

Draft minutes subject to approval

# **Burrator Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 31st October 2019 at Walkhampton Memorial Hall**

**Councillors present:** Cllrs Paskins, Wills, Hopson, Ayres, Stribley, Brunson, & Palmer.

**Also Present:** Dr Sam Regan De Bere, for Item 10, Cllr Moyse, Borough Cllr. Mrs Vanstone, applicant for Item 6a. Mrs Saunders & Mrs Paskins, members of the public.

**Absent:** Cllrs Scrivener, Balkwill, Gregory & Glanville. Cllr T Bolton, Borough Councillor.

The Chair, Cllr Paskins invited Mrs Vanstone to speak regarding her planning application on the agenda, Item 6a. Mrs Vanstone explained the application in detail and confirmed that consultation had been taken with DNPA. Cllrs asked questions and Cllr Palmer advised that he would be declaring a non pecuniary interest at the appropriate time and leaving the room for the item when discussed.

Cllr Paskins opened the meeting at 7.45pm.

**1. Election of Vice Chairman.**

Cllr Paskins requested any nominations for Chairman. Cllr Brunson nominated himself. With no other nominations, it was proposed to elect Cllr Brunson. Proposed by Cllr Wills and seconded by Cllr Hopson and agreed by all.

**2. Apologies.**

Cllrs Scrivener, Balkwill, Gregory & Glanville.

**3. Declarations of Interest.**

Cllr Palmer declared a non pecuniary interest in Item 6a. Otherwise as recorded in the register.

**4. Minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2019.**

Amendments were agreed as follows:

Item 5 remove the word reduce.

Item 14a Add a sentence "Cllrs clarified that the defibrillators had been checked"

With these amendments the minutes were signed as an accurate record.

**5. Matters arising from the minutes of 26th September 2019.**

Item 12a Cllr Moyse advised that the potential closing of the Tavistock WDBC office would be shortly discussed but had doubts that this would be agreed as the office is well used.

Item 12a Cllr Ayres advised that he had obtained the serial no for the defibrillator pads and that he now has this, therefore will be able to obtain replacement pads shortly.

Item 16 Cllr Palmer advised that Mr Radmore has requested permission to gather acorns from the Meavy Oak Tree and to also take some more small cuttings. This was agreed. The Clerk advised that Devon Tree Services were going to provide an estimate for mulching around the tree. Cllrs discussed the benefit of mulching and whether any soil sampling should be explored. It was agreed that mulching would be good exercise and that soil sampling would be a costly exercise and any actions, as a result of samples, are limited due to the trees position.

Item 16 Cllr Hopson had prepared a draft response to the Mobile Consultation being held for the 5g masts. This had been previously circulated and was discussed. It was agreed to submit Cllr Hopson's comments. Cllr Hopson confirmed that he would complete the online questionnaire leaving the Clerk to submit the comments by email.

Item 16 The Clerk advised of a lengthy voicemail message from the Headmaster of Meavy Primary School regarding the parking outside the school. The message advised that he felt he has done all he can with communicating with the parents on the matter and that some neighbours had contacted the Police regarding the issues that they are facing. He confirmed that the Police had visited the school and had reassured him that he was not responsible for any careless parking or congestion outside the school boundary. It was noted that no response has been received from the Governors. After discussion, it was agreed to write again and to confirm that the Parish Council understand that the headmaster is doing all within his power however would like the opportunity to open discussion on possible solutions.

**6. Planning Committee.**

Cllr Palmer left the room.

a) 0459/19 Proposed erection of an agricultural building and associated access track, land at Meavy, Yelverton. Cllrs discussed the application and all were in agreement to support the application. Cllr Palmer re-entered the room.

b) Note committee's support of application 0445/19 Proposed replacement of fire damaged building, Dousland, South Lake Lane, Dousland. This was noted.

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

a) **Bills for payment.** The Bills were authorised for payment. Proposed Cllr Stribley Seconded Cllr Palmer.

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

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

a) Minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2019. The minutes were noted.

**9. Burrator Events.**

Cllr Palmer advised of damage to the moor after the recent cycle event. He confirmed that he would be taking photographs for feedback to DNPA.

**10. Parish Plan Steering Group.**

In Kay Thomas's absence, Dr Sam Regan De Bere gave a comprehensive report on the progress made to date by the Steering Groups in the Parish and outlined the next steps for the groups leading to action plans. Cllr Paskins requested a copy of the report be emailed to the Clerk and for all Cllrs to be informed of the next meeting date.

**11. Burrator Beacon.**

No report.

**12. Reports from outside bodies.**

a) Borough Councillors Report. Cllr Moyse gave a verbal report on her recent attendance at SWW Recreation Meeting and the review of National Parks by journalist Julian Glover, encouraging the Cllrs to read it.

b) Other reports. None.

**13. Public Relations.**

No reports.

**14. Parish Property.**

a) Defibrillators. It was noted that all defibrillators had been checked.

b) Railings on Meavy Green. Cllr Paskins advised of an estimate for £140 to repair the railings before they are reinstated on the green. The estimate was accepted.

c) Walkhampton Green. Cllr Paskins advised that he was in possession a sign indicating the location of the Village Green, made available from the previous Clerk. Cllrs discussed and agreed that this should be erected at the Green. Cllrs discussed whether the green in Walkhampton and Sheepstor were actually recorded as a village green and the Clerk was requested to make enquiries before any sign be placed.

**15. Highway Matters.**

**a) South West Water.**

Cllrs noted the response from SWW and agreed that no response was necessary.

The Clerk advised of a letter from a resident in Meavy regarding the poor state of the roads with debris and fallen leaves, blocked drains and erosion. Cllrs agreed that generally the roads are very poor and requested that Clerk send the residents letter to the local highways officer for a response directly to the resident. Cllr Stribley advised that she would be happy for her telephone number to be made available for any potential site meeting with Highways and the resident.

**16. Correspondence.**

None.

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

Cllrs discussed the bridge repair and drainage works at the top of Meavy and confirmed that the water runoff into the village was now far less than previously.

The Meeting was closed at 9.10pm.

Signed

Date