

## **Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st April 2015 at the Moorland Hall**

**Present:** Councillors Roger Webber (*Chairman*), Linda Atkins, Eric Clarbull, Tim Gardner, Frank O'Neill, Vivian White, Marlene Allinson (*Parish Clerk*), West Somerset Cllr Steven Puglsey, Somerset Co Cllr Frances Nicholson and Jill Homewood.

**212.1 Public Question Time:** no items raised.

**212.2 Apologies of Absence:** Cllr John Davis.

**212.3 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Clarbull, personal, Chairman of the Moorland Hall Committee item 9.2; Cllr Gardner, personal, item 6 local bus services, Chairman of WebberBus.

**212.4 Minutes and Matters Arising:** the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March were approved as a true record. **Matters Arising:** **210.7** Cllrs Webber and Clarbull not yet met with PC Wigglesworth; **212.8** Cllrs Webber, Clarbull and Kevin Snewing had met with the solicitor re new lease for the Recreation Ground: awaiting documents

**212.5 212.5.1 Planning Applications: 6/8/15/101**

**Cutthorne:** retention of 16 pv panels to north of main house (retrospective): supported unanimously. **212.5.2 Other Planning Matters:** none.

**212.6 Highways:** Crossroads: Co Cllr Nicholson reported that Louise King now changed positions; the consultation plans should be ready in June: officers willing to meet the PC in Taunton or Cutcombe: plans will go to the Ambulance Service, ENPA, surrounding parishes etc as consultees. The PC asked if they could see some draft plans and ideas before June to consult locally, perhaps via a letter drop. Speeding at Luckwell Bridge: not yet heard from Gary Warren: the Clerk and David Butt from LB will chase him up. Roadsweeper: The Clerk was asked to enquire when it last visited and when it is next due: Veolia re coming to the Exmoor Panel meeting next week. Cutcombe Hill: Co Cllr Nicholson reported that 2 sections of Cutcombe Hill have been piled and gabioned and the whole hill has been surveyed: she will send through the documents; Peter Radford is happy to come and talk to Council about the work: perhaps after the May meeting as a public meeting? Bus Services: the 198 is now continuing Minehead - Dulverton and Dulverton - Tiverton - Minehead. The 398 is now split: 398 on the Devon side, 198 in Somerset: WebberBus has the contract for the 198. There are reduced numbers of buses; the Ridlers school bus no longer goes

to Winsford but the other buses do. Dart Line are operating the Dulverton – Tiverton route. Timetables are available at Budgens: the Parish Council welcomes comments and reports of problems from users.

**212.7 Report on the 2015 Annual Parish Meeting of**

**Electors:** well attended with reports from the Headmaster, Vicar and Police. Plans of the proposed new Sports Club were on display and Jim Matravers answered questions. Reports included the Chairman's and updates on the Wheddon Cross toilets and the crossroads.

**212.8 Appointment of the new Parish Clerk:** two candidates had been interviewed and the interview panel, in consultation with other Councillors at the APME, agreed to offer Jill Homewood the position, to take over from the May meeting.

**212.9 Finance:** Cheque approvals for: **212.9.1** Active Signs £350.40 (SV, retrospective); **212.9.2** Moorland Hall £45.50 for room hire **212.9.3** £40 to the Community Council for Somerset (annual subscription renewal); **212.9.4** The Accounting Statements and the Annual Governance Statement for 2014/15 were approved and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.

**212.10 Correspondence and Meetings:** **212.10.1** The Clerk reported on the Exmoor Community Bus Scheme and a letter from the Moorland Hall thanking the Parish Council for a successful Snowdrop Valley 2015 Scheme **212.10.2** Cllr O'Neill agreed to look at BT's "Adopt A Kiosk" scheme and report back to the May meeting.

**212.11 Items for the next Agenda:** internal auditor's report.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm. The next meeting of Cutcombe

Parish Council will be the Annual Parish Council meeting and will be held on **Tuesday 19th May 2015** at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall.

**All are welcome to all meetings.**