

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 11th December 2012 at the Moorland Hall

Present: Councillors Roger Webber (*Chairman*), Linda Atkins, Eric Clabull, Eric Norman, John Davis, Tim Gardner and Susie Sanders; Marlene Allinson (*Parish Clerk*) and PC Bruce Strachan.

Police Report: PC Strachan reported no crimes in the Parish since the last report in November. 2 quad bikes have been stolen (Wiveliscombe & North Devon).

Public Question Time: No items to report.

183.1 Apologies of Absence: WS District Cllr Stephen Pugsley, County Cllr Frances Nicholson.

183.2 Declarations of Interest:

Item No	Councillor	Nature	Reason	Action Taken
4 Wheddon Cross Garage	Gardner	Pecuniary	Applicant	Left the room for the discussion and the vote
4 Wheddon Cross Garage	Webber	Prejudicial	Public perception of bias	Left the room for the discussion and the vote
6.4 Travel Costs 6.5 Moorland Hall invoice	Clabull Clabull	Personal Personal	His travel costs Chairman of Moorland Hall Committee	Minuted Minuted

183.3 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 28th November were approved and signed by the Chairman after one amendment: after the word "visible" in 182.4 insert: *Concern was expressed that work was started on the site without planning permission having been obtained.* **Matters Arising:** None.

183.4 Planning: Wheddon Cross Garage: 6/8/12/107: proposed conversion of existing workshop to retail and change workshop doors for shop front as per amended and additional information 20.11.12 and 6/8/12/108: advertisement consent for 2 x non-illuminated fascia signs, 8 window graphics, 4 poster signs and 2 others as per amended and additional information 21.11.12: *fully*

supported. Council would like to see adequate signage on forecourt so that vehicles go to the parking area after using the petrol pumps and improved access for disabled buggies. The formation of the footpath from the garage house to the forecourt which forms part of the recently-renewed planning application would be welcomed.

183.5 Highways: Car Park: meeting to take place 01/02/12 at WS House when results of bore holes known. Cllr Webber to ask Highways to repair the pothole at the Exford road entrance. Putham Lane: ongoing, Highways may adopt. The Clerk reported on problems re the gritting lorry accessing Cutcombe due to parked vehicles. Cllr Webber has bags of rock salt for use on public areas not salted by Highways. Cllr Sanders reported oil companies refusing to use the small bridge at Luckwell Bridge due to the written weight limit of 7.5 tons. PC Strachan reported the Dulverton lorry road getting narrower: the Clerk to report to Co Cllr Nicholson. Cllr Davis asked if the self-build plots at the Market site could be tidied up. A358 road closures: PC Strachan reported on the first use of the new diversionary route the previous week: some teething problems to be sorted out inc inadequate signage. County is looking at variable message signs. PC Strachan left the meeting (8.45pm).

183.6 Finance: 6.1 It was agreed to pay the Clerk's quarterly salary (£401.65) and expenses (£172.60). 6.2 It was agreed to pay the Inland Revenue Tax & NI due (£273.84). 6.3 The 2013/14 Parish Precept has been advertised in the Parish magazine: debate deferred to January 2013 meeting. 6.4 An invoice for travel costs from Cllr Clabull (£16.40) approved for payment. 6.5 An invoice from The Moorland Hall for £9.80 for room hire approved for payment. 6.6 The SV Steering Group had agreed not to purchase a rope at a meeting held prior to this meeting. 6.7 It was agreed to pay Snowdrop Valley admin expenses (£107.88). 6.8 It was agreed to grant £25 to Victim Support Somerset under #137 of the LGA.

183.7 Correspondence and Meetings: The Clerk reported on the SV Steering Group Meeting. Cllr Davis had attended a meeting of the Standards Board. Cllr Webber had attended a meeting with Defra on 11/11/12: local issues inc. housing, broadband and ash disease had been discussed.

Resignation of Cllr Eric Norman

Cllr Eric Norman had formally tendered his resignation and was thanked by the Chairman for all his work while a Parish Councillor.

183.8 Items for the next Agenda: Parish Precept 2013/14.
Update of the Code of Conduct/Standing Orders.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm. The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be on Tuesday 15th January 2013 at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall.