

Draft minutes subject to approval

Burrator Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 30th June 2016 at Meavy Parish Hall

Councillors present: Cllrs Hopson, Glanville, Aves, Moorhead, Legassick, Fisk, Ellis, Cole, Scrivener, Trueman & Landick.

Councillors absent: Cllrs Paskins, Powell & Palmer. Borough Cllr D Cloke.

Also Present: Cllr D Moyse, Borough Councillor. Mr T Greeves, Dartmoor Society & Mrs Greeves.

The Clerk opened the meeting at 7.30pm

1. Apologies

Cllr Paskins & Cllr Cloke.

2. Declarations of Interest.

None. Otherwise as recorded in the Register.

3. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 26th May 2016.

The Minutes were signed as an accurate record.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes.

It was noted that the Hoo Meavy notice board had been refurbished to a good standard by the handy man of Horrabridge Parish Council. It was agreed that the Clerk could request that he could survey, price and refurbish the other notice boards in the Parish.

At this point, the Chairman requested that item 11b be dealt with as Mr Greeves had attended for this item.

11 b) Meeting with CEO of SWLT.

Cllr Hopson requested Cllr Scrivener summarise the meeting held. Cllr Scrivener had previously circulated a written summary and outlined the points particularly that SWLT had been unaware of a 28 day provision of use for the fishing feast field until the Parish Council had written to enquire of any additional usage. Cllrs agreed that it was disappointing that SWLT could not commit to stating that the additional days would not be used for other events.

Cllrs discussed the summary and Cllr Hopson invited Mr Greeves to comment. Mr Greeves explained as Chair of the Dartmoor Society, they have always had concerns over the motives of SWLT and that with small incremental changes to the area from a site of tranquil self discovery, it may develop into a possible metropolitan recreational area. Cllr Moyse requested that Cllrs request another Burrator Advisory Group meeting as soon as possible. Cllr Glanville suggested that the Parish Council decide what sort of changes/events are acceptable and what it not acceptable and put that across to

SWLT either the Advisory Group or via the Burrator Parish Plan which is due for updating or changing into a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllrs Glanville, Cole and others agreed that the Parish Council needed to be positive on some ideas but make it clear what is not acceptable. It was agreed that large scale commercial events for example were not suitable.

Cllrs discussed this and the wider picture of National Parks facing the same problems of management pushing the parks to being too managed and losing the wilderness of Dartmoor in the case of Burrator.

Cllr Hopson summarised and proposed that the Burrator Parish Plan includes references to what is acceptable and not acceptable within the Parish, involving SWLT and DNPA in its update.

5. Planning Committee.

a) Application 0303/16 Proposed construction of rear extensions, loft conversion and front porch at Withenfield, Burrator Road, Dousland

Cllr Moorhead summarised her site visit with Cllr Cole and proposed to support the application. This was seconded by Cllr Cole and agreed by all.

b) Application 0306/16 Proposed extension to existing rear dormer at Lady Park, Burrator Road, Dousland

Cllr Moorhead summarised her site visit with Cllr Cole and proposed to support the application. This was seconded by Cllr Cole and agreed by all.

6. Finance & General Purposes Committee.

a) Bills for payment. It was proposed to pay the bills of £3722.14. **Proposed Cllr Moorhead Seconded Cllr Cole.**

b) Financial Statements. The statement was noted.

c) Revenue Assistance to Churchyards. The Clerk summarised the applications received 1) St Mary's Church at £385.92 & St Leonard's Church at £524.20. It was agreed to pay both grants. Proposed Cllr Scrivener Seconded Cllr Moorhead.

The Clerk gave a summary of Burrator Beacon income and printing costs comparables in case the Plymouth University ceased in future to offer private printing. It was agreed to note the figures but make no changes until necessary to do so.

7. The Royal Oak Inn Committee.

Cllr Cole reported that the first phase of works at the Inn (access hatches to loft space) had been completed however had spotted that some internal electrical cables had been left across one of the hatches and that these cables require lengthening and fixing back safety around the hatch. It was agreed that the Clerk would take this up with the contractor to rectify as soon as possible. It was noted that the cellar door had been replaced as previously agreed, a small water pipe leak had been repaired and that the tenant had carried out internal decoration.

8. Burrator Twinning Association.

a) The Clerk advised that Tavy Signs were yet to complete the design work for approval.

9. Burrator Beacon.

The Clerk advised that the Meavy bundles required new distributors and it was agreed to promote this via the Facebook page.

10. Parish Plan Review.

Cllrs discussed the way forward and it was agreed to retain the agenda item and Cllrs to read through the current plan on the Parish Website for further discussion in September. In the meantime, the Clerk was asked to investigate the pros and cons of a Parish Plan compared to a Neighbourhood Plan.

11. Reports from Outside Bodies.

a) Borough Councillors Report

Cllr Moyse gave a verbal report on WDBC forming a company, the SWW forum, AGM at DNPA.

c) Any other reports.

Cllr Scrivener advised that he had attended a Dartmoor Commoners Council meeting at their invitation. He reported that a representative of Natural England also attended with differing views on large scale events in National Parks but penalising farmers for degrading the land with their stock. Cllr Scrivener explained that good argument was presented by the Commoners in objection to large events which are the actual cause of turf being destroyed when cyclists for example take an easier route than the bridleways provided.

Cllr Trueman expressed concerns over nimbisim and the view that the National Park is for sole use of habitants. This was not wholly agreed with and fair discussion took place on locality problems like Burrator Reservior.

Cllr Aves advised that he would be attending the next Southern Links Committee Meeting.

12. Public Relations.

a) Social Media Updates.

It was agreed to appeal for volunteers in Meavy for distribution of the Burrator Beacon. It was also agreed to upload a reminder of the Countryside Code and link where appropriate and to report on the report of the meeting with SWLT and the discussions held within this meeting.

13. Parish Property.

It was agreed that the notice boards had already been discussed under matters arising.

14. Highways.

The Clerk advised of recent emails between residents and Highways departments on the flooding in Meavy and the actions that were being discussed. It was noted the drains and gulleys were being cleared.

The Clerk was asked to report that Lowery junction with the B3212 was overgrown and needed cutting to allow visibility to pull out.

a) Debrief invitation to feedback on Burrator 10k

Cllrs discussed the event and it was agreed that Cllrs Hopson and Scrivener would attend the debrief on 27th July at 6pm to dispute any future road closures in the area for commercial events. Cllr Scrivener advised that whilst it was noted that the invitation was not to the general public, he had a file of emails and letters to reference too at the meeting. Cllrs discussed the two further events planned for December, at night over the moorland and great concern was expressed as the activity is simply inappropriate for the area with rough tracks, stock on the moor that will be unsettled, wildlife and general safety of runners. It was agreed that the Clerk would email Sue Bishop at DNPA with the Parish Council's objections to the events planned for December.

15. Correspondence.

The correspondence had been previously discussed. An email from a Walkhampton resident requesting a dog waste bin and litter bin for Knowle Down was discussed. Cllrs discussed the mindset of some walkers bagging dog waste and leaving on the road side or hanging in a tree rather than leaving it to naturally disperse in the moorland areas within the Parish. It was therefore agreed that no actions would be taken to provide either bin.

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

None.

The Meeting was closed at 9.35 pm.

Signed

Date