

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th December 2013 at the Moorland Hall

Present: Councillors Roger Webber (*Chairman*), Linda Atkins, Eric Clabull, Tim Gardner, John Davis, Chris Harding and Frank O'Neill; Marlene Allinson (*Parish Clerk*) and W Somerset Cllr Steven Pugsley were present.

195.1 Public Question Time: No items raised.

195.2 Apologies of Absence: Co Cllr Frances Nicholson and The Police.

195.3 Declarations of Interest: None.

195.4 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 19th November 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. **Matters Arising: 194.9 WCX toilets:** Cllr Webber has spoken with Dan James (ENPA): would like him and a representation from WS Council, parishioners and members of the PC to meet to discuss options: the Clerk to set up a meeting in January. WS Cllr Pugsley has spoken to Exford PC, maybe useful to meet with them also.

195.5 195.5.1 Planning Applications: 6/8/13/109 Blagdon Cross: proposed erection of replacement agricultural building, demolition of existing and retention of hard standing (tarmac): part retrospective: shed supported in principle and happy to see landscaping in place; prefer bales to be less visible. **195.5.2**

Other Planning Matters: none.

195.6 Code of Conduct: Updated Seven Principles of Public Life: it was resolved to amend the Code of Conduct as adopted 17/07/12 and replace the Current Appendix C with the new Seven Principles (now numbered replacement Appendix C 10/12/13).

195.7 Response to the ENPA Draft Local Plan

Consultation: Cllrs Webber, Atkins, Clabull and the Clerk had met to draft some comments which had been circulated to all Councillors prior to this meeting: these were discussed, amended and added to: the Clerk to send in the response by 13/12/13 and circulate same to all Councillors.

195.8 Highways: Water at the Crossroads: Cllr Webber sorted out the problem of water/sewerage running down the Taunton side of the crossroads today with Wessex Water. Luckwell Bridge Road Closure: Highways' e-mail of 09/12/13 reported: the Clerk to write copy for the next Parish magazine for info. Negotiations re the closure ongoing with SCC and Highways. Potholes on Putham Lane: still not repaired. Salt bags: Cllr Clabull had collected Cutcombe's allocation and distributed them around the

Parish. Trees at the triangle: the Clerk reported on correspondence with Magna Housing: trees now dangerous and need to be felled: to ask Magna to continue to liaise with the Parish and replant the area.

195.9 Finance: It was agreed to pay: **195.9.1** the Clerk's quarterly salary and expenses (£634.37) **195.9.2** the Inland Revenue tax and NI due (£279.20) **195.9.3** It was agreed to set the 2014/15 Precept at £9,411 to cover the cost of the grass cutting at the Recreation Ground, less £400 to come from the Parish Lengthsman budget (if contract renews days to be cut from 15 to 7). From the SV account it was agreed to pay: **195.9.4** £179.60 to Harry Broadley & Sons for leaflet printing **195.9.5** the Clerk's admin expenses (£77.29). **195.9.6** No grant requests had been received **195.9.7** The Chairman signed the Grass Cutting contract 2014/15 with Countrywide Grounds Maintenance.

195.10 Correspondence and Meetings: **195.10.1** The Clerk reported on the SV meeting 10/12/13 and the meeting 28/11/13 re ENPA Draft Local Plan Consultation and Grass Cutting at the Recreation Ground **195.10.2** WS Cllr Steven Puglsey reported that Penny James, new Chief Exec WS Council / Taunton Deane would be visiting WX 23/01/14. Cllrs Webber, Atkins and O'Neill reported on the ENPA Local Plan Consultation meeting at Winsford. Cllr Davis reported on the Exford Youth Club Trustees' meeting: he would like a rep from the Youth Club to attend Exmoor Panel meetings.

195.11 Items for the next Agenda: Payment of £626.40 for grass cutting at the Recreation Ground (retrospective). There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm. The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 21st January 2014** at 7.30pm in The Moorland Hall. All are warmly invited.