

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16th August 2016 at the Moorland Hall**

**Present:** Councillors John Anson, Vivian White, Linda Atkins, John Davis and Eric Noman, Parish Clerk Marlene Allinson, and one parishioner.

**229.1 Public Question Time:** The applicant for planning application 6/8/16/110 Blagdon Farm was present to answer any questions regarding his planning application: no items raised.

**229.2 Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Webber and Clarbull, Co Cllr Frances Nicholson, West Somerset Councillor Steven Pugsley.

**229.3 Declarations of Interest:** None

**229.4 Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting of 12th July were approved and signed as a true record. **Matters Arising:** None.

**229.5 229.5.1 Planning Applications: 6/8/16/110 Blagdon Farm, Drapers Way:** Proposed change of use of former milking parlour to holiday accommodation: fully supported, sympathetic treatment of a sensitive building. 6/8/16/111 Church Path: proposed refurbishment of existing path together with the extension of the path (127m x 1.3m): as this item had come in after the Agenda was posted it was agreed to delegate the decision to the Clerk on 30/08/2016, after posting of a notice on the noticeboard informing parishioners: Cllr White has the plans should anyone wish to see a paper copy. It is understood that the PCC will consult publicly should planning consent be granted. **229.5.2 Planning Reports:** Tree Preservation Order 2016 ref F14/3/51 Meadow Close: confirmed; CLEUD 6/8/16/107 Mill Cottage: granted; CLEUD 6/8/16/108 Pembroke Cottage: granted; 6/8/16/109 The Old Chapel, Luckwell Bridge: granted. Cllr Anson and the Clerk reported that a positive reply had been sent to ENPA re funding for a projector so that plans can be viewed digitally in the near future: the Clerk to apply to the Transparency Fund for other relevant equipment. ENPA is planning to phase out paper copies in the near future.

**229.6 Highways Matters:** Crossroads Scheme: due to start 16/11/2016. Cllr Anson has been in touch with Highways: if funds permit we would like to purchase a portable SIDS (run by solar). The next SIDS will be in place 07/11/16. Wessex Water main replacement: Andy Knowles to attend the September Parish Council meeting to take questions and answers. Parking at The Firs: David Peake has sent a letter saying that Cutcombe will not be salted next winter if the parking problem persists making access difficult: the Clerk has sent this to Annie Coles of Magna to progress with the tenants. Drain cover on B3224: belongs to Wessex Water: Cllr Anson to report to them and the Higher Park Lane road sign (responsibility of W Somerset Council). Watercombe Corner: 3 recent accidents: Highways have checked the road at the request of Cllr Anson and found nothing wrong. Long Lane: a letter from Nic Wigley was read out re signage on Long Lane: Cllr Anson to take to Highways.

**229.7 Finance:** **229.7.1** It was agreed to pay Countrywide Grounds Maintenance £1,087.50 for grass cutting this being the agreed contract price. **229.7.2** It was agreed to pay the Moorland Hall £10 for July hall hire.

**229.8 Correspondence and Meetings:** **229.8.1** The Clerk had not attended any meetings. Avon & Somerset Police Newsletter received and a questionnaire re the 2016 PCC Priorities Consultation: the Clerk to circulate for individual replies. **229.8.2** Cllr Anson had attended the opening of the Exford toilets: they are planning to clean 3 times a week in summer and once a week in winter at a cost of £10 per clean. The Clerk was asked to check if there is any value in making the Wheddon Cross toilets a community asset. Cllr Anson sends apologies for the next Exmoor Panel meeting (06/09 at Winsford) and the next Exmoor Consultative Forum meeting (15/09 at Withypool): Cllr Clarbull has agreed to attend the Exmoor Panel Meeting.

**229.9 Items for the Next Agenda:** retrospective payment to the Moorland Hall of £10 for July hall hire; Wessex Water and The West Somerset Community Land Trust to attend a question and answer session.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 20th September 2016** at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall.

**All are welcome to all meetings**