

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th August 2013 at the Moorland Hall

Present: Councillors Roger Webber (*Chairman*), Linda Atkins, Eric Clarbull, John Davis, Ros Simons, Chris Harding and Marlene Allinson (*Parish Clerk*), Co Cllr Frances Nicholson (left at 8.30pm), W Somerset District Cllr Steven Pugsley (left at 8.30pm) and one parishioner (left at 7.45pm).

191.1 Public Question Time: Alex from Essentials Web Design introduced himself to all present and then left the meeting.

Police Report: WPCSO Hurley had sent in a report: local crime since last meeting: theft of hurdles from the cattle market at the end of July.

191.2 Apologies of Absence: Cllr Tim Gardner.

191.3 Declarations of Interest:

Item No	Councillor	Nature	Reason	Action Taken
7 and 8.1	Clarbull	Personal	Chairman of the Moorland Hall Committee	Minuted

191.4 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 16th July 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. **Matters Arising: 190.1 Schools Consultation:** Cllr Webber not yet met with Marcus Capel. **190.8.2 Bank Mandate** not yet updated, Cllr Harding to take id to the bank asap. **190.9.1 Meeting the Clerk/Cllr Simons** postponed until 10/09/13 at 2pm.

191.5 191.5.1 Planning Applications: 6/8/13/105 Wheddon Cross Garage: proposed retention of ATM, together with associated signage (retrospective): fully supported. 191.5.2 Other Planning Matters: GDO 13/15 Codsand, prior notification for proposed cattle shed (226.32m²): fully supported.

191.6 Highways: WX Crossroads: Co Cllr Nicholson still working with Highways to finalise a scheme: next meeting cannot take place until end of September. The Clerk agreed to write to the *Rest & Be Thankful Inn* re CCTV tapes recording traffic volumes at the crossroads. Road repair strategy for Cutcombe: Cllr Webber to arrange a meeting with David Peake when the latter returns from holiday: Cllr Atkins and Co Cllr Nicholson to attend this meeting as well. Road Closures reported at: Wiveliscombe, Porlock and Selworthy: further details available from the Clerk. Parish Lengthsman: to strim around signs at

Luckwell Bridge and the hedge at Watercombe corner.

191.7 Tenders for Grass Cutting in the Playing Field: a proposed draft tender document had been circulated before the meeting and was amended: to be sent out asap and tenders brought back to the September meeting.

191.8 Finance: **191.8.1** It was agreed to pay The Moorland Hall £25.60 for room hire (retrospective); **191.8.2** It was agreed to pay Grant Thornton UK £120 for the external audit; **191.8.3** The external auditor's report on the accounts was noted and the Chairman thanked the Clerk/RFO for all her worked in preparing the accounts to a good audit standard; **191.8.4** It was agreed to pay Countrywide Grounds Maintenance £626.40 for grass cutting at the Recreation Ground; **191.8.5** It was agreed to pay the Moorland Hall £9.80 for room hire.

191.9 Correspondence and Meetings: **191.9.1** The Clerk and Cllrs Clarbull, Atkins and Simons had attended a Snowdrop Valley 2014 Steering Group meeting: to report a budget to the September meeting. A list of correspondence received had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Atkins agreed to respond to Ian Liddell-Grainger, MP, re his Rural Fair Share petition. The clerk to put details on the noticeboard. An e-mail from Essentials Web Design re the Wheddon Cross website was reported: the Clerk to follow this up. **191.9.2** Cllrs Webber and WS Cllr Pugsley to meet Karen Mills, Economic Development, Somerset Co Council on 28th August to discuss rural issues including broadband. Cllrs Webber and Harding had attended the ENPA Consultative and Parish Forum and reported on broadband and the need for local engagement in the Local Plan Update. Cllr Davis had attended a Standards Board meeting and reported on a letter from Colin Savage, Rural Housing Enabler re self-builds, and that the Youth Club is thriving and eight children from Wheddon Cross went to their Camp.

191.10 Items for the next Agenda: congestion at the garage/shop; tenders for cutting the grass at the recreation ground 2014/15; Snowdrop Valley 2014 budget; cctv taped evidence re traffic at the crossroads.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm. The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 17th September 2013 at 7.30pm in The Moorland Hall. All are warmly invited.

