**Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18th June 2013 at the Moorland Hall**

**Present:** Councillors Roger Webber *(Chairman)*, Linda Atkins, Eric Clarbull, John Davis,
Ros Simons and Marlene Allinson *(Parish Clerk),*WPCSO Sue Hurley, WS District Cllr Steven Pugsley (left at 9pm), Co Cllr Frances Nicholson (left at 9pm)  and 1 parishioner.
**189.1  Public Question Time:**No items raised.

**Police Report**: Inspector Shane Carey sent his apologies for this evening, but will be at the next Exmoor Panel Meeting. No crimes to report over the last month; 1 incident of domestic violence in this parish. Continuous monitoring re thefts from vehicles at beauty spots.
*WPCSO Hurly left the meeting after giving her report (at 8.10pm)*.

**School Consultation:** Co Cllr Nicholson reported on the Age Range Change Consultation re W Somerset Community College and the Dulverton and Exmoor Schools. S County Council will be holding a meeting in the Autumn with invited representatives from Parish Councils in order to consult after ascertaining the facts and issues involved. The Clerk was asked to write to W Somerset Community College stating that the Parish Council would like more facts and information not just about the Community College but re education in West Somerset as a whole  before participating in the consultation process as a representative of all sectors of its community: it is very concerned about the long-term schooling of this Parish and Exmoor.

**189.2 Apologies of Absence**: None.

**189.3**  **Declarations of Interest:**

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| **Item No** | **Councillor** | **Nature** | **Reason** | **Action Taken** |
| 5.2 | Webber | Public Perception | Chairman of ENPA Planning Committee | Left the room for the item |
| 8 | Clarbull | Personal | Chairman of the Moorland Hall Committee | Minuted |

**189.4**  **Minutes**: The minutes of the meeting held on 21st May 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. **Matters Arising:** None.
**189.5**  **189.5.1** Planning Applications: none to consider. **189.5.2** Other Planning Matters: The Clerk reported an e-mail from ENPA re trimming around the BT pole on the B3224 with reference to the Shearwell Data Planning Application (new entrance track) and an appeal re 6/34/12/102 Smallcombe Farm, Timberscombe. *Cllr Webber left the room; Cllr Atkins chaired the next item:* Appeal re 6/15/12/107 Quarme Combe, Exton: proposed erection of a cattle shed. The Clerk was asked to submit the following comments to the Planning Inspectorate: “Cutcombe Parish Council wishes to make it clear that the positioning of the building on the application site is totally unacceptable. However, the Parish Council does understand the applicant’s need for a livestock building.”  *Cllr Webber returned to the room.*The Clerk reported that Planning Applications 6/8/13/103 17 Meadow Close and 6/8/13/102 16 Meadow Close had both been approved with timber windows and doors.

**189.6  Highways:** Cllr Webber had spoken with Highways re The Green: work to be done by 08/07/13; Grating at the corner: work now completed; deep gulley reported on the Exford Road just past Luckwell Bridge. Co Cllr Nicholson reported that the adoption of Putham Lane is going ahead and potholes have been patched and filled: she will ask if it can be resurfaced in the not-too-distant future and reported that all unsatisfactory surface dressing carried out last year will be redone: she will obtain a list. The Clerk reminded everyone re the W Somerset & Sedgemoor Static Diversion Routes drop in meeting 19/06/13 4pm to 8pm and reported that Richard Newby is leaving: Ian Titcombe will be taking over his role.

**189.7 Appointment of Portfolio Holders:**confirmed as per list filed with these minutes.(See Council's [Information page](https://www.wheddoncross.org.uk/parishcouncil/.html) on this website for details.)

**189.8  Report on the meeting of 5th June re (a) Grass Cutting in the Playing Field:**those present appeared to be in favour of precepting to finance the grass cutting as the field is an asset for everyone in the village. A letter from a parishioner supporting this view was read out. It was agreed that for the next financial year the precept will be set earlier to give everyone a chance to comment before it is ratified at the December 2013 meeting; **(b)** **ENPA Draft Local Plan Settlement Section Consultation in respect of Luckwell Bridge**. The majority of those present favoured maintaining the *status quo* re LB. It was agreed that extra copies of the Draft Plan will be obtained to ensure adequate consultation.

**189.9** **Appointment of a Trustee to the Joyce Charity:** Cllr Webber reported that Enid Mantin is retiring and that Tracey Staples is taking over as Secretary. Andrew Schofield and Roger Webber are currently Trustees. Cllr Webber proposed Angela Edwards as a new trustee, all present voted in favour. The Clerk was asked to write to Angela Edwards and Enid Mantin (to thank her for all her hard work over the years).

**189.10 Finance**: It was resolved to pay: **189.10.1** The annual subscription to the Community Council for Somerset (£35); **189.10.2** A grant of £100 under #137 of the Local Government Act to C.L.O.W.N.S.; **189.10.3** The Clerk’s quarterly salary and expenses (£620.41); **189.10.4** The Clerk’s SV expenses (£153.45); **189.10.5** Tax and NI due (£276.73). **189.10.6** Update of Council’s Bank Mandate deferred as Cllr Harding absent from the meeting.

**189.11 Correspondence and Meetings:** **189.11.1** The Clerk reported that she had started work on an expression of interest form to ENPA Partnership Fund re WX toilets. She was asked to write to Tim Stokes thanking him for his help and support. **189.11.2** Cllr Simons reported on the Exmoor Consultative and Parish Forum meeting; Cllr Davis re a Standards Board hearing. Cllr Davis will attend the next Exmoor Panel Meeting and Cllr Simons if she is able.
**189.12 Items for the next Agenda:**Update of Council’s Bank Mandate.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20pm. The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 16th July 2013 at 7.30pm in The Moorland Hall. All are warmly invited.