

Burrator Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 30th April 2015 at Sheepstor Village Hall

Councillors present: Cllrs Moorhead, Parle, Scrivener, Fisk, Legassick, Powell, Aves & Cole.

Councillors absent: Cllrs Palmer, Trueman, Lynn, Wannell, Hopson & Inman.

Also Present: Mr G Manning & Mr D Worth, Dartmoor Forest Parish Council.

Cllr Scrivener welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited Mr Manning & Mr Worth to speak. Mr Worth spoke about their Parish Council's proposal to pursue a Traffic Regulation Order preventing roadside parking on the B3212 between Dousland and Princetown and on the B3357 between Merrivale and Princetown. Councillors discussed the proposals with the gentlemen present commenting on the need for a balance to be reached i.e. to control the parking of "snow tourists" but not to affect the daily dog walkers. Cllr Scrivener thanked the gentlemen for attending the meeting and Councillors agreed that their proposal had the support of Burrator Parish Council in principal and would welcome updates on their investigations with Highways and DNPA.

1. Apologies

Cllrs Lynn, Hopson & Inman.

2. Declarations of Interest.

None. Otherwise as recorded in the Register.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 26th March 2015.

The Minutes were signed as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

Item 9 Cllr Scrivener reported that someone will be in touch with the Clerk shortly to arrange a meeting that they can attend and speak on Superfast Broadband for the Parish.

Item 10a The Clerk advised that the Contractors had attended Dousland that day to remove the tree only to be confronted by a local resident with concerns that the tree was being unnecessary removed. The contractor reported to the Clerk and left the site. After various conversations that day and another site visit from Mr Beasley of DNPA, resulted in the recommendation standing that the tree be removed as soon as possible. The Clerk advised of an email from the local resident which the Councillors noted however agreed that the tree needed to be removed as expertly advised. The Clerk therefore was instructed to advise the Contractor to proceed at his earliest convenience.

5. Planning Committee.
0192/15 & 0191/15 (full & listed applications) Proposed lean to extension to rear of outhouse for storage of logs at Yeo House, Meavy.

Cllrs Legassick and Fisk summarised their site visit and proposed that the Parish Council support both the full and listed applications. Proposed Cllr Legassick Seconded Cllr Fisk and agreed by all.

0197/15 & 0198/15 Proposed re-join Staddon House and Staddon Cottage into one dwelling at Staddon House, Walkhampton.

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The Clerk advised of an application of prior notification received that day and presented it to the Parish Council:

0208/15 Proposed grading and stabilisation of track for access at Lane to Routrundle, Sampford Spiney.

Councillors discussed the application and viewed the map. It was agreed to note the application.

Councillors discussed the Development Control meeting at DNPA and queried why a couple of applications supported by the Parish Council had been brought before the Committee. The Clerk advised that it could be that the comment of support is merely contrary to the officers' recommendations, therefore run past the Committee. Cllr Aves queried the procedure of discussing planning applications outside of a scheduled Planning Meeting. The Clerk advised that at certain necessary times to meet the deadline, it was possible to discuss applications at the full Council meeting as the applications have been published in the local press and neighbouring residents are consulted individually by DNPA.

6. Finance & General Purposes Committee.

a) Accounts year ended 31 March 2015. The Clerk presented the end of year summary which was noted in advance of the Auditors visit in June.

b) Bills for payment. It was proposed to pay the bills of £4480.54. **Proposed Cllr Moorhead Seconded Cllr Cole.**

c) Financial Statements. The statement was noted. Cllrs discussed the reserves held by the Parish Council and it was agreed to place the Royal Oak Inn deposit in the interest account and place an agenda item for the next meeting for the remaining reserve.

7. The Royal Oak Inn Committee.

Cllr Cole advised that all was well at present with no items for discussion.

8. Burrator Beacon.

It was noted that the next edition was being compiled at present. Distribution was discussed.

9. Reports from Outside Bodies.

None.

10. Parish Property.

a) Helen Rowett Park.

Cllrs discussed the minor improvement works to the boundary of the park and the Clerk advised that an estimate was on the way. Cllrs agreed that brass signs should be ordered by the Clerk 1) The Helen Rowett Memorial Garden, to be placed on a ground mounted hardwood sign at an estimate of £95 max and 2) Dedicated to the memory of Helen Rowett x 2 for the benches at an estimate of £20 each.

11. Highways

Cllrs discussed the forthcoming proposed parking restrictions at Burrator Reservoir and Cllr Scrivener advised that he would email all Councillors the proposed signs for the various alternative parking locations for agreement.

Cllrs Fisk and Cole advised of a sign erected on the verge at Hoo Meavy by a local resident and that after discussion, the sign was to be removed.

Cllr Cole advised that the Notice Board cork was still in need of replacement at Hoo Meavy.

12. Correspondence.

Cllrs discussed the correspondence from Meavy residents requesting that the Parish Council provide a dog bin in the vicinity of Meavy Green and discussed the estimates of costs provided by the Clerk. It was agreed to purchase one green bin and suggested that the bin be sited on the edge of highway at the lower edge of the green facing the Parish Hall notice boards. The Clerk was asked to action the purchase and liase with WDBC for agreement of its location and contract for Services.

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

Cllrs discussed the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting and Cllr Scrivener confirmed that he did not wish to be nominated as Chairman.

The Meeting was closed at 8.50 pm.

Signed

Date