

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16th June 2015 at the Moorland Hall

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

215.1 Public Question Time

215.2 Apologies for Absence: Linda Atkins

215.3 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Webber: Popery Lane. Cllr Norman: cameras at crossroads

215.4 Approve Minutes of meetings: 19 May and 9 June 2015 and matter arising:

The Minutes of the meetings of 19 May and 9 June were approved and signed as a true record. Bus Services: item for July meeting

215.5 Appointment of Portfolio Holders: Cllr Webber: Highways, SALC (Deputy), Law & Order/Police; Finance, Appeals Committee (Chairman).

Cllr Atkins: SALC, Prescriptions & Health, Snowdrop Valley Steering Group, Appeals, Finance, Wheddon Cross Toilets. Cllr Clabull: Snowdrop Valley Steering Group, Parish Lengthsman, Wheddon Cross Toilets, phone box & street lighting, Finance, Grievance & Disciplinary Procedures Committee (Chairman). Cllr Davis: Housing, Youth & Leisure, Exmoor Area Panel, Appeals. Cllr White: Appeals, Exmoor Consultative & Parish Forum, Exmoor Panel. Cllr Anson: Highways, Exmoor Consultative Forum, Grievance & Disciplinary Procedures. Cllr Norman: Snowdrop Valley Steering Group, Grievance & Disciplinary Procedures

215.6 Nomination of Moorland Hall Committee

Representative:

Cllr Norman nominated Cllr Davis, seconded by Cllr Clabull.

215.7 Planning Matters: Highways meeting 1st September: Cllr Anson to attend in new role as portfolio holder, supported by Cllr Pugsley. Concern expressed that people were not aware these were open to the public:

Cllr Davis to write an article for Parish Magazine

215.8 Assets Register: the recreation ground is not showing on the latest version of the Assets Register. Clerk to investigate further.

215.9 Public Toilets Proposal: postponed to July meeting when Cllr Atkins is able to attend. Cllr Pugsley to inform R Mulcaire of West Somerset Council

215.10 Popery Lane Bridleway Consultation: Exmoor National Park Authority have received an amber warning from walkers. Options offered by them: (1) Add concrete surface (2) break up existing rock and incorporate cement and granite chip (3) do not apply any surface treatment (4) alternative solutions? Cutcombe Council do not support either (1), (2) or (3), which variously destroy an ancient track; send debris towards the village; do not meet the safety needs of a national route (part of the Coleridge Way). They support alternatives: working with landowners to: (1) cut back, lay and maintain the hedge on both sides of the lane to allow the surface to dry (2) provide an alternative **footpath only** either within the lane or adjacent to it.

215.11 Cutcombe Hill: Public meeting facilitated by Cutcombe Parish Council to be held on 24th June. Councillors agreed to place an advert in Freepress at a cost of £48.

215.12 Cameras at the crossroads: Keith Wigglesworth, West Somerset CCTV representative advised that the CCTV is delivering what it was set up to do. A public space surveillance system (ANPR) has to be registered and costs between £3000 and £4000. Contact: Chief Superintendent Damien Tilley. Cllr Nicholson emphasized that the Wheddon Cross crossroads is crucial to policing of the whole of Exmoor, therefore it is not the responsibility of the Council to make a case, but the police to recognize the importance. Cllrs Clarbull and Pugsley to raise the matter at the Exmoor Panel Meeting. Cllr Nicholson to arrange meeting between Somerset County Council, Cutcombe Parish Council and the four property owners.

215.13 Finance 13.1 Invoice from Timico Partner for internet service £13.22: clerk to ascertain what this refers to. **13.2** Section 137 Grant Applications received from CLOWNS and Home-Start. After discussion Cllr Clarbull proposed that CLOWNS be given £100 and Cllr Norman seconded, carried unanimously

215.14 Correspondence & Meetings. 14.1 No correspondence received. **14.2** Councillors Reports on meetings & correspondence: **2.1** Standards Committee – training is offered for new councilors. **2.2** Panel Meeting: presentations by (1) Veolia regarding road sweeping and (2) Business Exmoor: Myers Project debate – disenchantment expressed at manner in which project has been operated. **2.3** Cllr White reported that 98% of planning decisions made by Exmoor National Park Authority are in

accordance with the views of Parish Councils. A survey of agricultural workers dwellings is being carried out to ensure these are within the definitions of the Act

215.15 Items for the Next Agenda: (1) Public Toilets (2) Bus Services (3) Cutcombe Hill (4) Popery Lane

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.30pm. The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 21st July 2015** at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall.

All are welcome to all meetings