

Burrator Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 30th June 2022. At Walkhampton Memorial Hall

Councillors present: Cllrs Glanville F (Chair), Paskins, Brunsdon, Palmer, Wills, Ayres, Balkwill, and Radmore.

Also present: Katharine Griffiths (Parish Clerk), and WDBC Cllr Moyse

Absent: Cllr Milne, Scrivener, France, Stribley, Glanville R and DCC Cllr P Sanders.

Cllr F Glanville opened the meeting at 7.33pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Milne, Scrivener, France, Stribley and Glanville R.

2. To consider co-option of a new Councillor.

One application for co-option to the council had been received. The applicant introduced herself and said a few words as to why she would like to join the council. There was a short general discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Palmer, seconded by Cllr F Glanville and agreed by the council that Debbie Crew would be co-opted onto the council. Cllr Crew was welcomed to the council.

3. Declarations of Interest.

None, other than recorded in the register.

4. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 26th May 2022

There were a two minor amendments, item 5 a capitol I, item 7 a capitol T .
It was proposed by Cllr Balkwill, 2nd by Cllr Paskin that the minutes were signed as a true record, this was agreed by the council.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes 26th May

Highways matter: the bridge at Meavy still requires repairing.

Planning matters: The previous application concerning off road parking at Walkhampton was discussed. The parish council had supported the application, however it had been refused by DNPA. It was agreed that the clerk would write to DNPA planning department concerning the parking situation within the village.

It was proposed by Cllr Palmer and seconded by Cllr Balkwill that a projector was purchased for council use. The clerk has looked at a number of options. It was agreed to purchase the mid-range projector.

6. To discuss behaviour at the Annual Parish Meeting (APM)

It was raised that the behaviour of councillors at the APM did not necessary portray a professional image. Possibly as a result of the council not being prepared for the questions raised and not having the information available to answer fully.

The clerk suggested that the format of the APM could be changed to be more inclusive for the community and an opportunity for the council to explain what they have been up to throughout the year. The APM could also be held at a different time

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to the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council (AMPC). It was proposed by Cllr Brunson, seconded by Cllr Balkwill and agreed by the council that this approach would be adopted in the future and the APM would be held at a different time to the AMPC. It was noted two cllrs abstained from voting.

7. Planning Committee

Application - 193/22 - 1 New Cottages, Meavy

Further correspondence had been published on the DNPA website from the architect for the development possibly inferring that procedures had not been followed. The clerk has confirmed with the planning officer that all procedures and regulations were followed and the relevant councillor was not present at the meeting when the application was discussed.

Application – 189/22 – Heatherside

Following the meeting on the 9th June correspondence was received from a member of the public (circulated), after due consideration it was decided that the original decision of “no objection” was still relevant.

It was noted that Cllr Brunson and the Clerk attended a training seminar at DNPA which was very useful. It was also highlighted that the criteria for eligibility for affordable housing has changed slightly and now includes those that have lived or worked in the area for the last 12 months.

8. Finance & General Purposes Committee

a. Bills for Payment

It was proposed by Cllr Balkwill, seconded by Cllr Brunson and agreed by the council that the circulated bills would be paid.

b. Bank reconciliation

The bank reconciliation was noted.

9. Recommendation from the Finance and GP committee to accept the End of year accounts 2021/22 sign off :

It was agreed that the documents would be signed by the chair.

a. To approve the bank reconciliation for submission with the Annual Return 2021/22

Duly signed by the chair.

b. To approve the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) of the Annual Return 2021/22

Duly signed by the chair.

c. Approve the Accounting Statements (Section 2) of the Annual Return 2021/22

Duly signed by the chair.

10. The Royal Oak Inn Committee.

The contractor still has an issue sourcing the cobbles required. The clerk will try a couple of sources.

The opening hours are still being monitored.

11. Burrator Events

The clerk has received a number of emails with regard to the road closure around Burrator Reservoir for the recent commercial running event.

Devon County Council had previously advised that a road closure would not be granted unless the community had been consulted by the organisers. No consultation or communication had taken place between the organisers and the community or parish council.

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It was proposed by Cllr F Glanville that the council write to DCC to voice their disappointment. This was seconded by Cllr Balkwill and agreed by the council.

12. Burrator Beacon - <http://burrator.gov.uk/burrator-beacon/>

The next issue will be the autumn issue.

13. Reports from outside bodies

Cllr Moyle gave a brief report. The DNPA forum is to be held on Wednesday 6th July, Cllr Brunson would like to attend.

The officers and members have recently had two days out of the office looking at various areas and taking part in team building exercises.

With regard to WDBC the number of complaints about the waste have reduced.

14. Public Relations

Nothing Further

15. To consider issues raised with dog waste around Burrator reservoir.

Carried forward to the next meeting.

16. Parish Property

a. Defibrillator Maintenance

The defibrillators are currently all in working order.

b. Update on Wildflower Areas

Following on from the rewilding that has already taken place, Cllr Brunson suggested looking into and consulting the parishioners through the Burrator Beacon about rewilding the majority of the land maintained by the Parish Council and only cutting a few areas such as Meavy Green, part of Walkhampton Green and Helen Rowett Park. It was proposed by Cllr Brunson to increase the rewilding subject to consultation, this was seconded by Cllr Balkwill. After a vote the proposal was not passed.

c. Update to the repair of the Jubilee seat at Burrator Road, Dousland.

The bench has now been repaired.

17. Parish plan update.

The possibility of a virtual footpath from Woodmans corner to Dousland was raised again. The request will be put to the highways officer again.

The clerk will arrange to meet with the Highways officer this will include discussing parking issues in Walkhampton.

18. Highway matters - To include speeding on Burrator Road.

Cllr Crew's raised the issue of speeding along Burrator Road, there has been an increase in a variety of road users recently. The speed limit is 30mph but many cars exceed the limit causing danger to them selves and others. The suggestion of vehicle activated signs was raised. The cost for a sign is approximately £2200. Other possibilities such as community speed watch and the "20 is plenty" campaign will also be looked into.

19. Correspondence

The clerk reiterated about the National Park Forum.

20. Urgent additional business, by leave of The Chair

Nothing Further.

The Meeting was closed at 21.25pm.

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Signed

Date