

Burrator Parish Council

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Thursday 24th March 2022. At Walkhampton Memorial Hall

Councillors present: Cllrs Brunsdon (Chair), Glanville F, Palmer, France, Stribley, Milne, Glanville R, Wills, Ayres, Balkwill, Scrivener and Hopson

Also present: Katharine Griffiths (Parish Clerk), and DCC Cllr P Sanders.

Absent: Cllr Paskins, France, Radmore and WDBC Cllr Moyse.

Cllr Brunsdon opened the meeting at 7.32pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs, Paskins, France, Radmore and WDBC Cllr Moyse

2. Declarations of Interest.

As recorded in the register.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th February 2022.

Item 7, note the location of the loft space. “loft space above the storage area”

Item 14a, the addition of “6 Months” will be added and Cllr “F” Glanville. Otherwise accepted and agreed as an accurate copy.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes 27th January 2022

A response has been received from Cllr Moyse with regard to the bank at Knowle Terrace. The planning officer has looked at the situation and it appears to be in accordance with the planning permission.

Item 17 the Vision Zero Road Safety Project is moving forward having had a number of changes in chair.

5. Finance & General Purposes Committee

a) Bills for Payment

The list of payments had been circulated. It was proposed by Cllr R Glanville that the bills for payment were agreed this was seconded by Cllr Wills and resolved by the council.

b) Bank Reconciliation

The bank reconciliation was noted.

c) To note a change with the internal audit provider.

The clerk provided information about the audit provider and that it was advised to change the auditor every few years. It was proposed by Cllr R Glanville seconded by Cllr Brunsdon and agreed by the council that they go with the new internal auditor.

6. Planning

- a) **0086/22 Demolition of section of wall to create off road parking with new vehicular gated access at The Cottage, Walkhampton.**

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This is a resubmission of an application that was withdrawn, parking is difficult and this would remove a vehicle from the road. It was proposed by Cllr Brunson that the application was supported this was seconded by Cllr F Glanville and agreed by the committee.

b) 0099/22 Loft conversion to dwelling at 12 Merrivale View Road, Dousland

It was proposed by Cllr Brunson, seconded by Cllr Balkwill and agreed by the council that there were no objections to the proposal.

7. To consider the Ukrainian Crisis and what support may be offered.

A discussion was held, Cllr F Glanville commented that it can be difficult to find legitimate Ukrainians wishing to come to this country and seek refuge. Cllr Ayers commented that there are a number of households willing to provide a room who may need support or to be put in contact with each other.

It is appreciated that there are a lot of charities and members of the public already doing excellent work and there may be a possibility to work alongside them.

It was proposed by Cllr Ayers that the council firstly ask if anybody in the parish that has registered under the "Homes for Refugees" scheme whether they require any support and whether the Parish Council can assist. Secondly to identify legitimate agencies that can put people in contact with suitable refugees and assist in the rehoming process. This was seconded by Cllr Milne and agreed by the council.

It was noted that Cllr Palmer arrived at 19:55.

8. To consider the proposed constituency Boundary Review

The proposed parliamentary constituency boundary review would put Burrator Parish Council from Torridge Tavistock into South West Devon. Cllr Brunson commented that the parish's nearest market town is Tavistock and all our services are generally provided in the Tavistock area. It was felt that as Burrator PC covers a large area of Dartmoor it should not be split and the parishes covering Dartmoor should be kept together. It was considered that the proposal did not work and the parish has very little in common with the remainder of the proposed SW Devon area. It was proposed by Cllr Balkwill seconded by Cllr Stribley that the council submit an objection this was agreed unanimously by the committee.

9. Burrator Events

The night run that was held on the 27th Feb seemed to run without complaint. Maristow estate were aware of the event and had no problem with it going over their land.

Cllr Scrivener have an update that the mast at Burrator is now up and running and there should be improved signal for EE, BT and PlusNet customers.

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

The next edition will be in June.

11. Reports from outside bodies

WDBC Cllr Moyse was unable to attend the meeting but had provided a short report which was summarised by the chair.

DCC Cllr Sanders gave a brief update. The council tax has been agreed and there is an increased expenditure for child services and adult services.

The Chief Exec is still insisting that people work from home which is making it difficult for members and officers.

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The highways contractors are improving and getting on top of the pot holes. There is also an opportunity to apply for 20mph areas.

Cllr Sanders gave a brief update from DNPA, unfortunately they are losing a good planning officer, which will leave the department short.

12. Public Relations

Nothing Further

13. Parish Property

a. Defibrillator Maintenance

The defibrillators are currently all in working order.

b. Update on Wildflower Areas

Cllr Brunsdon gave an update, the seeds and plug plants have been ordered. Both schools have shown an interest in assisting. It is hoped that the areas will be planted on the 6th April, weather permitting. The clerk will contact both schools.

c. Update on the Meavy War Memorial Railings

Cllr Palmer will give the railings a good clean before they are replaced. Hopefully in the near future.

14. Parish plan

a. The proposed footpath from Woodmans corner to Dousland.

Cllr Palmer commented that the idea of a footpath has been considered for a long time but has never been put in. The suggestion of a virtual footpath could be better than nothing at all. It is a dangerous stretch of road. A multiuse path has been proposed from by Kirkella to Lake Lane, this would give a path from Yelverton to Dousland.

It was proposed by Cllr Palmer that the council meet with a Highways Officer to discuss the matter further this was seconded by Cllr Stribley and agreed by the council.

b. Future topic for action.

No topic proposed at this time.

15. Highway matters

a) To note an email received concerning the ford at Meavy

The ford is only used occasionally by agricultural vehicles and this can be tricky on occasions. It is believed that there are signs, saying that it is not suitable for motor vehicles. The clerk will respond.

b) To note that DCC are accepting applications for 20mph areas with a deadline of 31st March

It has been noted in the Parish Plan that there are requests for lower speed limits. It was requested that the clerk put applications in for each village.

16. Correspondence

a) WDBC - Time To Act Now To Tackle The Housing Crisis

WDBC have issued correspondence regarding the current housing issue, they have a 15 point action plan to try and alleviate the problem.

b) Response received from SWLT with regard to parking issues.

A positive response from South West Lakes Trust has been received. The clerk will respond and take up the offer of joint working for seasonal parking.

c) Response from Meavy Village Hall with regard to the parking issue.

It is appreciated that it can be difficult for hirers of the hall to park. However it has been noted that parking in Meavy has been a lot worse since the signs were put up. It also noted that there is a combination lock on the gate to prevent access. The

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Clerk will respond as to whether both the lock and signs are required. It was also noted that the “in” and “out” signs have been removed.

Cllr R Glanville gave an update from Walkhampton Village Hall concerning parking. They are looking at doubling the size of the parking, quotes are being obtained for surfacing. Cllr Sanders offered the possibility of a grant from his locality fund.

17. 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.

This was agreed and Cllr Sanders left the meeting.

18. Royal Oak Inn committee.

After a discussion the clerk will write to the tenant, reiterating that the pipe needs to be removed and the wall reinstated to its original condition.

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

No members of the public entered.

20. Urgent additional business, by leave of The Chair

The Meeting was closed at 21.32 pm.

Signed

Date