

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th January 2015 at the Moorland Hall**

**Present:** Councillors Roger Webber (*Chairman*), Linda Atkins, Eric Clabull, John Davis, Frank O'Neill, Marlene Allinson (*Parish Clerk*), SomersetCo Cllr Frances Nicholson and West Somerset Cllr Steven Pugsley joined the meeting for the last 10 minutes after the Exmoor Panel meeting.

**209.1 Public Question Time:** no items raised. The Police report was read out: the Clerk to ask questions re the technical reasons for not upgrading the cctv cameras to ANPRs.

**209.2 Apologies of Absence:** Cllrs Gardner and White and the Police.

**209.3 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Clabull, personal, Chairman of the Moorland Hall Committee items 8, 9, 10.1 and 10.2.

**209.4 Minutes and Matters Arising:** the minutes of the meeting held on 9th December was approved as a true record with one amendment: Cllr O'Neill was not present but had sent his apologies.

**209.5 209.5.1 Planning Applications: GDO 14/20 Little Oak Farm:** prior notification for proposed installation of an underground septic tank (2.42m x 1.47m): prior approval not required.

**209.5.2** Planning Applications granted: 6/8/14/108, 6/8/14/109, 6/8/14/110, 6/8/14/111 and 6/8/14/112. The Clerk read out an email from David Wyborn in response to the resolution passed at the December meeting (**208.5.2**). Cllr Webber agreed to contact David Wyborn to clarify the process to ask if a local affordable needs home with a 106 agreement attached can be sold to a non-qualifying person: does the 106 agreement stay in perpetuity for the occupier but not the owner?

**209.6 Highways:** The meeting at the crossroads on 19th December was reported: Cllr Webber following up local issues; Co Cllr Nicholson is to meet with Karin Harwood tomorrow; Cllr Webber to suggest a date to Co Cllr Nicholson for the next meeting at the crossroads. A letter from a parishioner regarding the drainage and state of repair at Long Lane, Luckwell Bridge, was reported: Cllr Webber to copy it to Co Cllr Nicholson for action and a possible site meeting with Highways. The Clerk to request a stock of sandbags for delivery to the Moorland Hall and to reply re WSC's request for ideas to cut back on costs re

the street cleansing and public convenience contract. Wheddon Cross toilets: WS Cllr Pugsley to meet with Karin Harwood and WS officers next week.

**209.7 The Parish Poll Consultation:** after a debate the Clerk was asked to submit Council's view which was mostly in support of the proposals.

**209.8 Grass Cutting Contract 2015/16:** tender documents had been sent out to 4 contractors: 1 did not reply, 1 did not wish to tender this year. After a debate it was agreed to select Countrywide Grounds Maintenance on the basis of cost and the fact that everyone was happy with the service they had provided last year.

**209.9 Playing Field Lease and Sports Club Update:** Cllrs Webber and Clarbull had had a look through the current lease. Eric Clarbull has agreed to meet as a representative of the Moorland Hall together with a rep from the Sports Club and a second from the Moorland Hall: to meet with Cllrs Webber and Atkins and the Parish Clerk to start work on a new lease before the May elections. Cllr Webber to take a copy of the existing lease to Risdon Hosegoods to discuss legal aspects of the existing lease before this meeting.

**209.10 Finance:** Cheque approvals for: **209.10.1** £20 (retrospective) and £10 for room hire to the Moorland Hall **209.10.2** Countrywide Grounds Maintenance £1,004.84 for grass cutting **209.10.3** Harry Broadley for SV leaflets (£186.60 SV account). Council agreed in principle to contribute 50% to SALC membership for 2015/16.

**209.11 Correspondence and Meetings:** **209.11.1** The Clerk reported on a Snowdrop Valley meeting and handed in her resignation with effect from the April meeting. Council agreed to bring the March meeting forward a week to 10th and set the Annual Parish Meeting of Electors for the week commencing 23rd March, room availability permitting. **209.11.2** The next SALC meeting will be 28/01/15 to discuss the election of Parish members to ENPA: Cllr Webber will attend; Exmoor Consultative and Parish Forum will be 22/01/15 at Exmoor House, Dulverton, at 10.30am. Cllr Atkins had attended a meeting of the Patient Group: they are seeking a replacement doctor.

**209.12 Items for the next Agenda:** Reinforcement of the Code of Conduct re Parish Councillors; Cllr Gardner's Vision Group for Cutcombe; update on seeking a new Parish Clerk.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm. The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 17th February 2015** at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall. **All are welcome.**