

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18th August 2015 at the Moorland Hall

Present: Councillors Roger Webber (*Chairman*), Linda Atkins, Eric Clarbull, John Davis, Eric Norman, John Anson, Marlene Allinson (*Acting Parish Clerk*), West Somerset Cllr Steven Pugsley, Somerset Co Cllr Frances Nicholson and one member of the public.

217.1 Public Question Time: a parishioner spoke on behalf of the applicant re item 5.2 Planning Application 6/8/15/106 for the Old Methodist Chapel outlining the need.

217.2 Apologies for Absence: Cllr White.

217.3 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Webber 5.1 6/8/15/106 personal, near neighbour: Cllr Webber left the room for the discussion and the vote on this item; Cllr Webber 6/8/15/108 Steadway Farm: personal, relative of the landowner; Cllr Clarbull (personal):10.1,10.2 Chairman of the Moorland Hall Committee; Cllr Norman (personal) 5.1 6/8/15/106 overlooking.

217.4 Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of 21st July were approved and signed as a true record. **Matters Arising:** none.

217.5 Planning Matters: 6/8/15/106 the Old Methodist Chapel: Proposed variation of condition three (notwithstanding the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 (or any order revoking and re-enacting that order with or without modification), no extensions to the dwelling hereby permitted shall be erected without the prior permission, in writing, of the Local Planning Authority) and removal of condition seven (The floor area within the building hereby permitted shall not be increased by the provision of a mezzanine or any other additional floor) of approved application. 6/8/08/105 to allow the creation of another floor level for the provision of a third bedroom and associated works: supported in principle as long as ENPA happy that the change will fit in with its policies. **6/8/15/107 Land between Blagdon Wood and Langham Farm:** erection of point-to-point schooling fences together with the change of use of land to mixed agricultural/equestrian use. Retrospective: supported provided that the use is regulated for the owner's use only, as per the application, and that should the need cease the schooling fences are removed. **6/8/15/108 Steadway Farm:** Proposed replacement of 3 no. antennas and the installation of 4 no.

microwave dishes, replacement of cabinet with 2 no. new cabinets and development works ancillary thereto: supported. **HRN 15/01 Hedgerow Removal Notice for 5m hedgerow at Luckwell Bridge:** the need for the new water main is recognized but this is a pinch point and could the hedge be put further back to alleviate the highway problems.

217.6 Highways & Transport Matters: Crossroads: Cllr Nicholson to follow up re the plans with Jason Hall, LTP Implementation Officer, Somerset County Council. Fingerposts: a meeting with the parishes will take place on 11th September at 3pm, Winsford Village Hall: it is hoped that volunteers will help to map existing so that a programme of repairs can be put in place. Dunster Traffic Lights: sometimes out of synch, Cllr Nicholson to follow up. Temporary traffic Lights between Dunkery and Wheddon Cross: to enable BT to lift manholes for fibre optic cable fitting. Cllr Webber has asked the ENPA Parish Representatives to table an Agenda Item re improved broadband and mobile phone coverage at their next meeting. Road Sweeping: the next sweep will take place on 28th August.

217.7 Toilets: Cllr Atkins has spoken to David Hancock and Chris Hall has surveyed the existing toilet block: refurbishment costings should be with us in the next few days. Feedback from Porlock Central: open six months a year, costing £2,000 pa to run two toilets even with volunteer help. Cllr Atkins to ring the Chairman of Exford Parish Council to see if there could be any sharing of maintenance. WS Council's Asset meeting is on 19th August. Council agreed in principle to proceed with taking over the toilets from WS Council on a freehold basis only: Cllr Pugsley to pursue. The 2015/16 toilet lease with WS Council was signed by the Chairman.

217.8 Future of Bus Services: no feedback available for this meeting as Cllr White absent.

217.9 Parish Clerk: it was agreed that Marlene Allinson be re-employed to act as Parish Clerk for three months with a view to returning to the position provided that there are no legal barriers: she will check with SLCC and report back to the next meeting. A copy of the Code of Conduct has been circulated to all Councillors.

217.10 Finance: It was agreed to pay: **217.10.1** Countrywide Grounds Maintenance £1,087.50 for grass cutting as per the existing contract; **217.10.2** June and July invoices for the

Moorland Hall for room hire (£20) **217.10.3** It was resolved that a new bank mandate be drawn up so that all existing Councillors and the Clerk are the only signatories, any two to sign.

217.11 Correspondence & Meetings: 217.11.1 Clerk's

Report: letter from WS Council re the Draft local Plan

Consultation; Somerset Choices web site. **217.11.2 Councillors'**

Reports: Cllr Clarbull reported on a Snowdrop Valley Steering Group meeting: Cllr Clarbull to ask ENPA if any volunteers may be available to help with the Scheme. The next Exmoor Panel meeting will be in September; details have been circulated re the next SALC meeting.

217.12 Items for the Next Agenda: as per the minutes.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.05pm.

The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 22nd September 2015** at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall: note this is one week later than usual.

All are welcome to all meetings