

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm  
on**

**Tuesday 12th July 2016 at the Moorland Hall**

**Present:** Councillors John Anson, Vivian White, Linda Atkins, Eric Clarbull, John Davis, Eric Noman, and Roger Webber, Parish Clerk Marlene Allinson, and one parishioner.

**228.1 Public Question Time:** Items raised: historic signposts: can we work to upgrade these ourselves whilst waiting for funding, etc? Overgrown road signs, uncut roadside hedgerows (in particular road to Dunkery Beacon and Drapers Way).

**228.2 Apologies for Absence:** Co Cllr Frances Nicholson, West Somerset Councillor Steven Pugsley.

**228.3 Declarations of Interest:** None

**228.4 Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting of 21st June were approved and signed as a true record. **Matters**

**Arising: 227.4 Exmoor Farmers:** been progressed by the Clerk, still no update re the self-build plots. **Parking at The Firs:** the Clerk has been in touch with Magna: a site meeting to be arranged.

**228.5 228.5.1 Planning Applications: 6/8/16/109**

**The Old Chapel, Luckwell Bridge:** Proposed first floor extension: fully supported: the Clerk to add that it is hoped smaller vehicles will be used to transport building materials etc due to the narrow bridge access. **Tree Preservation**

**Order 2016 ref F14/3/51 Meadow Close:** the Clerk to resubmit the comments as before, no additional

comments. **228.5.2 Report: 6/8/16/106 Allercott Farm Mobile Telecommunications Pole:** approved.

**228.6 Highways Matters: Crossroads Scheme:** due to start 16/11/2016 but reply from Wessex Water that they will replace the water main from Meadow Close to Knapp

Cottage and beyond but will be in the 2017/18 budget: the Clerk asked to write to Wessex Water saying that it must be done before 16/11/16 as the Crossroads Scheme cannot be subject to further delays. Cctv cameras at the car park:

several Cllrs and a *West Somerset Free Press* photographer attended the meeting and viewed the cameras and footage. Luckwell Bridge: Co Cllr Nicholson had sent in a

detailed update re bridge inspections. Cllr Anson to visit West Stowey Farm and report back from Highways

regarding speeding at Luckwell Bridge/danger to horse riders. Higher Park Lane sign damaged: Cllr Anson to report. Verge at Meadow Close: Cllr Clarbull to thank Paul Cook, on behalf of the Parish Council, for keeping this tidy.

**228.7 Report from Cllrs White and Norman re running costs of the cameras:** A meeting has taken place between Cllrs White and Norman and staff at *The Rest & Be Thankful Inn* regarding running costs for the cameras: Cllr White to prepare a presentation for the next Exmoor Panel Meeting. Annual costs for 100 discs, servicing and 2 longer searches are in the region of £150. It was agreed to ask Winsford, Exford and Exton to contribute £25 for the first year, to be reviewed thereafter, Cutcombe Parish to contribute £75. The Clerk to write to the Chairman and Clerk of Winsford, Exford and Exton Parishes.

**228.8 The Millennium Tree:** Cllr White has passed on details of the tree expert to Cllrs Webber and Clarbull. Cllr Webber has spoken with Wibble Nurseries. *It was agreed* that the dead tree and surrounding concrete be removed and a wind-resistant tree with a reasonable root ball size (probably c. 12 years old) of a suitable species be purchased and planted, the Parish Council to pay costs up to a maximum of £200, the Moorland Hall to arrange and pay any additional costs.

**228.9 Somerset County Council's Listening, Learning, Changing Initiative:** Cllr Anson agreed to complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Parish Council

**228.10 Finance:** No payments for consideration. A meeting of the Finance Working Party to be held in October: the Clerk to arrange a date and circulate.

**228.11 Correspondence and Meetings: 11.1:** Letter from West Somerset Council re public toilets in West Somerset: they will close in April 2017 unless taken over by the Parishes. A letter from the Moorland Hall Trustees was read out: would like the current arrangement re paying for the grass cutting to continue for another year: the Clerk to put this on the Finance meeting Agenda for October. **11.2** Cllr Anson away for the September Exmoor

Panel Meeting: Cllr Clarbull will attend. Cllr Clarbull to revamp the old noticeboard,

**225.12 Items for the Next Agenda:** report from Exmoor Farmers re the two self-build plots at the market site; payment to *The Rest & Be Thankful Inn* towards running costs of the cctv cameras; Wheddon Cross toilets.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 20th September 2016** at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall ***no meeting in August unless a special meeting needs to be called.***

**All are welcome to all meetings**