

1. **Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 6th December 2016 at the Moorland Hall**

**Present:** Councillors John Anson, Vivian White, Linda Atkins, Eric Clarbull and Eric Noman, Parish Clerk Marlene Allinson, West Somerset Councillor Steven Pugsley and two parishioners.

**233.1 Public Question Time:** Long Lane: recent rain again caused a lot of problems for local residents; No Through Road sign at top promised by Highways but not yet put in place.

**233.2 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Roger Webber and Co Cllr Frances Nicholson.

**233.3 Declarations of Interest:**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>	<b>Description of Interest</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
Norman	8	Personal	Owner of the car park	Minuted
Clarbull	9.1	Personal	Chairman of the Moorland Hall Committee	Minuted

2. **233.4 Reports from WS and County Cllrs:** Cllr Pugsley reported that ENPA is formally objecting to the removal of the phone box at Luckwell Bridge and that the consultation on the forming of a new partnership authority is about to begin: first meeting will be 17/01/17 at Dulverton Library 10am to 3pm: formal notice should be sent to the PC.

**233.5 Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting of 15th November were approved and signed as a true record. **Matters** Arising: None.

**233.6 233.6.1 Planning Applications:** None. **233.6.2 Other Planning Matters:** Diversion of Public Footpath WL 6/25 (part, Little Hawkwell): The formal notice and plan are now on the noticeboard. The Clerk has received a cheque from ENPA to pay for the projector, from 2017 plans will now be viewed digitally, no paper copies will be sent by ENPA.

**233.7 Highways Matters:** Salt Bags allocation: Cllr Clarbull has collected Cutcombe's allocation. Long Lane: Cllr

Anson will take up this with Highways; Watercombe Corner: another crash due to excess speed given the road conditions: Cllr Anson to ask Highways and the Police if any more can be done, also on the next bend down Cutcombe Hill. SIDS devices will be at Wheddon Cross 01/05/17 and 06/11/17 and on the B3224 17/04/17 and 23/10/17. X-Roads Scheme: Cllr Anson still asking for costs. Parking at The Firs/Gritting:

Cllr White attended a meeting with the tenant, Magna and Highways: had a positive outcome: we will ask Tony Murray if the tenant can be helped with costs to make a parking space at the next Exmoor Panel meeting. The Clerk reported an email from the Police re: parking at the dropped kerb near The Rest & Be Thankful Inn: the Police happy to try to help with this; speeding towards the X-roads from Taunton: Police say this is too narrow and bendy for use of a speed gun. Historic Signposts Project: funding has been approved from the Heritage Lottery Fund, project will not commence: part-time co-ordinator to be appointed. Business Units at the Market have requested a salt bin: this will not be provided by Highways or filled up as it is private land: Cllr Anson to take this up with Highways.

3. **233.8 Wheddon Cross Toilets**: Cllr Atkins circulated a report regarding running costs which was debated. Cllr Clarbull reported that The Moorland Hall would not be happy to add the toilets into their existing charity as their aims are specifically for the people of the village. No reply yet received from WS Council re the revised Heads of Terms sent to them. Cllr Pugsley gave an optimistic update on rural rate relief. It was agreed that the Clerk amend and send off Cllr White's letter to ENPA Chief Executive and Chief Executive Designate and that a decision on the future of the toilets will be taken at the February 2017 meeting.

4. **233.9 Finance: 9.1** A 2 year contract 2017/2019 was signed with Countrywide Grounds Maintenance. It was agreed to pay: **9.2** £1,087.50 to Countrywide for grass cutting

**9.3** £25.75 for a Risk Assessment course attended by the Clerk at Langport **9.4** An invoice from Ebb n Flow for unblocking the toilets (c.£85 not yet received) **9.5** Parish Clerk's salary (£466.12) and expenses (£186.90) **9.6** Inland

Revenue tax due **9.7** Clerk's SV expenses (£135.99) **9.8** A section 137 grant to C.L.O.W.N.S. of £100.

5. **233.10 Correspondence and Meetings:** **10.1** The Clerk reported on a Snowdrop Valley meeting and that West Somerset Council has adopted the WS Local Plan to 2032. **10.2:** Cllr Clarbull reported that Cutcombe had collected £539.05 for the poppy appeal and that he and Cllr Webber had done a lot of flood clearance during the recent period of heavy rain. Cllr White reported on an ENPA meeting re BT's proposals to remove phone boxes.

**233.11 Items for the Next Agenda:** Wheddon Cross Toilets; retrospective approval for an invoice for £26 for room hire (November) from The Moorland Hall.

6. There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

7. The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 21st February 2017** at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall

*(no meeting will be held in January unless planning applications dictate otherwise).*

**8. All are welcome to all meetings**