

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th December 2015 at the Moorland Hall

Present: Councillors Roger Webber, Linda Atkins, Eric Clabull, John Davis, Eric Norman, Vivian White and John Anson, Parish Clerk Marlene Allinson, one parishioner and James Elson (CJG Fire Protection Ltd).

221.1 Public Question Time: A parishioner circulated details of Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) and asked if they could be incorporated into the Crossroads Scheme. James Elson answered questions regarding his quotation for upgrading the cameras in the Wheddon Cross car park, in particular with regard to number plate recognition. He then left the meeting.

221.2 Apologies for Absence: Somerset Co Cllr Frances Nicholson, West Somerset Cllr Steven Pugsley.

221.3 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Davis (personal) 8.1 (Exmoor Youth Club): minuted

221.4 Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of 17th November were approved and signed as a true record. **Matters**

Arising: None.

221.5 Planning Applications: None. **221.6 Other Planning Matters:** the Clerk reported that 6/8/15/106 The Old Methodist Chapel application has been granted. The Clerk was asked to inform ENPA that all Cllrs are interested in attending a planning workshop. It was agreed that the one offered by SALC is not as relevant to this Parish.

221.6 Highways & Transport Matters: 221.6.1: Update on the Crossroads Scheme: Cllr Anson gave the update and agreed to follow up the possibility of using SIDs devices with Highways and to ask if SCC is making use of the government fund available for pothole repairs and to ask Highways to ensure that large potholes are filled before they fill with water and freeze. Traffic calming measures are to be installed in Thorne Lane.

221.7 Update on the Wheddon Cross Toilets: Cllr Clabull reported that a local builder has prepared some amended plans which include partitioning rather than demolition of an internal wall and he is awaiting a building quote and will obtain a second one; he is also pricing up sanitaryware and fittings and has asked for a rainwater recovery quote. The Clerk to write an update re the toilets for circulation with the January Parish magazine once

agreed by Council.

221.8 Finance: **221.8.1** It was agreed to give a section 137 grant of £100 to Exmoor Youth Club **221.8.2** It was agreed to set the 2016/17 precept as £10,161 (no increase on 2015/16) **221.8.3** It was agreed to pay (retrospectively) an invoice from Countrywide Grounds Maintenance for grass cutting (£1,087.50) **221.8.4** It was agreed to pay the Clerk's quarterly salary and expenses in the sum of £600.00 **221.8.5** It was agreed to pay the Inland Revenue tax and NI due **221.8.6** It was agreed to pay the Clerk's quarterly Snowdrop Valley expenses (£101.63)

221.9 Correspondence & Meetings: **221.9.1 Clerk's Report:** Dulverton School consultation: the NUT response was reported; the Clerk to arrange a date for Cllrs to meet with ENPA re a proposed business hub at Cutcombe Market; WSC: Changes in Street Naming and Numbering reported. The Clerk was asked to query WSC's invoice for 2015 election costs and report back. **221.9.2 Councillors' Reports:** Cllr White reported as a Parish Member on ENPA.

221.10 Items for the Next Agenda: WSC's invoice for election costs; Royal British Legion payment of £16.50 for a poppy wreath (retrospective).

There being no other business the meeting closed at 21.25.

The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 16th February 2015** at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall **(please note there will not be a January meeting)**.

All are welcome to all meetings