

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 21st July 2015 at the Moorland Hall

Present: Councillors Roger Webber (*Chairman*), Eric Clarbull, Vivian White, Eric Norman, John Anson, Jill Homewood (*Parish Clerk*) West Somerset Cllr Steven Pugsley, Somerset Co Cllr Frances Nicholson

216.1 Public Question Time

216.2 Apologies for Absence: none

216.3 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Clarbull: Moorland Hall, Cllr Norman (personal): Public conveniences.

216.4 Approve Minutes of meetings: 16th June 2015 and matters arising: The Minutes of the meetings of 16th June were approved and signed as a true record. Matters arising: 215.13.1 Timico invoice for broadband service at Moorland Hall referred to Finance Committee for consideration. 215.8 Assets Register: Recreation Ground to be removed from audit in March 2016.

216.5 Planning Matters: 6/8/15/140 2 Church

Cotts: granted conditional permission. **6/8/15/105** Barns at Putham Cleave Clerk to write to Exmoor National Park requesting clarification of points raised at the meeting. **216.5.2** Other Planning Matters: **6/8/15/102 Little Oak Farm:** Certificate of Existing Lawful Use & Development for use of land for stationing and use of mobile home as a single dwelling (CLEUD) issued

216.6 Highways & Transport Matters: 216.6.1 Luckwell Bridge/Long Lane flooding issue – Wessex Water and County Highways working jointly to solve the issues. Cllr Nicholson was asked to ascertain if the water would be channeled into the river and whether the system would be adequate to deal with debris from Long Lane. **216.6.1** Crossroads: public concerns raised about safety issues. Parish Clerk to write to Cllr Nicholson and Jason Hall, LTP Implementation Officer, Somerset County Council to request plans of the proposal in order to facilitate a public meeting to gather public feedback. The bringing of Superfast Broadband to the area will also be tabled at this public meeting. There are issues with the connection from Wheddon Cross to Luckwell Bridge. Matt Berrow is working jointly with Exmoor and Dartmoor National Parks on bringing Superfast Broadband to the areas. It was agreed that the Council should facilitate a public meeting to inform and seek feedback.

216.7 Cutcombe Hill: Cllr Nicholson was asked to raise

concerns at the next Panel meeting regarding the adequacy of the barriers. The Chairman will clarify regarding the partnership between Exmoor National Park Authority and Somerset County Council in this matter.

216.8 Public Conveniences: it has not been possible to obtain costs due to annual leave. Due to heavy financial pressures on West Somerset Council the threat to the continued operation of the PCs will probably increase. Feedback and reports to be brought to the next meeting.

216.9 Future of Bus Services: the existing operator will carry out a full review of the service at the end of the six month emergency contract in October, when proper procurement will be sought. Cllr Nicholson raised the question of whether it was appropriate use of public money to heavily subsidise bus services for a few users. Council to ascertain the timetable for the renewal of the contract for August meeting.

216.10 Finance It was agreed to pay **216.10.1** Invoice from Grant Thornton for 2015 Annual Return £240. **216.10.2** May invoice for hire of Moorland Hall £10.

216.11 Correspondence & Meetings:**216.11.1 Clerk's Report:** Exmoor Clouds Classic Trial will cross Exmoor on 11 October; Awards for Service to the Community 22 October – nominations invited: deadline 4 September; next scheduled sweep by Veolia week commencing 24 August: Clerk to put notice on boards; Adopt a Path scheme: details to be forwarded to Councillors; Somerset Choices website: offers guidance and contacts to help people stay independent and healthy www.somersetchoices.org.uk, public meeting 5th September in Minehead; SID installation suffered a malfunction: Parish Clerk to ascertain rescheduling date; due to changes in EU regulations authorities with an annual budget below 500,000 euros are now covered by the Financial Services Compensation Scheme. **216.11.2 Councillors' Report:** Meadow Close resident raised concerns regarding a tree: Cllr Webber to ascertain ownership and who manages the site; Code of Conduct circulated to Councillors and attention drawn to Appendix C: Seven principles of public life. The Chairman requested that Councillors consider and bring their views on the aims of the Council to the next meeting.

216.12 Items for the Next Agenda: (1) the provision of salt bags and bins (2) Feedback from Councillors regarding Cutcombe

Parish Council's aims (3) Reports from meetings regarding Public Conveniences (4) Future of bus services.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm. The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 18th August 2015** at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall.
All are welcome to all meetings