

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th March 2012 at the Moorland Hall

Councillors Roger Webber (*Chairman*), Linda Atkins, Eric Clarbull, John Davis, Eric Norman and Marlene Allinson (*The Parish Clerk*) were present, as was County Cllr Frances Nicholson and District Cllr Steven Pugsley.

Public Question Time: no members of the public were present.

173.1 **Apologies of Absence:** Cllrs Susie Sanders and Tim Gardner.

173.2 **Declarations of Interest:** None.

173.3 **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 21st February were approved and signed as a true record. Matters arising: 172.3 Satellite Broadband Project: a meeting had been held with Tooway and Cosmic: a leaflet to every household eligible will be sent out in the near future. 172.8 Parish Lengthsman: February missed days to be made up, March missed days will be refunded: Council agreed the invoice for £87.92; the Moorland Hall may make its own arrangement with the Lengthsman for additional days.

173.4 **Planning Applications:** 173.4.1. Higher Putham 6/8/11/104: non-material minor amendment: no approval needed; 6/8/12/103 Old Stowey Bungalow: proposed storage building (55m²): supported provided that suitable materials in line with ENPA policy are used.

173.4.2 Other planning matters: Cllr Webber declared a personal interest and reported that on 28th March an open meeting would be held at Shearwell Data between 3pm and 7pm for everyone to view proposed expansion plans.

173.5 **Highways:** Cllr Norman expressed a personal interest as the car park was discussed: two issues: maintenance and management. Cllr Pugsley thought it appropriate for the District Council to lead on the issues although they would not be contributing financially. Cllrs Webber and Nicholson to look at cctv footage re lorries using the car park and to work with WSC to identify necessary work and the Parish to obtain quotes for SCC approval. The issue of work at the crossroads is still not resolved, Cllrs Webber and Nicholson have met with Summerfield and are working on a solution acceptable to all parties. Beacon Buses: the Clerk to write to request that the 8.15 am Exford bus in particular only stops in the car park so that it is out of the way by the time

the School bus arrives. An e-mail from a parishioner re road repairs necessary near the junction has been reported to Highways. Work on the drainage at Slade Corner has started. The road closure from WX to Heathpoult has been programmed in for two weeks commencing May 22nd to enable road and water main repairs.

Cllr Webber reported that he had met with the Police, the Parish and The National Trust re Jubilee weekend celebrations.

173.6 **Dog Fouling:** A copy of a draft agreement re dog litter bins had been circulated to Council prior to the meeting; the Clerk to clarify re survey fees and costs involved.

173.7 **Finance:**

173.7.1 It was resolved to pay the Parish Clerk's quarterly salary and expenses in the sum of £832.93

173.7.2 It was resolved to pay the Parish Clerk's expenses in relation to the Snowdrop Valley Park and Ride Scheme 2012 in the sum of £209.19

173.7.3 Annual review of the Clerk's salary: deferred until the April meeting.

173.7.4 It was resolved to pay the Inland Revenue Tax and NI due from the Snowdrop Valley account (£447.39) and the Parish Council account (£198.66)

173.7.5 It was resolved to consider and if approved pay a bill from Wessex Water for £54.66 in relation to water at Wheddon Cross toilets: the Clerk to query whether the meter is working correctly.

173.7.6 It was resolved to pay the annual subscription to the Somerset Association of Local Councils in the sum of £97.90.

173.7.7 It was resolved to pay the annual subscription to the Community Council for Somerset in the sum of £35.

173.7.8 It was resolved to pay the Snowdrop Valley workers' net salaries in the sum of £2,338.42.

17.3.8 **Correspondence and Meetings:**

173.8.1 The Clerk had circulated a list of correspondence received including NHS formal approval of the closing of village surgeries and draft Boundary Commission Review proposals. She was asked to write to Hannah Thompson congratulating her on her dancing success.

173.8.2 The Clerk reported on a Snowdrop Valley meeting.

173.8.3 An e-mail from Cllr Sanders was read out: the Clerk to follow re Dark Sky status.

173.8.4 Cllr Davis reported on the Standards Committee meeting.
173.9 **Items for the next Agenda:** bicycle racks in the car park; annual review of the Clerk's salary and hours; toilet modernization.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35 pm.
The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 15th April 2012 at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall.

Note: The Annual Parish Meeting of Electors will be in the Moorland Hall at 7 for 7.30pm on Wednesday 2nd May. All parishioners are warmly invited.