

Draft minutes subject to approval

Burrator Parish Council

Minutes of the remote Council Meeting held on Thursday 25th February 2021. via Zoom

Councillors present: Cllrs Paskins (Chair), Glanville R, Scrivener, Stribley, Wills, Hopson, Glanville F, and Brunsdon.

Also present: Cllr D Moyse, West Devon Borough Councillor. Katharine Griffiths (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public.

Absent: None

Cllr Paskins opened the meeting at 7.32pm

- 1. Apologies for Absence.**
Cllrs Ayres, Balkwill and Palmer (as he is unable to attend remote meetings).
It was noted that the Chair has received notification that Cllr Mechan has tendered his resignation as a councillor, with immediate effect.
- 2. Declarations of Interest.**
There were no declarations of interest. Otherwise as recorded in the register.
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 28th January 2021.**
No corrections required.
- 4. Matters arising from the Minutes 28th January 2021.**
The PCC have accepted that unfortunately the parish council is unable to fund the grant for the grass cutting this year.
No other matters arising

The Chair was handed over to Mark Brunsdon for the planning matters.

5. Planning Committee

Cllr Brunsdon asked Cllr Moyse with regard to the DNPA policy for PV Panels. It was noted that it appears that small numbers of panels are being allowed this may be under permitted development rights. Permission is still required if they are on a listed building.

Applications to consider:

- a. DNPA 0053/21 and DNPA 0041/21**
Proposed: Installation of pv panels to roof of outbuilding and nine ground mounted solar panels at Church House, Walkhampton (NB 0053/21 is for Listed Building Consent)
The applicant spoke briefly, the application is for panels on an outbuilding about 30m from the house. The panels will be on the roof and on the ground next to the building. The outbuilding itself is not actually listed, but it is within the curtilage of a listed building.

Cllr Brunsdon asked if the panels would be visible from the road as it is a very picturesque area? The applicant did not think that they would be visible.

After a discussion the decision was to support the proposal on the condition that the panels or associated equipment, will not be visible from the highway, any other public land or footpath.

b. DNPA 0058/21 Proposed: Change of use to permit the training, competing and selling of dressage horses on a commercial basis at land at Woodmans Corner, Walkhampton.

A discussion was held it was noted the application indicates that there will be no increase in traffic. Concerns have been raised in the past about issues with the entrance to the highway.

Cllr Moyse commented that she has been asked to call the application into committee.

After a discussion it was proposed by Cllr Brunsdon to support the application this was seconded by Cllr Stribley and agreed by the council.

Decisions:

DNPA 0618/20 Installation of 20 solar panels on two frames of 10 panels each, Moorland House, Dousland. Grant Conditionally.

This was noted.

It was noted Cllr Hopson had left the meeting.

The Chair was handed back to Cllr Paskins.

6. Finance & General Purposes Committee

a) Bills for Payment

It was proposed by Cllr Scrivener, seconded by Cllr R Glanville and agreed by the council to pay the bills.

b) Financial Statements

Noted

7. Update with regard to the Multi-agency meeting being organised by Dartmoor Forest Parish Council.

Cllr Paskin and F Glanville have just attended a meeting with DFPC. A document has been produced for the multi-agency meeting. The 4 PC's have met and a meeting arranged for the 16th March 2021 with the other agencies.

Cllr Paskins will circulate the discussion paper. WDB Cllr Moyse requested to be included in the circulation of the discussion paper

Cllr R Glanville stressed that the main point to note is that blocking the road is endangering life. Also that any actions should not have a significant impact on the surrounding areas.

Cllr F Glanville commented that there is no one solution, there needs to be a number of measures to combat the issues.

8. To consider the Snow Wardens duties and any necessary training required. Cllr Stribley is the current Snow Warden. The matter was discussed and it was felt that a single point of contact is needed. With a representative in each area to help deliver salt and keep an eye on the bins and report back to the Snow Warden.

Cllr Paskins confirmed that Walkhampton memorial Hall have agreed to store the 1 tonne pallet of bags of rock salt on behalf of BPC. He has circulated the details for delivery.. Assistance will be needed to move it when it arrives. The clerk and Cllr Stribley will liaise to order the salt.

The salt bins should have a reference inside the lid and if they are empty they can be reported online or by phone.

Cllr Scriviner commented that there is an interactive map produced by DCC that indicates the location of the grit bins. A list of bins not on the map is required.

Mr Bill Andrews, member of the public attending the meeting indicated that he had 7 bags of rock salt that were available to BPC should they be required.

WDB Cllr Moyse reported that he has grant money available should this be required to purchase additional grit bins.

9. To consider how meetings will take place after the 6th May 2021 if the legislation to allow remote meetings is not extended. This may include bring the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council forward, to the beginning of May.

The information has been circulated, if Councillors can look at the information and consider what might need to be done. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

10. Burrator Events

No current events

11. Parish Plan Steering Group

This matter will be carried forward to a future meeting.

12. Burrator Beacon

The Burrator Beacon is now on the website.

A request for articles, if anyone knows of any suitable societies or groups please encourage them to put an article forward.

13. Reports from outside bodies

a. Borough Councillors Report – Cllr Moyse

The precepts for all parishes have been sent to all WDBC councillors and it has been noted that the precept for BPC has increased significantly. Cllr Moyse circulated an email to the WDBC councillors with a brief explanation for the increase. The WD budget has been approved. £281,000 from the fifth tranche of government funding to help with Covid, has been put in earmarked reserve for potential losses due to Covid in 2021-2022.

Cllr Moyse requested an update regarding the application for an ACV for the Walkhampton Inn.

Cllr Paskins gave an update that it is thought that this is not required at this current time. However an ACV could be considered in the future if the position changes. It was generally felt that it would be a disaster for the village to be without the pub.

b. Any other report

No further reports

14. Public Relations

Nothing Further.

15. Parish Property

Cllr Brunson commented that the noticeboard at Hoe Meavy has come off the wall.

Cllr Wills currently has it at his home, the back has rotted and the glass has broken, the frame is relatively alright. Costs for a replacement will be looked into and reported at the next meeting. The Clerk will liaise with Cllr Brunsdon. The noticeboard at Dousland will be relocated to Lovaton when the bat has been relocated.

a. Defibrillator Maintenance

It needs to be ascertained if those that are checking the defibrillators are reporting the checks to SWAST.

16. Highway matters

Cllr Scrivener commented that due to the increased parking at Burrator, an area just over Burrator Dam towards Sheepstor people are squeezing their cars in, making it difficult to get past. The Clerk will request a sign indicating that it is a passing bay and should be kept free. Additionally, Scotland Lane has many potholes and needs resurfacing, three potholes have been filled today but there are many more. It also needs rainwater gullies putting in. The Clerk will pass this request onto the highways officer.

17. Correspondence

- An offer from a parishioner has been received to maintain one of the parish benches.

This offer was gratefully received, and a suitable bench will be allocated.

- A request for a memorial bench to be put on Meavy Green has been received. There was a general discussion as to whether there is suitable space and location for an additional seat. Cllr Stribley will have a look at report back to the council.

18. Urgent additional business, by leave of The Chair

It was suggested that planning matters should be considered in a separate meeting.

19. Pursuant to Section 1(2) Public Bodies [Admission to Meetings] Act 1960, to resolve to exclude the public and press due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Agreed.

20. The Royal Oak Inn Committee - update as necessary.

The new window has been fitted. One e-mail has been received from the landlord that will be circulated to the relevant councillors.

An email has been received with regard to the increase in precept.

A statement from the Chair will be drafted and communicated to Parishioners through the Facebook page and Noticeboards.

The Clerk will send a response prior to the statement.

21. To consider the tenders for the Ground Maintenance Contract 2021/22

Two tenders have been received. The matter was discussed. It was proposed by Cllr R Glanville, seconded by Cllr Paskins and agreed that Men for all Seasons will be offered the contact.

22. To resolve re-admittance of public and press to the meeting.

Agreed

The Meeting was closed at 9.33pm.

Signed

Date