

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th January 2012 at the Moorland Hall

Councillors Roger Webber (*Chairman*), Linda Atkins, Eric Clarbull, John Davis, Tim Gardner, Eric Norman, Susie Sanders and Marlene Allinson (*The Parish Clerk*) were present, also District Cllr Steven Pugsley (until 8.10pm) and County Cllr Frances Nicholson (7.55 until 8.35pm)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Public Question Time: no items raised.

170.1 Apologies of Absence: None.

170.2 Declarations of Interest: None.

170.3 The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th December were approved and signed as a true record.

170.4 170.4.1 Planning Applications: 6/8/11/111 Combeleigh: proposed conversion of 2 no outbuilding into holiday accommodation; 6/8/11/112 Combeleigh: proposed agricultural building (201 m²): these were debated by Council and the final decision left to the Clerk to submit comments 27/01/12 after any public comments received: Council were fully supportive of both applications.

170.4.2 The Clerk read out an e-mail from ENPA re mast sharing.

170.5 Highways: Cllrs Webber and Nicholson reported on progress re the crossroads, improving the path near Sundial House and outside the old Post Office and problems re poles at the new housing development.

Cllr Webber reported on a meeting with Highways re potholes: some have been repaired, others are scheduled for June/July along with some top dressing. Highways issues to be followed up at the next Exmoor Panel meeting. Cllr Webber reported on Contact Procedures for Highways Wardens and a map of salt bin locations in the Parish, and that he had spoken to Highways re DrapersWay. The Clerk asked to contact Highways re debris at sides of the road between North Hawkwell Farm and Snowdrop Valley entrance. Cllr Webber has the chevron sign from the bend on Cutcombe Hill: he will sort out getting it back up in place. Cllr Clarbull reported on vandalism at the bus shelter and in the play area.

170.6 Your Future Exmoor Consultation: all papers have been circulated to Cllrs for their individual replies.

170.7 Parish Lengthsman Scheme: Cllr Clarbull reported that the Moorland Hall has agreed to contribute £250 towards the Scheme as the PL works at the Hall & Rec Ground: to be decided whether this buys additional days. Further debate on the Scheme deferred until the February meeting when more information may be available re future funding.

170.8 WSC Devolution & Delegation Update: Cllr Webber reported on a meeting on 22/12/11 with WSC, vandalism at the toilets and a broken toilet. The Clerk reported on an estimate re drawing up plans for a more energy- efficient scheme at the toilets. The Clerk agreed to follow up on dog fouling law and costs re dog litter bins.

170.9 Finance: no items this month.

170.10 170.10.1 The Clerk had circulated a list of correspondence received including Forum 21 meeting on Localism Act; Avon and Somerset Police Authority; 2012-2013 Budget Consultation Survey; Somerset County Council Local Choice Events in February: re budget cuts; ENPA Governance Arrangements for National Park Authorities: Summary of Defra Proposals

170.10.2 The Clerk reported on a Snowdrop Valley meeting.

170.10.3 Cllr Webber reported on a funding request re the Jubilee;

Cllrs Webber and Norman reported on the Veterans' Charity Walk 24/05/12.

170.10.4 Cllr Davis reported on the Standards Committee meeting.

170.11 Items for the next Agenda: dog fouling report; Parish Lengthsman Scheme; financing of Jubilee mugs and bunting; Veterans' Charity Walk.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm. The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 21st February 2012 at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall.