

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th February 2013 at the Moorland Hall

Present: Councillors Roger Webber (*Chairman*), Linda Atkins, Eric Clarbull, John Davis, Tim Gardner, Susie Sanders, Marlene Allinson (*Parish Clerk*), Somerset Co Cllr Frances Nicholson and two parishioners.

Public Question Time: no items raised.

185.1 Apologies of Absence: WS Cllr Stephen Pugsley, the Police.

185.2 Declarations of Interest:

Item No	Councillor	Nature	Reason	Action Taken
5	Webber	Prejudicial	Public perception of bias	Left the room for the discussion and the vote
8.3	Clarbull	Personal	Chairman of the Moorland Hall Committee	Minuted

185.3 Co-option of a Parish Councillor: the Chairman invited both applicants (Chris Harding and Ros Simons) to say why they wanted to join the Parish Council. After two votes Ros Simons was duly elected to serve, by a majority vote, and signed the Acceptance of Office form.

Cllr Sanders announced her intention to resign as Parish Councillor after the March meeting due to family and work commitments.

185.4 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman after one amendment request from Cllr Davis was agreed: insert "Cllr Davis has requested Cllr Atkins for an apology for remarks she made at the National park planning meeting on 8th January 2013. This she declined saying that she didn't feel she had anything to apologise for." To be inserted after *ENPA planning meeting*. under 184.123. **Matters Arising:** 184.7: dog bins now in place; litter bins not yet removed. The design for a dog sign

was selected, the Clerk to check with WSC that this is acceptable before ordering.

185.5 Planning Applications and Related Business: Cllr Webber left the room, Cllr Atkins took the Chair: **Planning Application 6/8/13/101LB 2 Normans Cottages:** Listed building consent for proposed internal alterations and the formation of accessible WC: fully supported (unanimous). Cllr Webber returned to the room. The Clerk reported: (i) Appeal APP/F9498/C/12/2189820 Land at Quarme Combe Farm: appeal against the enforcement notice on grounds (f) and (g): written comments by 25/02/13 to the Planning Inspectorate; (ii) planning consent granted for 6/8/12/109 The Methodist Chapel, garage/store.

185.6 Highways: Dulverton lorry road: it is the tarmac at the sides which has worn away rather than encroaching verges. Car Park: Cllr Webber and the Clerk had met with Highways, WSC, SCC, the landlord and other interested parties on 01/02/13 to move forward the repairs which should now take place 11th-18th March. Cllr Webber had also raised the issue of the use of the car park in future and the delay re finalization of the crossroads: Fallen trees: Highways have said that on A roads they will clear, other roads are the responsibility of the landowners. Road collapses reported near Hoe Farm and below Sully Corner. Cllr Sanders reported that the blocked drain near Thorne Lane is to be replaced. It is hoped that a meeting of all interested parties will be called in the hope of pre-empting some problems caused by this year's snow: eg re fallen trees and collapsing roads. Drainage at The Green: nothing heard back from Highways. Putham Lane: a letter from a resident was reported. The section from the cross to the cattle grid is in the process of being adopted; potholes need doing. Quality of work: a lot of work was carried out during wet weather and has not been long-lasting. Co Cllr Frances Nicholson agreed to follow up all of these Highways matters.

185.7 Update on Standing Orders: the Clerk drew Cllrs' attention to para 1 sub-paras q and s regarding voting procedures. It was unanimously resolved to move Public Question Time into the Agenda of the formal Parish Council meeting hereonforward, Cllr Webber having explained the implications of

this: ie Cllrs will no longer speak on their own planning applications (but may request someone to speak on their behalf), as a disclosable pecuniary interest means that a Cllr will leave the room during the discussion and the vote on that item. In addition, members of the public may be invited to speak at the time of an agenda item rather than at the beginning of the meeting. **The Code of Conduct** was reinforced verbally by the Chairman.

185.8 Finance: **185.8.1** A cheque was signed for £924.47 to reimburse WSC for utilities bills at the Wheddon Cross toilets as they have now taken over payment of them directly. **185.8.2** It was agreed to pay £37.50 to SLCC being half of the annual subscription for membership. **185.8.3** It was agreed to pay £19.60 to the Moorland Hall for room hire. **185.8.4** It was agreed to appoint Derek Bott as Council's internal auditor for 2012/13. **185.8.5** It was agreed to pay £312 to SCC for the SV road closure. **185.8.6** The retrospective payment of £59.64 to Nic Wigley for warning tapes for SV was agreed. **185.8.7** It was agreed to pay Jon Roberts £116.40 for the SV bench.

185.9 Correspondence and Meetings: **185.9.1** The Clerk reported on correspondence from the Police and others as per a pre-circulated list. **185.9.2** The Clerk had attended meetings re the Car Park, Broadband, Snowdrop Valley and the toilets. She is to prepare an expression of interest application to the ENPA Partnership Fund re the toilets. **185.9.3** Cllr Sanders reported re the Parish Lengthsman Scheme: she will attend the meeting next Thursday at Dulverton. Cllr Clarbull agreed to handle the PL scheme in future. **185.9.4** Cllr Webber had attended meetings re broadband, the toilets and the car park. Cllrs Clarbull and Atkins had attended the SV meeting.

184.13 Items for the next Agenda: Update on the Parish Lengthsman Scheme. Annual Review of the Clerk's Contract.