

Draft minutes subject to approval

# **Burrator Parish Council**

## **Minutes of the remote Council Meeting held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021. via Zoom**

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

**Also present:** Cllr D Moyse, West Devon Borough Councillor. Katharine Griffiths (Parish Clerk).

**Absent:** Cllrs Stribley and Palmer

Cllr Paskins opened the meeting at 7.32pm

- 1. Apologies for Absence.**  
Cllrs Stribley and Palmer .
- 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> March 2021.**  
There was one correction: Item 20, ROI committee to add in that “the tables will be kept on the green until the 17<sup>th</sup> May.”after which they should be removed.
- 4. Matters arising from the Minutes 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021.**  
Item 8 - The countryside code has been reviewed  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-countryside-code>  
Item 9 – The legal action for remote meetings to continue has not succeeded and therefore face to face meetings will resume in May. The chair will write a small piece for the Burrator Beacon  
Item 15a: the two defibrillators at Burrator Reservoir and Meavy Village Hall have been checked by the clerk and are working. This has been reported to SWASFT.  
Item 16. The “No Parking” sign at Burrator was not seen as necessary by DCC. However, it is actually a sign that has gone missing, and a replacement is needed. The Clerk to write to DCC advising them of this.

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

### **5. Planning Committee**

Cllr Brunson gave a brief update from the planning meeting held prior to the full council meeting. Both applications were noncontentious, and supported by the committee.

*The Chair was passed to Cllr R Glanville*

### **6. Finance & General Purposes Committee**

### **a) Bills for Payment**

The list of payments was circulated prior to the meeting

The Clerk will ask WDBC which bin is being paid for

Further quotes for the insurance will be obtained.

With the exception of the insurance, it was proposed by Cllr Scrivener and seconded by Cllr Paskins and agreed by the council that the payments be made.

### **b) Bank Reconciliation**

The bank reconciliation was reviewed, and it was noted that the precept and rent has been received.

*The chair was passed back to Cllr Paskins*

## **7. The Royal Oak Inn Committee**

Cllr Wills reported on the ROI

The yearly inspection was undertaken on the 28<sup>th</sup> April, the main issue found was the refurbishment of the front window has not been completed, but this is in hand. The lounge was set out with soft seating. The benches on the green will be removed, before or on the 17<sup>th</sup> May. Upstairs has changed quite a lot. There is more storage upstairs with additional refrigeration and new ovens. The fire escape draw bridge will need repair soon. Also, the cobbles will need attention soon.

Cllr Hopson commented that he noticed a nice sign on the green about not moving the seats. It was also noted that the pub sign is currently not in place, this was mentioned at the visit and it is due to be replaced.

Cllr Brunson mentioned that the benches on the green have discouraged parking right outside the pub.

## **8. Report from the meeting with representatives from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner – DFPC action to maintain access to Princetown**

The meeting took place on the 8<sup>th</sup> April, unfortunately it was a largely negative meeting. The police stated it was not a priority for them, which was disappointing.

One positive response was that the DNPA was looking at an electronic sign for Yelverton.

Cllr R Glanville commented that the risk to life still needs to be stressed.

## **9. An update with regard to the restart of face-to-face meetings.**

A brief update was given by the clerk, the meeting in May will be held in Walkhampton Memorial Hall and as many precautions as possible will be taken. A risk assessment will be circulated prior to the meeting.

## **10. Burrator Events**

No current events.

## **11. Burrator Beacon**

The deadline for the next edition is the 7<sup>th</sup> May, an article will be put in with regard to co-option of new councillors. There will be one more electronic copy and the next copy in the Autumn will be a hard copy. Cllr Paskins has submitted a short note on this for the Summer issue of the Beacon.

## **12. Reports from outside bodies**

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

The notice for the sale of Sheepstor has been removed and the tyres at Norsworthy Bridge have been removed. Disappointed that the continuation of remote meetings

has not been supported, but glad that it has been noted that the need for flexibility is required.

Attended zoom meeting with George Eustace on the update from the Glover Report and the Landscape Service, it is noted that planning and locality are important in national parks but also it is realised that some money needs to be saved. The report is due to be published in May 2021.

Cllr Scrivener reported that the local elections in May include the election of the new P&CC for Devon & Cornwall.

### **13. Public Relations**

A complaint has been received with regard to tyres being dumped at Norsworthy Bridge and it is noted that these have been removed by WDBC

### **14. Parish Property**

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

An agreed method of reporting needs to be decided.

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

Cllr Brunsdon gave an update, a number of boards have been looked at and an aluminium board has been decided upon, information will be circulated.

Two boards are required with possibly a third at Meavy.

It was proposed by Cllr Balkwill, seconded by Cllr Scrivener and agreed by the council to replace the notice boards.

Once costs have been obtained a donation from Cllr Moyse will be requested.

#### **c. Update on Wildflower Areas**

Cllr Brunsdon gave an update, unfortunately we have missed the boat for this spring. To get the best results there is a need to remove the topsoil and turf and then seed.

There was a discussion around the costs involved and it is not likely to reduce the cost. There will be an initial cost, but longer term there will a small cost saving.

Getting schools and parishioners involved may also be a good option.

Cllr Brunsdon will put some further information together.

### **15. Highway matters**

The entrance to Church View, Walkhampton needs to be cut back. This has previously been discussed with the highways officer, but unfortunately there was no budget at the time. The clerk will contact the DCC highways officer to see if there are funds available to get the approach to Church View cut back.

### **16. Correspondence**

A request has been received to consider the scattering of ashes on Meavy Green, the matter was discussed. It was proposed by Cllr Balkwill, seconded by Cllr R Glanville and agreed by the council that the scattering would be allowed on the condition that it was carried out respectfully and outside of pub opening times. It was also considered that it would **not** be a good idea for it to become a regular occurrence.

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

Cllr F Glanville commented that there is survey from the fire service that gives the community a chance to have their say on the Community Risk Management Plan and how safe people feel. The fire service are looking at reducing the size of the appliance at Yelverton and also possibly providing a 4x4 vehicle.

Please circulate the survey and complete it. A response will also be put in by the council. The survey is open until the 20<sup>th</sup> May.

The Meeting was closed at 21.01 pm.

Signed

Date