

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on
Tuesday 15th March 2016 at the Moorland Hall**

Present: Councillors Roger Webber, Linda Atkins, Eric Clarbull, John Davis, Vivian White and John Anson, County Councillor Frances Nicholson (left at 9pm), West Somerset Councillor Steven Pugsley (left at 9pm), Parish Clerk Marlene Allinson and two members of the public.

224.1 Public Question Time: No items raised.

224.2 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Eric Norman.

224.3 Declarations of Interest:

Councillor	Item No	Interest	Action Taken
Webber	5 Quarme Combe	Owens land opposite to the site	Personal, Minuted
White	5 Quarme Combe	Friend of the applicant and neighbour to a close relative of the applicant	Personal, Minuted

224.4 Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of 16th February were approved and signed as a true record. **Matters**

Arising: 223.5 Quarme Combe: the Clerk had circulated replies from WS Council, Environment Dept and Highways prior to the meeting: Highways are to write to the owner asking him to cease farming activities from their verge. **223.8 Upgrade of cctv in the car park:** James Elson has been in touch with the landlord of *The Rest & Be Thankful Inn* re upgrading the cameras. The grant funding of £3,995 has been received.

224.5 Planning Applications: 6/8/16/1023

Homelands: Lawful Development Certificate for the existing occupation of the dwelling in breach of agricultural occupancy condition of approved application 75567: Council has no additional information to add or comments to make.

6/8/16/104 Steart Farm: retention of extension to existing agricultural/storage building (102m²): Supported (by a majority decision, one abstention). **6/1516/103 Quarme Combe, Exton,** consultee as an adjoining parish: proposed extension to cattle shed for bedding store (108.4m²): Supported by a majority decision (one objection), with the proviso that conditions are attached that the extension should be used only for a bedding store as per the application (i.e. not for cattle) and that the grass verge, belonging to Highways, is reinstated to its original condition and is no longer used for farm storage. The

Parish Council has already been in touch with Highways objecting to the use of the grass verge for farming activities and it understood that Highways will be, or have been, in touch with the applicant to request that he ceases to use the area as part of his farming operations. **6/8/16/102 Old Stowey Farm:** additional plan and amended description has been received. **Other Planning Matters:** Cllr Webber reported on the planning workshop held by ENPA at Exford which was well attended and useful.

224.6 Highways Matters: Crossroads Scheme: no reply yet received from Highways re the three amendments requested. Cllr Nicholson agreed to look at the state of Putham Lane as the potholes recently repaired are already deteriorating. Cllr Anson to report missing and damaged chevrons at Watercombe corner. Parking problems/gritting lorry access: the Clerk reported on correspondence with Magna and owners of the vehicle involved.

224.7 Wheddon Cross Toilets: Cllr Pugsley reported that negotiations regarding the Heads of Terms are still ongoing. A new toilet cleaning contract with WS Council expiring 31/03/2017 has been received: awaiting the RPI increase figures.

224.8 Parish Lengthsman Scheme: Cutcombe has applied for four days 2016/17 at a cost of £322.

224.9 Finance: It was agreed: 9.1 To pay the Parish Clerk's salary and expenses £781.73

9.2 To appoint Derrick Bott as internal auditor for

2015/16 **9.3** To pay the Inland Revenue tax and NI due **9.4** To pay the Inland Revenue Tax due from the SV Scheme

(£259.20) **9.5** To pay ex-gratia payments in relation to 2016 SV Scheme (£250 Badgworthy Land, £150 Exmoor Farmers) **9.6** To

pay the SV co-ordinator's expenses £231.20 **9.7** To pay the Parish Clerk's SV expenses £243.74 **9.8** To pay Atwest £2865.00

for SV buses **9.9** To Pay SV workers' net wages in the sum of £1977.80

224.10 Correspondence & Meetings: 10.1 Clerk: Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration Medal reported and the Avon & Somerset Police Newsletter. **10.2 Councillors:** Cllr Davis had attended a meeting of the Standards Board: now a system for reporting pecuniary interests to the Police. Cllr Clarbull reported on the Snowdrop Valley washup meeting: he is standing down from the SV Steering Group and was thanked by the Chairman

for all his work while Chairman of the Group. Cllr White had attended the ENPA Consultative Parish Forum: suspicious vehicles who might be involved in poaching should be reported to 101, if weapons involved to 999. Cllr Atkins attended the Historic Signposts meeting: 125 had been surveyed in Somerset, 6 of which are in Cutcombe. Funding is being sought for their restoration.

224.11 Items for the Next Agenda: invoice for trailer hire for Snowdrop Valley.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.00pm.

The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 19th April 2016** at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall.

All are welcome to all meetings