

**BURRATOR PARISH
PLAN
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SECTION 1 - INTRODUCTION

The Parish of Burrator.

1.1 The Parish of Burrator is wholly within the Dartmoor National Park. It straddles the upper reaches of the Meavy and is framed by the Walkham and Plym Rivers. Our terrain is of moorland, dry stone enclosed farmland and wooded river valleys. The granite quarries, tin mines and railways that once provided employment now exist as relics and landscape features that have been softened by time. Burrator Reservoir, after which the parish takes its name, was formed by flooding the Meavy valley at the end of the 19th century. With its many surrounding granite tors, moorland and woodlands Burrator provides a natural beauty spot that attracts many walkers, cyclists, horse riders and those who just come to look in all seasons of the year.

1.2. The three separate parishes of Meavy, Sheepstor and Walkhampton were brought together as Burrator Grouped Parish in 1973 for administrative reasons rather than any tight ties of community. The 2011 Census recorded a total of 1445 people living in Burrator and with a total land area of 5945 hectares this makes us one of the largest and most sparsely populated parishes in England. Our population numbers have remain reasonably constant for a number of years. Today Burrator has an ageing demographic and remains a thinly populated, dispersed rural community. Four main settlements make up our area; Dousland, Meavy, Sheepstor and Walkhampton. Each is distinct in its own right. We also include other outlying groups such as Hoo Meavy, Goodameavy, Lovaton and Welltown as well as the hill farms that stretch across the parish in this mix of population centres.

The Aim of the Burrator Parish Plan

1.3. No one is better positioned to understand the needs, issues and aspirations of a local community than the people who are part of it. The aim of the Burrator Parish Plan is to identify these details and put in place a set of realistic planning goals that can be delivered to improve or, where required, sustain our parish. It also provides a useful source of information for external authorities and organisations in helping them understand the hopes and concerns of the people of Burrator.

Methodology

1.4. During 2011 the Parish Council agreed to produce a Parish Plan and a small team was formed to take the project forward. The first step was to identify the areas that were considered to be the most pressing and important across the parish. Evidence from council meetings, various sub-committees, discussion groups and individual submissions was collated to create the baseline data. This was then developed in the shape of a framework document that was issued to every household in the parish via the January 2012 edition of the Burrator Beacon. Using parish-wide feedback on the framework document Version 1 of this plan was produced and approved by the Parish Council in April 2012.

1.5. This Parish Plan covers a 4-year period from May 2012 to April 2016. It will be reviewed and updated annually to reflect any changes or new initiatives. Progress against the planning goals (see Section 3) will be measured and recorded at the annual review points. Any responses to major issues will also be reported on by using the Burrator Parish Council website, Burrator Beacon and Parish Notice Boards as required. At the end of the 4-year cycle a new parish-wide survey will be conducted to re-start the process and collect the detailed information necessary to produce the 2016 to 2020 Parish Plan. Every member

of the community is encouraged to express their views freely on the Parish Plan and contribute towards its on-going development.

2012 to 2016 - The Challenges Facing Burrator Parish

1.6. Burrator, like every other parish, town and city, faces a future of financial uncertainty. Our local farms and businesses are struggling to cope with the consequences of the economic downturn and virtually every aspect of public life is experiencing cuts at national, regional and local levels. Petrol and domestic fuel prices continue to rise and our very high water rates have long been a bone of contention. Many parishioners on fixed incomes are finding it increasingly hard to manage, whilst young people are struggling to find employment and suitable housing. There is increasing pressure on the budget allocations for the Devon & Cornwall Police Force and Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service. The delivery of Health and Social Care has undergone major organisational change. Clinical Commissioning Groups are now responsible for arranging health care and the County Council has taken on greater responsibility for the delivery of social care. The question of how these services will cope with the future demands of an ageing population still remains the focus of intense debate. In an effort to reduce its overheads the Dartmoor National Park Authority has recently reorganised and streamlined its management structure. The West Devon Borough Council budget, along with that of Devon County Council, is required to make further savings while maintaining vital local services and supporting the most vulnerable in our communities; West Devon is already sharing many services with South Hams District Council in an effort to stretch resources.

The Plan in Context and Vision for Burrator Parish

1.7. The above paragraph presents a tough background against which to formulate a Parish Plan. As a starting point we need a clear vision that captures the aspirations of our community. The goals in our plan are set to contribute towards this vision. If money and resources were not a problem then life would be easy. This clearly is not the case, so our planning goals, whilst guided by the vision, need to be realistic, affordable and prioritised so that we can deliver progress.

1.8. From the feedback gathered in preparing this plan the statement that summarises the key aspirations from people across the parish and sets our vision is:

A parish with a vibrant community that conserves the natural beauty and cultural heritage of its environment, provides for all of its age groups and enjoys a safe and healthy way of life.

Planning Cycle and Timescales

1.9. The goals in the Action Plan are broken down in to 3 timescales depending on the priority and/or ability to deliver an outcome, these are:

- Short – complete within the next 12 months;
- Medium – complete with 1 to 2 years;
- Long – complete within 2+ years (with specific target date) or on-going action for annual review.

SECTION 2 – BURRATOR PARISH ISSUES AND ASPIRATIONS

2.1. This section gives the parish-wide background against each subject area and includes the issues and aspirations that were originally collected in formulating the plan plus those added in its subsequent updates. It also recommends planning goals that can mitigate, resolve or improve some of the highlighted concerns.

2.2. The following abbreviations are used in Section 2 and 3: BPC = Burrator Parish Council; WDBC = West Devon Borough Council; DCC = Devon County Council; D&C Police = Devon and Cornwall Police Force; DNPA = Dartmoor National Park Authority; SWLT = South West Lakes Trust.

Environment

2.3. The general view of most residents is that the natural beauty of our local environment and the peaceful, rural nature of our parish are the defining characteristics of Burrator. Conserving our environment and maintaining the character of our parish should be viewed as driving factors when considering any proposed social, economic or development change.

Recommendation:

Long Term (On-Going) Goal – BPC must emphasize the importance of conserving the environment and maintaining the quiet, rural nature of our parish in all of its dealings with DNPA, WDBC, DCC and other external organisations.

2.4. Agriculture has been a key contributor over many centuries in shaping the Dartmoor landscape and today about 90% of the land within the National Park is used for farming. In addition to its commercial business activity farming also plays an ever increasing role in maintaining the ecological integrity and scenic value of the countryside. The land management and environmental stewardship functions delivered by our local hill farmers are significant factors in sustaining the physical and biological elements of the moor and making Burrator Parish an attractive area for tourism and recreational activities.

2.5. Burrator Reservoir is a stunning Dartmoor location and popular tourist attraction. In February 2013 SWLT secured a large grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund to develop its Burrator Historic and Natural Environment Project. Building on its status as a site of Special Scientific Interest (SSI), the project aims to preserve the rich heritage and natural beauty of the area while also offering a range of learning and volunteering opportunities to encourage more people to enjoy the lake and its surroundings.

2.6. Tourism provides a welcome source of potential trade for our local pubs. At peak times however it can introduce a surge in the number of vehicles, cyclists and walkers all wishing to use the limited roads around the reservoir. Parking congestion in the vicinity of the main dam is seen as a key issue, particularly by the residents of Sheepstor whose access is often blocked in and out of their village. Winter snow can also attract large numbers of people to the area and cause major congestion around Dousland and on the Sheepstor road leading to the dam. While the snow is a great attraction, the sheer volume of vehicles plus breakdowns or minor accidents caused by the wintery conditions can cause chaos. Special traffic control measures by D&C Police are required to manage 'snow tourists' at such times.

Recommendation:

Long Term (On-Going) Goal – BPC to liaise with D&C Police and SWLT to ensure action is taken to address parking and traffic issues around Burrator Reservoir.

2.7 An unfortunate side effect of large of visitor numbers is litter. Littering is illegal¹ and its consequences can range from creating an eyesore to causing serious environmental damage. People must be encouraged to respect the environment and dispose of their rubbish in the correct manner.

Recommendation:

Short Term Goal – BPC to invite SWLT to provide signage information and rubbish bin facilities to help address littering problems around Burrator Reservoir.

2.8. Maintenance of our parish landscape is an on-going challenge and, with numerous trees, verges, hedges, stone walls and leats, there are always areas in need of attention. Many of these areas also serve as habitats for flora and fauna and any maintenance process should seek to preserve the natural balance.

Recommendation:

Long Term (On-Going) Goal – Members of the community highlight areas of the landscape that require maintenance or repair to BPC for action.

2.9. While most people would prefer a weekly refuse collection, the current system of alternative week refuse and garden waste pick-ups with the weekly recycling box collections is proving adequate. There is some concern however with the litter caused by the contractors during their collection rounds. The Burrator Inn has two recycling skips located in its car park (one for glass and one for plastic bottles) and members of the parish are welcome to use this facility.

Recommendation:

Long Term (On-Going) Goal – Residents should report all issues relating to Refuse and Recycling collections to WDBC by using the dedicated page on their website or telephone (01822 813600).

Planning & Housing

2.10. DNPA is the sole planning authority for land within the National Park. BPC has no executive powers in planning matters but it is mandatory for DNPA to consult the Parish Council on all applications in its area. The role of the Parish Council is to provide a local view on the application and consider a wide range of matters such as the overall design in relation to the area, how it impacts on neighbouring properties, if there are road access, parking or drainage issues as well as any implications for nearby farmland, hedgerows, green areas, wildlife etc. The DNPA have issued a 'Design Guide (Nov 2011)' which

¹ The Environment Protection Act (1990) Section 87

residents may wish to consult prior to making a planning applications.

2.11. DNPA's Core Strategy² sets the overall vision and spatial strategy for promoting sustainable development across the National Park from 2006 to 2026. The Development Management and Delivery Development Plan (DMD)³ sits below the Core Strategy and gives subject related policies (e.g. housing, employment, tourism) to manage development and also provides site specific policies to set the planning framework for particular areas and land use. The residential development needs for the National Park are supported by the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA)⁴ that looks at potential sites that could contribute to the overall requirement for new housing. BPC will be directed by all of the above policy documents. There is no intention to produce a local Parish-level guide in this plan so as to avoid any duplication or possible misinterpretation of DNPA authority and statutory planning requirements.

2.12. The strategic aim from the DNPA Core Strategy emphasises a priority for affordable housing as being the best approach to maintaining balanced communities on Dartmoor. It is intended that the Local Centres⁵ (the larger towns and villages) will meet the bulk of new housing development and be the main locations for business development and commercial activity. Rural Settlements (which include Meavy, Walkhampton & Dousland) will host small scale development to provide the 'affordable housing' local need identified within the settlement itself and its parish.

2.13. A housing needs survey for Burrator Parish was published in 2007 and showed a requirement for 14 affordable housing units over the following five years. A substantial part of that need has been provided for by a development of ten units at Walkhampton. While the DMD currently has no new development proposals, it suggests that any new housing should be situated in the population centres rather than extending into farmland or moorland on the edge of the parish.

2.14. A proposal for up to 28 new dwellings at Gratton Cross was submitted by Maristow Estates in 2012 as a potential development site for inclusion in the SHLAA update for that year. This was unanimously opposed at a public consultation meeting by both Burrator and Yelverton residents (the site sits in Meavy but borders Yelverton near the Memorial Hall). DNPA agreed⁶ that the area was unsuitable for development due to major vehicle and pedestrian access and safety issues. Also, with the plot located in Meavy, the proposed housing numbers far exceed any requirement for Burrator Parish.

2.15 There are two conservation areas within Burrator Parish at Meavy and Walkhampton. A Conservation Area is defined as 'an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character and appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance'. Details for each site are provided in a Conservation Area Character Appraisal report that can be found on the DNPA website. While certain planning controls are used to maintain the historic character of these areas they do not necessarily preclude new development or demolition of old buildings. DNPA policy and regulation regarding conservation areas is given in DMD Part 2. DNPA will provide specialist advice to anyone or any organisation considering a planning proposal within the Meavy or Walkhampton conservation areas.

² Local Development Framework Core Strategy Development Plan 2006 to 2026 dated June 2008

³ Development Management and Delivery Development Plan dated February 2012

⁴ DNPA Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment report April 2011

⁵ Listing of Local Centres and Rural Settlements is provided in Core Strategy Section 5

⁶ DMD Environmental Report 2012

Recommendation:

Long Term (On-Going) Goal – BPC will provide a local view on any housing development proposals and all planning applications so that the needs and concerns from the parish are understood and recognised by DNPA.

Employment and Local Business

2.16. Business activity and sources of employment within the parish consist of some small business enterprises, the public houses, hill farms and the quarry at Yennadon. Farming is at the heart of the rural economy. The well-being of our hill farming community is important in providing local employment in agriculture, food production (some distinctive to Dartmoor), support to other local business and underpinning tourism. Dartmoor Hill Farmers however face a period of considerable challenge. In addition to the economic downturn other issues such as changing market requirements in the food sector, competing demands on land use (food production/environmental/leisure), the need to diversify beyond core farming activities and reform of farm support policies all require on-going business change and adaptability in order to survive.

2.17. Yennadon Quarry has been an industrial feature of our local landscape for many years. The current planning permission was granted in 1990 for 35 years allowing the company to operate within its current site until 2025. In order to maintain the viability of the business, the company is likely to submit an application in 2013 to extend the quarry northwards whilst concurrently infilling and restoring depleted parts in the south eastern corner of the site. Concerns regarding noise, dust emissions, excessively high spoil tips and heavy lorry traffic continue to be raised by residents living near the site. Regular site reviews by DNPA and Maristow Estate are required to monitor the site and address local issues.

Recommendations:

Medium Term Goal – To arrive at a solution that strikes a balance between allowing the quarry to operate as a viable business unit whilst sustaining the environment in which it is situated and minimising its impact on the local community.

Long Term (On-Going) Goal – Continued monitoring of the site by DNPA and Maristow Estate. Any concerns from individuals in the community should be passed via BPC to these authorities for appropriate action.

Short Term Goal – BPC to convene a public meeting to gather the views of the local community regarding any site extension proposal for Yennadon Quarry.

2.18. We have seen a decline in shops in the parish and the Dousland shop and sub post office is now the only facility. Our three public houses are all working hard to attract customers, both locals and visitors, with live entertainment, themed evenings, quiz nights and special events. A business can only survive if it is viable. If we want to see these businesses as long-term features of our parish then we should look to support their efforts.

Transport and Highways

2.19. The majority of households in the parish rely on the car to meet their transport needs. There has been a reduction in bus services through our parish and the continued operation of these routes is reliant on their financial viability to the bus companies. Again, we have no immediate control of this issue but members of the community should consider the use of bus services as an alternative method of transport, and concerned users need to make their feelings known to the bus companies.

2.20. There is a critical concern for the personal safety of pedestrians and cyclists using the B3212 between Dousland and Yelverton on the section from the Burrator Inn to Woodman's Corner. A public footpath/cycle lane along this stretch has been a BPC aspiration for many years. DCC currently hold this proposal as a Reserve Scheme because it has been assessed as a low priority (i.e. not required for access to a school or other public amenity). Because of its status, and the pressures on the DCC Highways budget, there is no funding attached to the proposal. The issue is also complicated by the need to first gain agreement with the various land owners to sell or provide land along any proposed route. Lake Lane provides an alternative pedestrian route but still has the need to cross the very busy B3212 at Woodman's Corner.

Recommendations:

Long Term Goal – Subject to DCC identifying the funding and negotiating agreement with landowners, the proposal for a footpath and cycle lane along the B3212 is a priority issue for Burrator Parish and BPC will look to support the project as and when it happens.

2.21. Speeding traffic on the B3212 through Dousland has been a long held concern for residents living in this area. The road is subject to random speed checks by D&C Police but unfortunately the infrequent nature of these exercises has done little to reduce the problem. In 2012 D&C Police issued its Speed Watch strategy⁷ that contains a range of activities to address the dangers of speeding at identified locations. BPC will investigate the potential to develop a Community Speed Watch scheme in Burrator in an effort to address this issue.

Recommendation:

Short Term Goal – BPC to investigate the establishment of a Community Speed Watch scheme to address the speeding issues on the B3212.

2.22. There have been recent examples where snow, ice and flooding have caused serious problems by inhibiting the normal use of our roads by parishioners and organisations providing services to the community. Reduced maintenance of road gutters and drains has exacerbated this problem. BPC are part of the Snow Warden and Volunteers Scheme with DCC and a number of Councillors have been trained, with representatives in each area of the parish. An attempt was made in 2011 to form an emergency committee that could be activated in times of trouble such as flooding but a lack of volunteers meant that it did not get off the ground. Walkhampton has its own community response plan to flooding.

⁷ Devon, Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Speed Watch Strategic Plan 2012 to 2014

Recommendations:

Long Term Goal – BPC to review its Snow Warden Scheme on an annual basis to ensure suitably qualified wardens are in place, salt supplies are available and the community is suitably informed of the scheme.

Facilities and Services

2.23. The ever expanding opportunities offered via the Internet have completely transformed the manner in which people access information, engage local services and conduct their own business and social activities. Fast and reliable internet connection has become an essential component of everyday life. The Connecting Devon & Somerset project signed a deal in January 2013 with BT for a programme to improve broadband connection and bring superfast broadband across our region⁸.

2.24. Surveying work on the project is underway and the first locations to be upgraded will be announced during Spring 2013. It is understood that Yelverton telephone exchange will initially receive 2 new superfast cabinets. At the time of this Parish Plan update (May 2013) it was not clear just what this will deliver to broadband users in Burrator Parish.

2.25. We should also remember that not everyone in our Parish has access to or use of a computer. Help is still required to ensure that these people can ‘connect’ to local services and information and we should not assume a total reliance on the internet.

2.26. The Saturday Market in Walkhampton is organised by the Walkhampton Hall Committee. It may not be able to fully compensate for the lack of an established shop but it does offer some relief and, importantly, also provides the occasion for members of the community to come together in a social context. For this very reason our community should look to support its continued operation.

2.27. If a community is to progress ideas it needs a strong vibrant Parish Council whose membership is formed from a good cross section of the area and can represent the views of the community. The present Council still has vacancies despite repeated requests for members of the Parish to come forward.

Recommendation:

Long Term (On-going) Goal – BPC provide information on the roles and responsibilities of Parish Councillors on its web site, in the Beacon and on notice boards and conduct a campaign to encourage people to come forward as Councillors and to represent the views of their community on the Parish Council.

2.28. The level of support provided in response to major accidents and emergencies by the Police, Fire and Ambulance services is viewed favourably. However, response times by the Police to other routine incidents are more of a concern. Although the parish crime rate is low

⁸ Connecting Devon and Somerset will deliver broadband (greater than 2Mbps) for all and superfast broadband (greater than 24Mbps) to at least 90% of premises; both by the end of 2016, aiming for 100% superfast broadband coverage by 2020.

people would still welcome greater Police visibility and contact around the parish as a part of routine policing business. The establishment of surveillance schemes such as Neighbourhood Watch and Farm Watch is welcomed, particularly with the theft of farm machinery and fuel oil from storage tanks increasing in many rural areas.

2.29. Reductions in the Government Grant to Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service mean that major reductions in its operating costs are required between 2013 and 2017. It is encouraging to note that their initial proposals⁹ show our nearest Fire Stations (Yelverton, Tavistock, Bere Alston, Ivybridge and Princetown) keeping their retained units. The intention to roll-out the new Light Rescue Pump (LRP) vehicle to these stations is also welcome news as it is likely to provide a more effective vehicle to support rural areas. The real possibility of further saving measures may however affect these stations and levels of service in the future.

2.30. Yelvercare is a local volunteer group who provide a range of excellent support services including doctor, dentist and hospital visits plus reading, visiting, dog walking and help in the home and garden. Their contact details are available on-line and published in the Beacon. They are always looking for local volunteers to help this very worthy community support service.

Leisure, Recreation and Community Spirit

2.31. Given the nature of our grouped parish we must look to organisations that transcend the boundaries of the constituent villages to support leisure and recreational activities and, ultimately, generate community spirit in Burrator. Some examples are the Twinning Association, the garden and local history interest groups and the Meavy Amateur Dramatics (MAD) group. The churches offer obvious community-wide fellowship. There are also a number of annual or one-off events. A good example here is the Meavy Oak Fair (held on the 3rd Saturday in June) that not only does much to promote community spirit within our parish but also provides a boost to local trade by attracting visitors from far and wide. All such groups and events require support from local residents, both in organising and attending, to ensure that we can continue to enjoy a full and varied calendar of leisure activities.

Recommendation:

Long Term (On-Going) Goal – BPC continue to provide financial support as appropriate and promote the groups and local events that provide leisure, recreational and sporting activities within the parish.

2.32. Burrator Parish has a population of 1445¹⁰ people of which about 7% (100) are young people aged between 12 and 18 years. WDBC wants to improve the way it communicates with young people and to ensure that its website contains information that is relevant to their needs. It commissioned a 'Have Your Say' survey at the end of 2012 to gather feedback on methods of communication (facebook, twitter, interactive website etc); providing information about its services, especially for those who may feel isolated in a rural villages and providing useful information to address the issues identified by young people. The results of the survey were not available at the time of this update (May 2013) but will in due course be used by BPC to inform the development of its own local plans.

⁹ Devon & Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Draft Corporate Plan 2013/14 to 2014/15

¹⁰ Office for National Statistics Burrator Ward Age Profile – 2011 Census

2.33. Many have commented about the lack of sporting and recreational opportunities for young people. Whilst the scouts and local football club provide some outlet, and fully warrant our continued support, the major focus for recreation is outside of the parish. Capturing the imagination of young people to take an interest in their local community should be a priority and we should seek to develop youth orientated groups.

Recommendation:
Long Term (On-going) Goal – BPC treat support to youth orientated groups as a priority action for support.

2.34. Devon Active Villages is a new countywide programme funded by Devon County Council and Sport England Lottery and delivered by a network of local partners. It seeks to support rural communities to develop long-term sports opportunities which enable people of all ages to experience the fun of sport and build a life-long love of being active and healthy. The programme aims to increase sports participation in Devon's rural communities by supporting village based opportunities.

Recommendation:
Medium Term Goal – BPC act as point of contact for the Active Villages Project and promote their services to the community.

2.35. Villages in Action (VIA) is a rural touring scheme based in Crediton, Devon that aims to bring professional performances and workshops at affordable prices to communities through a network of local volunteer promoters. Burrator is already part of this programme and forthcoming events are advertised in the Beacon.

2.36. Our village halls are essential facilities in providing venues to host a wide variety of events which can bring parishioners together and engender community spirit. All the halls have disabled access and are run by willing volunteers.

Recommendation:
Long Term (On-going) Goal – BPC continue to promote the use of village halls via the parish magazine, web site and notice boards.

2.37. Day to day human contact is the lifeblood of any community. Our ageing population now sees more and more elderly people living on their own. Maintaining contact and where possible helping ones neighbour is a simple but extremely effective way of generating community spirit and, if necessary, being able to alert the appropriate services in the event of a problem.

Recommendation:
Long Term (On-going) Goal – BPC continue to encourage the community to support their neighbours and provide information on its web site and periodic updates in the parish magazine of the contact details of various professional support services.

2.38. Good communications is a vital function and our parish magazine 'The Beacon' is an extremely useful means of keeping the whole community informed and every support should be given to our hard-working editor.

Recommendation:

Long Term (On-going) Goal – BPC continue to support the production, publication and circulation of the Burrator Beacon. Local residents should be encouraged to produce articles for inclusion in the magazine.

Education

2.39. Our parish is served by two Church of England voluntary aided primary schools; Meavy and Lady Modiford's at Walkhampton. They are both high performing schools, as evidenced by their most recent Ofsted reports, and have recently become federated as part of the West Devon Federation scheme. Meavy and Walkhampton also have pre-school playgroups that provide a key service for the very youngest members of our community. The most immediate choices for secondary education lie in either Tavistock or slightly further afield in Plymouth. Likewise, people wishing to pursue adult education opportunities must also be able to travel to either of these venues.

SECTION 3 – ACTION PLAN (updated May 2013)

Ref	Goal	Priority & Target Date	Progress/Comment
Environment			
2.3.	Emphasize the importance of conserving the environment and maintaining the quiet, rural nature of our parish in all of its dealings DNPA, WDBC, DCC and other external organisations.	Long Term On-Going	Proposal for the establishment of Walkhampton conservation area received DNPA approval in Mar 2013.
	BPC to be involved in the overall review of the SWLT Burrator Reservoir Management Plan and to ensure that specific issues regarding traffic congestion and parking are considered.	Medium Term Dec 2012	Action Complete. BPC views submitted via SWLT Burrator Advisory Group.
2.6.	BPC to liaise with D&C Police and SWLT to ensure action is taken to address parking and traffic issues around Burrator Reservoir.	Long Term On-going	New goal added at May 2013 update
2.7	BPC to invite SWLT to provide signage information and rubbish bin facilities to address littering problems around Burrator Reservoir.	Short Term May 2014	New goal added at May 2013 update
2.8.	Members of the community highlight areas of the landscape that require maintenance or repair to BPC for action.	Long Term On-Going with annual review	Remains on-going.
2.9.	Residents should report all issues relating to Refuse and Recycling collections to WDBC by using the dedicated page on their website or telephone (01822 813600).	Long Term On-Going with annual review	No major issues to report.

Ref	Goal	Priority & Target Date	Progress/Comment
Housing & Planning			
2.15	BPC will provide a local view on any housing development proposals and all planning applications so that the needs and concerns from the parish are understood and recognised by DNPA.	Long Term On-Going	Public meeting regarding Gratton Cross housing development in June 12 received unanimous rejection of proposal.
Employment and Local Business			
2.17 (1)	To arrive at a solution that strikes a balance between allowing the quarry to operate as a viable business unit whilst sustaining the environment in which it is situated and minimising its impact on the local community.	Short Term Aug 2013	Will be reviewed when new planning proposals are submitted in 2013 (see 2.17(3) below).
2.17 (2)	Continued monitoring of Yennadon Quarry site by DNPA and Maristow Estate. Any concerns from individuals in the community should be passed via BPC to these authorities for appropriate action.	Long Term On-going with annual review	Action remains.
2.17 (3)	BPC to convene a public meeting to examine any site extension proposal for Yennadon Quarry.	Short Term Aug 2013	Subject to submission of planning proposals in 2013.
Transport & Highways			
2.20	Subject to DCC identifying the funding and negotiating agreement with landowners, the proposal for a footpath and cycle lane along the B3212 is a priority issue for Burrator Parish and BPC will look to support the project as and when it happens.	Long Term On-going	Currently rated as a 'low priority' project by DCC Highways Dept. and little likelihood of progress at present time. Action remains.
2.21	BPC to investigate the establishment of a Community Speed Watch scheme to address the speeding issues on the B3212.	Short Term Sep 2013	New goal added at May 2013 update.

Ref	Goal	Priority & Target Date	Progress/Comment
2.22	BPC to review its Snow Warden Scheme on an annual basis to ensure suitably qualified wardens are in place, salt supplies are available and the community is suitably informed of the scheme ahead of each Winter.	Long Term Ongoing with annual review.	Salt/grit supplies reviewed Sep 2012. Note in Winter Beacon to provide an update on the scheme. WDBC TAP fund request made in Mar 2013 to provide additional sand/grit boxes.
Facilities & Services			
	BPC to review the various initiatives in place to improve broadband connectivity for our area and determine how best to campaign for the interests of Burrator Parish.	Short Term Aug 2013	Connecting Devon & Somerset project signed a deal in January 2013 with BT. Yelverton telephone exchange to receive 2 new superfast cabinets but unclear what this will deliver to Burrator Parish. Initial action complete but may require further review when extent of superfast broadband cover is known.
	Conduct a second and more visible campaign to understand if there is a need for a Burrator Meals on Wheels service.	Short Term	Action complete. Responsibility lies at DCC level. Information and contact details regarding Community Meal options issued via the Beacon (Winter 2012) for Parish-wide information.
2.27.	Provide information on the roles and responsibilities of Parish Councillors on its web site, in the Beacon and on notice boards and conduct a campaign to encourage people to come forward as Councillors and to represent the views of their community on the Parish Council.	Long Term On-going	Information produced but action will need to remain as 'On-Going' to sustain interest and encourage membership of the Parish Council.

Ref	Goal	Priority & Target Date	Progress/Comment
	BPC liaise with D&C Police regarding the issue of police presence and its role in providing support and advice to the parish regarding crime prevention.	Short Term	Action complete. Formal Police liaison conducted as part of the WDBC Southern Parishes Link committee at which BPC is represented.
	Leisure, Recreation & Community Spirit		
2.31.	BPC continue to provide financial support as appropriate and promote the groups and local events that provide leisure, recreational and sporting activities within the parish.	Long Term On-going with annual review	In FY12/13 BPC provided grants to support: Burrator Twinning Assoc; Walkhampton Memorial Hall Action remains.
	Generate a campaign to capture the views of young people in the parish regarding the type of sporting and leisure activities that they would wish to be involved in and gather their aspirations for Burrator. These results and the potential resulting actions should feature in the next iteration of the Parish Plan.	Short Term	Action complete. Burrator included in wider WDBC 'Have Your Say' survey for Young People. Notice in Beacon (Winter 2012) to encourage completion of survey and results (May 2013) will be used to inform future planning.
2.33.	Treat support to youth orientated groups as a priority action.	Long Term On-going with annual review	In FY 12/13 BPC provided grants to support: Meavy & Lady Modiford's schools, Walkham Valley Scouts & Walkhampton & Meavy Out of Schools Club.
2.34.	BPC act as point of contact for the Active Villages Project and promote their services to the community	Medium Term May 2014	Action remains.
2.36.	Continue to promote the use of village halls via the parish magazine, web site and notice boards.	Long Term On-going with annual review	Information produced but action remains.
2.37.	Continue to encourage the community to support their neighbours and provide information on the web site and periodic updates in parish magazine of the contact details of various professional support services should they be required	Long Term On-going	Article regarding Community Meals produced for Winter 2012 Beacon. Action remains.

2.38.	Continue to support the production, publication and circulation of the Burrator Beacon. Local residents should be encouraged to produce articles for inclusion in the magazine.	Long Term	New editor took over Beacon from Autumn 2012 edition. Trial of colour front cover was popular but high cost could not be justified against limited funds. Action continues.
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SECTION 4

BURRATOR PARISH PLAN 2012 to 2016

Document History

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January 2012	Framework Document	Circulated for Parish-wide comment via Burrator Beacon.
March 2012	Draft Version 1	Initial draft based on Framework document and comments received from Parish-wide circulation.
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March 2013	Draft Version 2	Amended to reflect recent changes/updates/progress. Placed on BPC website and note in Burrator Beacon requesting Parish-wide feedback (hard copies made available on request).
June 2013	Version 2	Burrator Parish Plan (2013 Update) approved by BPC.