

Burrator Parish Council

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council

held on Thursday 29th September 2022.

At Meavy Parish Hall

Councillors present: Cllrs Paskins, Radmore, Milne, France, Stribley, R Glanville and Crewe.

Also present: Katharine Griffiths (Parish Clerk), and 2 members of the public.

Absent: Cllrs Scrivener, Ayres, Palmer, Glanville F Brunsdon, Wills, and Balkwill.

As both the chair and vice chair were not present it was resolved that Cllr Paskins would chair the meeting. The meeting opened at 7.34pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Scrivener, Glanville F, Wills, Brunsdon and Balkwill.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr R Glanville declared an interest with regard to Dartmoor National Park Authority planning matters. Cllr R Glanville also has a personal interest in item 6c.

3. Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on 28th July 2022

There were a few minor amendments and clarification of one point. Following the amendments, the minutes were agreed as a true record and signed by the chair of the meeting.

4. Matters arising from the Minutes 28th July 2022

A further quote for the cobbles at the ROI in will be obtained.

The clerk will chase up about signs for Knowle Down regarding ponies on the road.

Cllr R Glanville left the room for Item 5.

5. Planning Committee

0335/22 - Proposed: Side extension, rendering of existing bungalow and installation of PV panels to roof at 4 Barons Road, Dousland

After a short discussion it was proposed by Cllr Milne, seconded by Cllr Stribley that there were no objections to the proposal, this was agreed by the council.

0346/22 - Proposed: Installation of 9.24kW of ground mounted all black solar photo voltaic panels in field with all cabling to the property below ground at Willake, Goodameavy

After a short discussion it was proposed by Cllr Crewe, seconded by Cllr France that there were no objections to the proposal, this was agreed by the council.

0369/22 - Proposed: Installation of two arrays of photovoltaic panels, one ground mounted and one roof mounted at Welltown Farm, Walkhampton

After a short discussion it was proposed by Cllr France seconded by Cllr Crewe that there were no objections to the proposal, this was agreed by the council.

0243/22 - Change of use of redundant stable to holiday accommodation, Oakhurst, Lake Lane, Dousland, Yelverton. – Refused by DNPA

The council have received an enquiry with regard to the above application and have requested a visit to obtain an opinion from the parish council with regard to the historical value of the building.

0193/22 – 1 New Cottages, Meavy

Cllr Stribley requested that she be allowed to speak on behalf of the parish council objecting to the proposal at the Development Management meeting at DNPA for application 193/22. This was agreed by the council.

6. Finance & General Purposes Committee

a. Bills for Payment

It was proposed by Cllr R Glanville, seconded by Cllr Paskins and agreed by the council that the circulated bills would be paid. A list of the payments is below.

b. Bank reconciliation

The bank reconciliation was noted.

c. To consider a grant application.

Two grant applications have been received.

One is towards community events to be held in Walkhampton Hall called “A Warm Welcome” the funding would go towards providing warm meals at the events. The matter was discussed and it was proposed by Cllr Stribley that £500 was donated, this was seconded by Cllr Crewe and agreed by the council. It was noted that Cllr R Glanville abstained from voting.

The second application was for a donation towards Walkham Valley scout group towards additional lighting. The matter was discussed and it was proposed that a £250 donation was made towards the lights by Cllr R Glanville, this was seconded by Cllr Stribley and agreed by the council. It was noted that WDBC Cllr Moyse offered to also make a donation and the clerk will request that they make contact.

7. The Royal Oak Inn Committee.

Cllr Stribley gave a brief update, the rent review will be discussed at the next meeting. A visit to the property is planned for the near future and the next meeting is on the 13th October.

8. Burrator Events

Cllr R Glanville commented that there is due to be a fell run on the 20th November and he has been contacted, as it is due to go across his land. It would be a good idea if the parish council was contacted by DNPA to alert us to such events. The clerk will make enquires as to whether this would be possible.

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

The next issue will be the autumn issue.

10. Reports from outside bodies

Cllr Moyse gave an update. WDBC have adopted a new constitution. It originally read that quorum would be 8 people however this was questioned by Cllr Moyse and has been corrected to 11 people.

National Parks have just held their National Conference on Exmoor. A number of local places were visited.

11. Public Relations

The clerk has been contacted with regards to maintenance for Princetown Churchyard, which falls under the jurisdiction of Walkhampton PCC. The clerk was not aware of any issues and therefore unable to comment.

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

It is an ongoing problem, SWLT won't provide any dog waste bins. There are no signs indicating what should be done with the waste. There are a few small signs on the dog exercise area indicating to "flick with a stick". The clerk will arrange a meeting with SWLT to discuss the issue and see if there is anything that can be done.

13. Parish Property

a. Defibrillator Maintenance

The batteries have been replaced in the Walkhampton unit and the others are all working.

b. Update on Wildflower Areas

The contractor will be asked to cut the wildflower areas that have not been cut and asked to remove the cuttings.

It has been noted that the bench on Meavy Green has been repaired and is looking good. Thanks to Cllr Wills for arranging.

The railings on Meavy Green still need to be replaced, the clerk will follow up.

14. Community Led Parish Plan update.

Cllr R Glanville has made enquiries with DNPA as to what needs to be done for the plan to be considered when they are making decisions. The background information and the actions need to be incorporated into one document to show the evidence base. Devon Communities Together may be able to help with this. The clerk will forward the information to the relevant community members for action.

15. Highway matters –

Cllr Crewe requested an update with regard to the speed signs on Burrator Road.

The clerk has contacted the highways officer but has not has a response. This will be followed up.

It was reported that there is a full cattle grid in Sheepstor by Yellowmead Farm. The clerk will report it to highways.

16. Correspondence

Information has been received with regard to the installation of EV charging points located at Meavy Village Hall and Walkhampton Hall. As the PC are not directly responsible for the halls it was felt it was a matter for the relevant hall committees.

17. Urgent additional business, by leave of The Chair

A request has been received as to whether the Meavy Hall Car Park could be used during school drop off and pick up to alleviate the parking issues. It was suggested that the school should write to the hall committee directly.

The Meeting was closed at 20.56pm.

Signed

Date