

# **Burrator Parish Council**

## **Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council**

### **held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

### **At Meavy Parish Hall**

**Councillors present:** Cllrs Paskins, Wills, Burbage and R Glanville

**Also present:** DCC Cllr P Sanders and WDBC Cllr West, Katharine Griffiths (Parish Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

**Absent:** Cllrs France and F Glanville, Palmer, Stribley, Radmore and Milne

The meeting was opened by Cllr Wills as Cllr F Glanville was unable to attend at 7.35pm

#### **1. Apologies for Absence.**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs France, Stribley, Palmer, F Glanville and Milne. Also WDBC Cllr Viney.

**As the meeting was not quorate no matters requiring decisions could be made. The formal meeting was therefore closed.**

**Due to the fact that members of the public were present, and a talk was due to be given. An informal meeting continued with no decision making.**

#### **2. Declarations of Interest.**

None declared.

#### **3. Minutes of the Full Parish Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

Carried forward to the next meeting.

#### **4. Matters arising from the Minutes 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Carried forward to the next meeting.

#### **5. A brief talk by the Wilder Communities Officer Communications Team from Devon Wildlife Trust and biodiversity within the Helen Rowett Community Garden**

Emma Smith the Wilder Communities Officer from Devon Wildlife Trust gave a very informative presentation on biodiversity and how small changes can make a difference. Emma gave a few ideas as to how improvements could be made such as leaving the grass longer, cutting less often, additional planting and replacing some invasive species.

#### **6. Planning Committee**

**To consider appeal W/24/3338076 following Refusal of Full Planning Permission for Change of use stables to office and storage and installation of solar panels at Little Combe, Meavy.**

There were no additional comments regarding the application and the original council decision remains.

#### **7. The Royal Oak Inn Committee**

A meeting has been arranged with the tenant to discuss the inventory.

#### **8. Finance & General Purposes Committee**

##### **a. Bills for Payments**

It was proposed in principle by Cllr R Glanville, seconded by Cllr Burbage and **agreed** by the members present that the circulated list of bills would be paid. The list of payments had been circulated to all the councillors and no objections raised.

Payments to be made:

Payment	Amount
WDBC – Bin Emptying (Meavy Green)	£95.47
Ground Maintenance P Harvey (April 24)	£600
Devon County Council – Grit Bins Purchase	£1050

**b. Bank reconciliation.**

The bank reconciliation was noted.

**9. Burrator Events**

Nothing further.

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

No new distributors have come forward yet.

**11. Reports from outside bodies**

**a. Borough Councillors Report**

Cllr West gave an update.

WDBC are striving to tackle the housing crisis by investing £50,000 to help local communities deliver more new affordable homes.

A new Wildlife officer has been appointed.

<https://www.westdevon.gov.uk/news>

**DNPA/Devon County Council Report.**

Cllr Sanders gave a brief update for both DNPA and DCC.

DNPA – An appeal has been lodged against the Supreme Courts judgment a date is not known yet.

Funding from the government has remained at a flat rate and the DNPA were not informed until the 31<sup>st</sup> March.

The new planning system is not working as it should, it is likely that it will be replaced in the autumn.

DCC – the leader Chris Hart is stepping down it is likely that his replacement will be the current deputy.

There is a meeting on Monday to discuss the Devolution Deal.

The Freeport is moving forward and should be good for the local economy.

**12. Parish Property**

Nothing Further

**13. Highway matters**

Nothing Further

**14. Correspondence**

Nothing Further

**15. Urgent additional business, by leave of The Chair**

Nothing Raised

**16. Dates of next meeting.**

Next full council meeting will be on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May at Walkhampton  
Community Hall, 7.30pm

Signed

Date