

Draft minutes subject to approval

# **Burrator Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the remote Council Meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021. via Zoom**

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

**Also present:** Cllr D Moyse, West Devon Borough Councillor. Cllr Philip Sanders, Devon County Council. 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 and Palmer (as he is unable to attend remote meetings).
- 2. Declarations of Interest.**  
There were no declarations of interest. Otherwise as recorded in the register.
- 3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021.**  
Two corrections item 5b he to she and item 8 Hoe to Hoo.
- 4. Matters arising from the Minutes 25<sup>th</sup> February 2021.**  
Following the resignation of Cllr Mechan the clerk has produced the Notice of Vacancy. This will be updated and circulated to be put on the noticeboards. The clerk will prepare a poster to advertise all the vacancies after the notice period has expired.  
DCC have responded to the highway issues that were raised at the last meeting. Although no immediate action Cllr Scrivener was pleased that Scotland Lane will be put on a list for work in the future.  
One of the unsuccessful tenderers, for the ground maintenance contract, has been in contact with the chair.

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

- 5. Planning Committee**  
**Applications to consider:**  
**DNPA 0094/21 Proposed: Conservatory to front elevation at Luxmoor Farm, Brisworthy.**  
There was a discussion about the application. Cllr Brunsdon proposed that the application be supported this was seconded by Cllr Wills and agreed by the council.

*The Chair was passed to Cllr R Glanville*

- 6. Finance & General Purposes Committee**
  - a) Bills for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr R Glanville seconded by Cllr Stribley agreed by the council that the payments be made.

#### **b) Bank Reconciliation**

The Clerk explained the new format of the bank reconciliation that was duly noted.

*The chair was passed back to Cllr Paskins*

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

The minutes have been circulated. A meeting with the Police and OPCC has been set up for the 8<sup>th</sup> April. It was noted that the DCC highways had been relatively negative. The Chair of DFPC is adamant that the matter would not be left and that everything would be done to try and find a solution.

Cllr Paskins and Cllr F Glanville will attend the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> April at 1400.

Cllr Hopson asked Cllr Moyse if there was anything that could be done by WDBC. Cllr Moyse referred to the Princetown Cllr Renders.

Cllr Sanders commented that he is firmly committed to driving forward with the suggested clearways and also the concept of a snow gate. The snow-gate will need careful consideration, to ensure traffic is not diverted to other local areas. Additional electronic signs near Woolwell roundabout and a social media campaign are also ideas that will be looked into further. Some of the suggestions may be difficult but they will be looked into further.

Cllr Brunson commented that he considers it to be a wider issue than just snow traffic and may also be an all year round issue. Cllr Sanders commented that this is something that DNPA are looking at.

#### **8. Dog Bags at Burrator (Cllr Scrivener)**

An excellent interview by Cllr Stribley has been put in the Herald. There is still an ongoing issue.

Cllr Scrivener commented that the Dog control orders being considered by WDBC are an encouraging step forward. Also whether SWLT could put up more signage in their notice boards. Cllr Moyse indicated that the WDBC dog control order will not cover DNPA commons areas.

Cllr Stribley pointed out that this is a problem all around the moor and not just at Burrator. A response is required by SWLT.

Cllr Hopson mentioned that there is also an issue with gates being left open. The bigger picture needs to be looked at. Cllr R Glanville commented that the Countryside Code used to be around everywhere. And should it be updated and promoted more. If installed, the electronic signs towards Plymouth could be utilised for promoting messages.

#### **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 bringing the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council forward, to the beginning of May.**

The sunset clause is coming to an end. The matter was discussed, and it was decided to go back to Face to Face meetings in May, with them being held in Walkhampton Memorial Hall. The clerk will contact the hall and circulate further information nearer the time. The chair and clerk are attending a Q&A session being run by DALC on the 30<sup>th</sup> March.

#### **10. Burrator Events**

No current events.

### **11. Parish Plan Steering Group**

The Parish Plan was discussed, the clerk commented that there appears to be a slight impasse. There was a general reluctance for the parish council to get further involved at this stage. The clerk and chair will liaise to formulate a response.

### **12. Burrator Beacon**

No feedback at this stage. It was considered whether the letter concerning the precept should go into the next edition. After discussion it was decided not to put the letter in.

### **13. Reports from outside bodies**

#### **a. Borough Councillors Report – Cllr Moyse**

WDBC had a good meeting at the beginning of the week, a roadmap out of lockdown is being produced and will be updated as necessary and will be circulated when received.

A planning application has been deferred by the Development Management committee due to a highways matter and this has highlighted some of the recent highway planning issues. Cllr Moyse recommended that any public reference to vacancies in the parish council doesn't give the number to avoid attracting a pressure group taking control.

#### **b. Report for Cllr Phillip Sanders**

There will be a new highways contractor as from the 1<sup>st</sup> April.

DCC have managed to balance their budgets and some more money will be going into Children and Adult services and some additional funds into highways. Please vote on the 6<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **c. DNPA – Given by Cllr Sanders**

A new enforcement officer has been employed, which is good news. The traffic on Dartmoor has increased and a group of people are working on solutions for when the lockdown is lifted to alleviate problems in prime spots. If you get the opportunity on the 28<sup>th</sup> March watch Countryfile as it highlights the Glover Review and the future of AONBs and National Parks. Officers are still working from home, the number of planning applications are increasing, leading to delays on occasions.

*It was noted Cllr R Glanville had to leave the meeting at this point.*

### **14. Public Relations**

EE telecoms has started to build their telecommunication mast at Burrator, an article may be in the Tavistock Times soon. It appeared that a lot of work was also going on at the base of the dam concerning electrical equipment.

### **15. Parish Property**

#### **a. Defibrillator Maintenance**

The defib maintenance was discussed, and arrangements will be put in place to report them to SWAST.

#### **b. Replacement – noticeboards**

Lovaton waiting for the board from Dousland to be relocated. The delay is due to a hibernating bat. The weather is not quite warm enough yet for the bat to be moved. A bat box needs to be placed nearby, for the bat to use. The noticeboard at Hoo Meavy, needs to either be repaired or replaced. The clerk, Cllr Brunsdon and Cllr Wills will look at options and prices.

**c. Update on Wildflower Areas**

To be carried forward

**16. Highway matters**

**a. To include the responses from DCC with regard to the signage at the passing place at Burrator reservoir and Scotland Lane.**

The response had been circulated and duly noted.

**17. Correspondence**

Nothing Further

**18. Urgent additional business, by leave of The Chair**

Nothing Further

**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.**

All members of the public and district/county Cllrs left the meeting.

**20. The Royal Oak Inn Committee - update.**

The minutes from the meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> March have been circulated.

Cllr Paskins gave an overview of what grants have been available for the hospitality industry.

It was decided at the ROI committee meeting that the rent would be charged in an incremental manner and that the tables and chairs could be placed on the green, with the same arrangement as previously.

Correspondence received from the tenant was briefly discussed.

The clerk will obtain a quote for finishing off around the new windows.

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

Agreed

The Meeting was closed at 21.23 pm.

Signed

Date