

DECEMBER 2017

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th December at the Moorland Hall

Present: Councillors John Anson, Vivian White, Roger Webber, Linda Atkins, Eric Norman, John Davis, Eric Clabull, Parish Clerk Marlene Allinson, County Cllr Frances Nicholson (left at 8.35pm), one parishioner and Colin Blackburn, a member of the Local Access Forum but not representing them.

At the beginning of the meeting the Chairman reminded all Councillors of their duties under the Code of Conduct in particular the duty of being respectful to each other, and of each other's views, at all times.

246.1 Public Question Time: Popery Lane: Colin Blackburn outlined various issues to augment his report, previously circulated to all Councillors re Agenda item 6, and answered questions.

246.2 Apologies for Absence: West Somerset Cllr Steven Pugsley.

246.3 Declarations of Interest:

Councillor	Agenda Item	Nature of Interest	Description of Interest	Action Taken
Norman	7.1 & 7.5	Personal	Owner of the car park	Minuted
Anson	Finance (Moorland Hall & Countrywide invoices)	Personal	Moorland Hall Trustee	Minuted

246.4 Minutes: The Minutes of the meetings held on the 21st and 24th November were approved and signed as a true record. **Matters Arising:** none.

246.5 246.5.1 Planning Applications: 6/8/17/112 Raleigh Manor: Proposed partial demolition of existing single storey northern extension, with new single storey extension erected in location. New roof to northern extension with rooflights and new verandah structure to east façade of extension. Formation of farm office within existing tack room/stable: fully supported. **246.5.2 Other Planning Matters:** Planning Applications 6/8/17/111 Wheddon Cross Toilets and 6/8/17/110 Putham Farm Agricultural Building have both been approved.

246.6 Highways: X-Roads Scheme: An email from David Grabham re SIDS/VAS devices was read out.

Cllr Nicholson asked for this to be forwarded to her. SIDS devices from Highways are to be phased out. Cllr Anson has chased up renewal of the road markings, no reply yet. Heathpoult Cross: Jo Sharpe, Highways, has visited the site and agreed that Stop signs can replace the current Give Way signs: will fall into the 2018/19 financial budget, also road markings will be renewed and added as necessary. Road Closure Wheddon Cross to Exford

Road: closure from 8th January (18 months) for 25 days of works excluding weekends 7.30am to 5.30pm. Speed Restrictions in Exmoor National Park: this will be an Agenda Item at a future Exmoor Panel Meeting. Popery Lane: an email from ENPA had been circulated before the meeting to all Councillors: the Clerk to follow up. Exmoor Panel Meeting:

Cllr Nicholson felt that it might be preferable to invite an officer rather than Cllr John Woodman who is the Portfolio Holder: passed to Cllr Anson for action. New signage at the top of Drapers Way: Cllr White reported thanks from a parishioner as this has eased the problem of motorists going down Drapers Way looking for the Dunkery Road.

246.7 Finance: Council now went into closed session, excluding members of the press and public:

7.1 Tender Process for the refurbishment of the Wheddon Cross toilets: A further two tenders had been received. The Clerk to contact all builders concerned. **Return to open**

session: 7.2 Agreed to pay £465.26 Clerk's salary and Expenses (£341.87) **7.3** Agreed to pay the Clerk's Snowdrop Valley

Expenses (£214.60) **7.4** Agreed to give Exmoor Young Voices a grant of £100 under section 137 of the Local Government

Act **7.5** Agreed to pay Eagle Plant £26.40 for hire of Heras fencing at the WX toilets

7.6 Agreed to pay Clerk's Expenses re the Wheddon Cross Toilets (£159.74) **7.7** Agreed to pay the Inland Revenue tax

due **7.8** Agreed to ratify the 2018/19 Parish Precept as discussed at the October meeting and advertised.

246.8 Correspondence and Meetings: 246.8.1 No additional items reported by the Clerk.

246.8.2 Cllr Norman reported on a Snowdrop Valley meeting which had taken place earlier in the evening; Cllr Webber asked that the Parish magazine be an agenda item for the next meeting; Cllr Anson reported on a working seminar he had

attended re Woody Materials in Exmoor Rivers; Cllr Norman expressed concern that the upgrade to the play area in February 2018 might clash with the Snowdrop Valley Park and Ride Scheme.

246.9 Items for the Next Agenda: Parish Magazine; retrospective invoices from The Moorland Hall (£22) for room hire and Countrywide Grounds Maintenance (£1,117.94) for grass cutting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 20th February 2018** at at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall unless a special meeting has to be called before then, there will be no meeting in January.

All are welcome to all meetings