Burrator Parish Council Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday 28th July 2022. At Walkhampton Memorial Hall

Councillors present: Cllrs Paskins, Brunsdon, Wills, 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 and Balkwill.

Cllr Brunsdon opened the meeting at 7.34pm

1. Apologies for Absence.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Scrivener, Ayres, Glanville F, Balkwill and WDBC Cllr Moyse.

2. Declarations of Interest.

Cllr Wills declared a personal interest in planning application 0275/22 Cllr R Glanville declared an interest with regard to DNPA planning matters. other than recorded in the register.

3. Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on 30th June 2022

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

4. Matters arising from the Minutes 30th June

Following the 10k running event at Burrator a number of the signs were left behind and also markings on the road were made and have not been removed. The bridge at Meavy has now been repaired.

It was resolved to bring agenda item 13b up the agenda for the benefit of the members of the public present.

13b.Update on Wildflower Areas

The chair invited the member of the public to speak. They had written a letter to the Tavistock Times with regard to Huckworthy Bridge and the re-wilding project. The Tavistock Times had then subsequently written an article. In summary the general feeling of the member of the public is that the area is looking untidy, and that the wildflower project has not been particularly successful. And they feel it is a shame that families are not currently able to use it for picnics and the like.

Cllr Brunsdon responded that the wild flowering project was an experiment and would be reviewed at the end of the year. The area will be cut soon and the arisings removed as part of the regime. The member of the public requested whether they could cut it sooner. There was no objection from the council with regard to this proposal.

The contractor will be contacted to remove the arisings and to initiate the end of season cuts.

The clerk will remind the contractor with regard to roping off the area at Meavy. There have been a number of fires at Merchants Green a sign stating No Fires will be arranged.

5. Planning Committee

0275/22 - Siting of two shepherds huts at Callisham Farm, Meavy

This is a resubmission of the application with the shepherds huts being located closer to the house in the orchard. There was a general discussion and it was proposed by Cllr Brunsdon, seconded by Cllr Crewe that there was no objection to the application, this was agreed by the council.

0254/22 - Proposed: First floor side extension at 44 Barons Road, Dousland The application was discussed it was proposed by Cllr Stribley, seconded by Cllr France that there was no objection to the application, 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 Stribley and agreed by the council that the circulated bills would be paid.

b.Bank reconciliation

The bank reconciliation was noted.

7. The Royal Oak Inn Committee.

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

It was agreed that a visit would be made in September. The next ROI Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday 18th August subject to the hall being available.

8. Burrator Events

Nothing further.

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

The next issue will be the autumn issue.

10. Reports from outside bodies

Cllr R Glanville gave an update from DNPA. He has questioned why the Community led plan is not taken into consideration for planning decisions. Having been reviewed by an officer it was felt that there were a number of key objectives missing and the document needed consolidating and the evidence base included. Further information will be supplied to the officer and consideration will be given to seeking advice from Devon Communities Together.

There has been a successful Curlew breeding program at Princetown Prison Farm. Some of the birds have been released and it is hoped they will return in a few years to breed.

11. Public Relations

Nothing Further

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

Carried forward to the next meeting.

13. Parish Property

a. Defibrillator Maintenance

The defibrillators are currently all in working order.

b. Update on Wildflower Areas As above

14. Parish plan update.

Discussed Above.

15. Highway matters - To include an update with regard to the 20pmh zones.

DCC received 105 applications for 20mph zones, after consideration they have chosen 4 areas. These are areas within Tiverton, Winkleigh, Ashburton and Atherington.

Consideration will be given to the vehicle activated speed signs. The clerk will contact the highways officer to carry out the speed survey and to agree suitable locations for the signs. The clerk will also approach Cllr Sanders with regard to a grant towards the signs.

16. Correspondence

Nothing Further

17. Urgent additional business, by leave of The Chair

A pony was recently hit by a car and as a result died at Knowle Down recently, please can caution signs be put up to alert road uses to the fact that ponies are on the road. The clerk will request signs.

The Meeting was closed at 20.57pm.

Signed Date