan gave a brief resume, as previously circulated before leaving the room for the vote to take place. It was proposed to co-opt Mr Mechan to the Meavy—Dousland ward of the Parish Council, proposed Cllr Balkwill Seconded Cllr Wills and agreed by all. Mr Mechan re entered the room and was informed by Cllr Paskins of his successful co-option.
- 4. Minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2019.**
The minutes were signed as an accurate record by Cllr Paskins.

5. Matters arising from the minutes of 28th November 2019.

Item 4 Cllrs discussed the written report and photographic evidence prepared by Cllr Stribley of the ongoing parking congestion at Meavy School during drop off and collection times. It was noted that whilst the Parish Council have no authority of the matter, the Parish Council can write, along with the evidence, to the School Governors, West Dartmoor Mission Community, DCC Highways and the local Police to request that a meeting is arranged for all parties. Proposed Cllr Brunsdon Seconded Cllr Ayres and agreed by all.

Item 7 It was noted that children of 9 and over are now permitted in the public bar of the Royal Oak Inn.

Item 9 Cllr Paskins advised of a recent meeting of the Parish Plan Steering Group and that the minutes were due.

Item 13 Cllr Paskins requested the Clerk write to Mr Gibbings to ask for a completion date of the installation of the railings at Meavy War Memorial.

6. Planning Committee.

a) Minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2020. Cllr Brunsdon summarised the minutes which were noted.

b) Application 0017/20 Proposed demolition and construction of extension to dwelling at 1 Merrivale View Road, Dousland. Cllr Balkwill advised of his site inspection along with Cllr Gregory. Cllr Balkwill proposed that the Parish Council support the application and this was seconded by Cllr Gregory and agreed by all.

7. Finance and General Purposes Committee.

a) **Minutes of the meeting held on 16th January 2020.** Cllr Brunsdon summarised the minutes which were noted.

b) **Approval of grants proposed on 16th January 2020. The grant payments were agreed, proposed Cllr Brunsdon seconded Cllr Hopson.**

c) **Bills for payment.** The bills were authorised. Proposed Cllr Wills seconded Cllr Brunsdon.

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

8. The Royal Oak Inn Committee.

Cllr Brunsdon advised that there had been no recent meeting however concerns over the new external lighting, which is very bright lights were being looked into and will be further discussed at the next committee meeting due shortly.

9. Burrator Events.

None.

10. Parish Plan Steering Group.

Cllr Paskins advised of a recent meeting of the Parish Plan Steering Group and that the minutes were due.

11. Burrator Beacon.

Cllr Paskins advised that the deadline for articles was 4th February and that an article on the recent joy riding on Dartmoor had been submitted.

12. Reports from outside bodies.

a) Borough Councillors Report. Cllr Moyse gave a verbal report covering the recent DNPA application for the mast at Burrator, discussions on the railway line between Tavistock & Bere Alston-. Cllr Moyse also suggested copying in Philip Sanders with the letters on parking congestion at Meavy School and also requested ideas for use of her community project fund available until the end of March.

b) Report on National Parks, Julian Glover. Cllr Moyse advised that this would shortly be discussed at Government level.

c) Any other reports. Mr Glanville advised of his retirement, stepping down to one day a week for the forthcoming year. He advised of the new Ranger as Andrea Roberts, who has 15 years experience with DNPA, who will now be covering the area. The Clerk was requested to circulate Andrea's contact details.

13. Public Relations.

No reports.

14. Parish Property.

a) Defibrillators. It was noted that all are in working order. The Clerk was asked to enquire with Burrator Inn regarding a rumour of a forthcoming closure and electrical supply to the equipment.

Cllr Paskins advised that a part of a tree has fallen onto the bench at Redhill, Walkhampton.

15. Highway Matters.

Cllr Hopson advised that the new signpost at Brisworthy has had its posts twisted around to point in the wrong directions and requested that Highways be notified of this.

Cllr Paskins advised of a recent CCTV survey on the drains of Walkhampton and that he was looking into a report of leaking sewerage.

Cllrs noted an abandoned vehicle on the Cadover road and the Clerk was requested to enquire of its removal with the authorities.

16. Correspondence.

None.

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

Cllr Ayres raised a concern of a comment made regarding the Royal Oak Inn flooring at the last Council meeting. Although the comment had not been entered into the minutes, it was passed on to the tenant. The Clerk reminded the Cllrs that there is no confidentiality in Parish Council meetings and that if confidential discussion is required, then a Part Two meeting should be called at the Committee meeting but limited to discussions on the Lease and finances.

The Meeting was closed at 8.52pm.

Signed

Date