

Draft minutes subject to approval

Burrator Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 31st March 2016 at Walkhampton Memorial Hall, Walkhampton

Councillors present: Cllrs Legassick, Trueman, Palmer, Moorhead, Scrivener, Fisk, Ellis, Lynn, Powell, Paskins & Landick.

Councillors absent: Cllrs Hopson, Cole, Aves & Glanville.

Also Present: Cllr D Cloke & Cllr D Moyse, Borough Councillors.

In the absence of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Clerk requested nominations for a Chairman for the meeting. Cllr Scrivener was nominated and agreed by all present, with no other nominations being made, Cllr Scrivener took the Chair and opened the meeting at 7.30pm.

1. **Apologies**
Cllrs Hopson, Cole, Aves & Glanville.
2. **Declarations of Interest.**
None. Otherwise as recorded in the Register.
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th February 2016.**
The Minutes were signed as an accurate record.
4. **Matters arising from the Minutes.**
None.
5. **Planning Committee.**
 - a) **Minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2016**
Cllr Moorhead summarised the meeting and the minutes were noted.
 - b) **0130/16 Proposed demolition and construction of replacement conservatory in new location; construction of single storey extension in place of original conservatory, Moor View, Dousland**
Dousland Cllrs commented that they had not been sent any plans and the Clerk apologised for not recalling which Cllr she had sent the plans to and it was agreed that with the absence of the application plans, the Parish Council could make no comment.
 - c) **0134/16 Proposed installation of orientation board, SWLT, Burrator Discovery Centre, Yelverton**
Cllrs discussed the application and considered the previous applications for the green shed (Discovery Centre) and of its current use and activities that are not in accordance with the previous planning application of 2011. Cllr Palmer proposed that the Parish Council object to the application as an orientation board is not necessary for the approved use of the green shed granted in 2011. After further discussion it was agreed to object as currently the green shed carries no planning permission for use as a Discovery Centre or Visitors

Centre as the orientation board states. Proposed Cllr Palmer Seconded Cllr Trueman agreed with 9 for and 1 against.

d) 0143/16 Proposed internal & external alterations, Meavy Barton, Meavy (Listed Building Application)

Cllrs Fisk & Legassick advised of their site visit and proposed that the Parish Council support the application. Proposed Cllr Legassick Seconded Cllr Fisk and agreed by all present.

The Clerk was asked to place an agenda item on Aprils Agenda for Nominations to the Planning Committee.

6. Finance & General Purposes Committee.

a) Bills for payment. It was proposed to pay the bills of £1678.68. **Proposed** Cllr Scrivener **Seconded** Cllr Moorhead.

b) Financial Statements. The Clerk advised that the yearend summary would be available at the next meeting.

7. The Royal Oak Inn Committee.

The Clerk advised that she was waiting for quotes to arrive before calling the next meeting. Cllr Palmer raised an idea for growing acorns from the Meavy Oak and this was discussed. It was agreed that Cllr Scrivener would place an article in the Burrator Beacon.

8. Burrator Twinning Association.

The Clerk advised of the quote from Tavy Signs at £35 plus VAT per sign and that they would re-draw and digitalise the logo for quality purposes. The Clerk was requested to gain permission from DNPA for replacement signs like for like in size and location.

9. Burrator Beacon.

Volunteers were discussed as the Clerk has received an interest from a couple in Burrator Road to join the list. It was agreed that the Clerk would look at the current rota for Dousland and allocate a route for the new volunteers. Cllr Landick volunteered to take over the Eggworthy route.

10. Reports from Outside Bodies.

a) Borough Councillors Report

Cllrs Cloke and Moyse gave reports on West Devon and Cllr Cloke invited Cllrs to join Horrabridge PC Quiz night if they wished. Cllr Moyse advised that she was chasing DNPA for progress on the Yennadon Quarry application coming to Committee for decision. Cllr Scrivener raised a query on his and neighbours Council Tax bills, which stated the whole precept amount for the Parish as for Sheepstor Parish Council which could be misleading. Cllr Moyse advised that she would look into this and the Clerk was also asked to make enquiries with WDBC.

Cllr Scrivener advised of his attendance at a Commoners Meeting where event management on the commons was discussed. Cllr Scrivener advised that landowners were all concerned over the increasing number of events and agreed that actions and agreements needed to be put in place.

11. Public Relations.

Cllr Scrivener requested comments of the Facebook page for the Parish Council. Cllr Trueman expressed concerns over the use of Facebook and risks involved for those persons who join the group in that their emails are then abused by advertising and other unwelcome contact. Cllr Trueman advised

that the Parish, with 30% of its population over retirement age, could be responsible. After discussion it was agreed to monitor for a further 3 months with Cllrs Scrivener & Ellis reviewing any posts on a daily or regular basis.

12. Parish Property.

Cllr Moorhead advised of a faulty lock on the Dousland Notice Board which Mr Moorhead at repaired and submitted a small bill for the parts which was agreed.

13. Highways.

Cllrs noted that previously reported pot holes were now filled. Other matters were raised and the Clerk requested to report to Highways as a matter of urgency:

A broken gate near Greenwell Farm, Overgrown hedges on the way to Davytown, a missing finger post sign at the bridge in Walkhampton, Stones on roadside at Knowle Down being knocked by vehicles and grass trimmers, Flooding in Meavy village caused by runoff from Yennadon Down and the related drains and leat in need of repair and divert to prevent this happening again.

14. Correspondence.

An email following Cllr Ellis's article in the Burrator Beacon was discussed over ideas for the Dousland Telephone Box. It was agreed that this would continue to be looked into and in the meantime the Clerk was asked to request that BT repaint and clean up the box.

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

Cllrs discussed responsible gorse burning in the Parish and Cllr Palmer suggested that the Yelverton Fire Station carry out a risk assessment for burning around the telegraph poles on Yennadon Down.

The Meeting was closed at 9 pm.

Signed

Date