

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16th April 2013 at the Moorland Hall

Present: Councillors Roger Webber (*Chairman*), Linda Atkins, Eric Clabull, John Davis, Ros Simons, Tim Gardner, Marlene Allinson (*Parish Clerk*) and WS District Cllr Steven Pugsley.

187.1 Public Question Time: No items raised.

187.2 Apologies of Absence: Co Cllr Frances Nicholson.

187.3 Declarations of Interest:

Item No	Councillor	Nature	Reason	Action Taken
8	Clabull	Personal	Chairman of the Moorland Hall Committee	Minuted
11.2	Clabull	Personal	Chairman of the Moorland Hall Committee	Minuted

187.4 Co-option of a Parish Councillor: Two expressions of interest had been received from Frank O'Neill and Chris Harding. After a vote Chris Harding was duly co-opted as a member of Cutcombe Parish Council.

187.5 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 19th March 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. **Matters Arising:** 185.4 184.7 Dog fouling signs are now in place. Dog fouling is still a problem around the village: the Clerk was asked to write something for the parish magazine stressing that a fine of up to £1,000 can be levied for anyone not clearing up after their dog in a public place. 186.9 Emergency A39 Diversion Route: the Clerk was asked to write to County Highways in response to an e-mail received.

187.6 Planning Applications: no planning items for consideration.

187.7 Highways: Potholes: Luckwell Bridge ones now repaired. Water at The Green: areas of the highway have been marked for repair. Road Sign opposite the garage is split: the Clerk to report. Road Closures: Drapers Way: resurfacing: 26/06

to 29/06/13. Cutcombe Hill: 09/05 to 11/05 evenings for repairs. Kersham Lane: 14/05 for 4 days for repairs. Car Park: C J Lynch have now finished the repairs and also improved drainage at the area into the playing field, which latter cost the Parish Council had agreed to cover. The Clerk reported that Mr Lynch has said that he will not charge for this work (£200) but that this money should be donated to a local community cause. The Clerk was asked to write and thank him.

187.8 Grass Cutting in the Playing Field: Cllr Clarbull reported that the School has now lost funding and can no longer cover this. Council considered the various options available. The Moorland Hall Committee was asked to come back to Council with figures and to call a public meeting in June, with the support of the Parish Council, to consult with the community. To cover the immediate situation of the grass needing to be cut, it was resolved by a unanimous vote that £500 be pledged to the Moorland Hall (£200 as donated by C J Lynch, see 198.7 above, and £300 from the Youth budget).

187.9 Parish Lengthsman Agreement 2013/14: the Agreement was signed by the Chairman.

187.10 The Joyce and West Charities: Cllr Webber reported that Mrs Enid Mantin is considering stepping down from both and new Trustees will need to be found as well as a new Secretary. Both charities will need a representative from Cutcombe: names to be put forward in advance of the May Parish Council meeting.

187.11 Finance: It was resolved to pay: 187.11.1 Invoice for Parish Lengthsman Scheme 2013/14: £695.40; 187.11.2 Invoice for £9.80 from the Moorland Hall for room hire; 187.11.3 No invoice received, see 187.7 above; 187.11.4 Ex-gratia payments of £250 to Exmoor Farmers and £250 to Badgworthy Land Company were approved (Snowdrop Valley account); 187.11.5 The Clerk reported that she is finalizing figures for internal and external audits for year ended 31/03/13.

187.12 Correspondence and Meetings: 187.12.1 The Clerk was asked to write to Cynthia Stevens to thank her for website work relating to Snowdrop Valley. 187.12.2 The Clerk had attended a Snowdrop Valley meeting and the Annual Parish Meeting of Electors. 187.12.3 None not previously mentioned.

187.12.4 Cllrs Webber, Clarbull, Atkins and Davis had attended the Annual Parish meeting of Electors, Cllrs Clarbull and Atkins the SV meeting. Cllr Davis reported that the Youth Club is thriving. Cllr Simons reported on a meeting re Kenisham Car Park with the local police re abandoned vehicles. Cllr Webber reported on the Annual Parish Meeting of Electors. WS Cllr Stephen Pugsley is following up re empty homes in the Parish.

187.13 Items for the next Agenda: Trustee names for the Joyce and West Charities; Update on Grass Cutting in the Playing Field; ENPA: The Draft Local Plan Settlement Section Consultation.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm. The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 21st May 2013 at 7.30pm in The Moorland Hall. All are warmly invited.