

Minutes of the Meeting held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 17th April 2012 at the Moorland Hall

Councillors Roger Webber (*Chairman*), Linda Atkins, Eric Clarbull, John Davis, Eric Norman, Tim Gardner and Marlene Allinson (*The Parish Clerk*) were present.

6.30pm: Shearwell Data presented their expansion plans to the Parish Council.

7.30pm: County Cllr Frances Nicholson, District Cllr Steven Pugsley and four parishioners joined the Parish Council.

Public Question Time: Items raised: damage to the Old Post Office by heavy goods vehicles.

174.1 **Apologies of Absence:** Cllr Susie Sanders.

174.2 **Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Norman item 9 (personal, but he left the meeting at 8.45 pm before this item was discussed). Cllr Webber item 4 Smallcombe Farm: he took no part in the discussion or the vote on this item.

174.3 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 20th March were approved and signed as a true record. Matters Arising: Cllr Webber to clarify emptying costs of 3 proposed dog litter bins with WSC.

174.4 **Planning Applications and related**

business: Neighbouring Parish Consultee items only: GDO 12/02Quarme Combe, Exton: prior notification for proposed agricultural building (437m²): Supported subject to suitable materials and landscaping. 6/34/12/102 Smallcombe Farm, Timberscombe: not supported.

174.5 **Highways:** Cllr Webber reported that the crossroads would be closed continuously for for two weeks commencing 22nd May for water main replacement. At the same time repairs would be carried out to the Old Post Office: all to be completed by 29th May. A diversion map is available. Temporary signs on order to warn drivers that a left turn at the crossroads when coming from Taunton is unsuitable for HGVs. Cllr Nicholson to arrange a meeting within the next week for the owners of the Old Post Office and Highways officials re this problem. The Clerk to write a letter to SCC expressing frustration at any action re this problem. Cllr Webber reported that the drainage at Slade Corner is deficient and to be rectified. Cllr Webber to list quality callbacks on highways issues and e-mail to

Cllr Nicholson. Cllr Nicholson is following up on the road improvements at the crossroads connected with the new housing development. The Clerk reported on road closures at Beulah Chapel, Wootton Courtenay and on the A39. There is a meeting at the car park on Friday 20th April re repairing the car park.

174.6 **Snowdrop Valley:** The co-ordinator and a member of the Steering Group gave a summary of the 2012 Scheme and changes which would be made in 2013. Natural England funding possibly available: Nic Wigley and the Clerk to investigate, Cllr Webber to talk to Badgworthy Land Company. The Chairman thanked the SV Steering Group and proposed a vote of thanks to the Co-ordinator. The Clerk reported on the figures to date.

174.7 **Defra Consultation on Governance of the National Parks:** an online link had been circulated to relevant documents prior to the meeting as well as SALC's comments. The Clerk was asked to submit Council's comments on Questions 11, 13, 14 and 17.

Cllr Norman left the meeting (8.45pm).

174.8 **Annual Review of the Clerk's Contract:** The Clerk left the room for the debate on this item. *Resolution:* to increase the salary scale by one point, hours to remain the same.

174.9 **Cycle Racks in the Car Park:** Cllr Webber and District Cllr Pugsley to look at this item at meeting in the car park on 20th April: number of racks, positioning, cost etc.

County Cllr Nicholson and District Cllr Pugsley left the meeting (9pm).

174.10 **SV Park and Ride Scheme 2012 Ex-gratia**

payments: It was resolved to grant £250 to Badgworthy Land Company for use of the land and £250 to Exmoor Farmers for use of their car parking and £25 to Cynthia Stevens for daily updates of the website.

174.11 **Correspondence and Meetings:** 174.11.1 The Clerk had circulated a list of correspondence received including letter from the Exmoor Medical Centre, ENPA Historic Environment Review, details of the Exmoor Society's Spring Conference, a Local Affordable Needs Housing Event on 18th April at Wheddon Cross and a letter from Somerset County Council re strimming: Cllr Webber to follow this up. 174.11.2 The Clerk had no further meetings to report. 174.11.3 Cllrs had no further correspondence to report. 174.11.4 Cllrs Webber, Atkins and others attended the ENPA Consultative and Parish Forum at Withypool.

The Council then went into closed session for an urgent confidential Clerk's report on SnowdropValley.

174.12 **Items for the next Agenda:** Letter from Jubilee Committee re funding; Parish Lengthsman Scheme 2012/13; SALC invoice £20 for Clerk's Financial Update training.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm. The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be the Annual Parish Council meeting to be held on Tuesday 15th May 2012 at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall.

Note: The Annual Parish Meeting of Electors will be in the Moorland Hall at 7 for 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd May. All parishioners are warmly invited.