

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 10th March 2015 at the Moorland Hall

Present: Councillors Roger Webber (*Chairman*), Linda Atkins, Eric Clarbull, John Davis, Frank O'Neill, Vivian White, Marlene Allinson (*Parish Clerk*), West Somerset Cllr Steven Puglsey and WPCSO Sue Hurley.

211.1 Public Question Time: no items raised. **Police Report:** no crimes in the Parish to report over the last month; there has been a non-dwelling burglary in Wootton Courtenay. In future there will be no written reports to, or attendance at, Parish Councils meetings: the Police will continue to attend Exmoor Panel meetings. No news yet received on the grant request re upgrading the cameras in the car park but WPCSO Sue Hurley and PC Jeff Trimmings had given their support to the application. WPCSO Sue Hurley was wished all the best for her year's leave of absence. New contact details for the police have been received.

211.2 Apologies of Absence: Co Cllr Frances Nicholson.

211.3 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Clarbull, personal, Chairman of the Moorland Hall Committee items 8 and 11.1.

211.4 Minutes and Matters Arising: the minutes of the meeting held on 17th February were approved as a true record. **Matters Arising: 210.7** Cllrs Webber and Clarbull not yet met with PC Wigglesworth as he is away until 11th March.

211.5 211.5.1 Planning Applications: none received. **211.5.2 Other Planning Matters:** 24/03 is the sign-off date for the ENPA Local Plan: then goes out for a further consultation stage.

211.6 Highways: Crossroads: Co Cllr Nicholson still working with officers on the plans; a further meeting to be arranged asap. **Dunster:** the Clerk to ask Somerset County Council if the work could be finished earlier than 31/03.

211.7 Parish Lengthsman Scheme 2015/16: It was agreed to keep the same number of days as last year (3.5): the Agreement was signed by the Chairman and a cheque was issued for £307.72.

211.8 Update on the New Playing Field Lease: A draft copy had been circulated before the meeting. It was agreed that para 4.1 needs clarification. Cllrs Webber and Clarbull are pursuing the deeds via Risdon Hosegood, Solicitors, and it was agreed to pay them £100 on account of fees, the anticipated cost being £650.00.

211.9 Parish and District Elections 2015: The Clerk had

circulated a timetable: notices will be on the board at the end of this week; nomination papers were handed out to those present. Anyone wanting a paper to contact the Chairman or the Clerk or the Electoral Services Officer at West Somerset Council (Elisa Day).

211.10 Update on the Parish Clerk Vacancy: it was agreed to interview the two strongest candidates on 23/03, the interviewing committee to consist of Cllrs Webber, Atkins and White. The Clerk to be available for consultation by the candidates immediately before the interviews.

211.11 Finance: Cheque approvals for: **211.11.1** Moorland Hall £10 for room hire **211.11.2** The Parish Clerk's Salary and Expenses £991.96 **211.11.3** It was agreed to appoint Derek Bott as Internal Auditor for 2015/16 **211.11.4** It was agreed to pay £113.76 to Cynthia Stevens for two years' hosting costs for the Wheddon Cross website, to be split equally being the PC and the SV accounts **211.11.5** It was agreed to pay the Inland Revenue £374 for tax due **211.11.6** It was agreed to pay £167 to the Inland Revenue for tax and NI due from the SV workers **211.11.7** It was agreed to pay ex-gratia payments of £250 to Badgworthy Land Company, £250 to Exmoor Farmers and £50 to Cynthia Stevens for help with the SV Park and Ride Scheme **211.11.8** It was agreed to pay the SV Co-ordinator's expenses (£59.65) and Assistant Co-ordinator's expenses (£34.98). **211.11.9** It was agreed to pay the Parish Clerk's SV expenses (£218.72) **211.11.10** It was agreed to pay AtWest £3,926 for SV buses **211.11.11** It was agreed to pay SV net wages (£1,920.01).

211.12 Correspondence and Meetings: **211.12.1** Cllr Clarbull reported on an SV meeting. The Chairman moved a vote of thanks to the SV Steering Group and all involved for a successful 2015 Snowdrop Valley Park and Ride Scheme. All were reminded that the Cutcombe Annual Parish Meeting of Electors will take place at 7 for 7.30 pm in the Moorland Hall on Wednesday 25th March. **211. 12.2** Cllrs Davis and White reported on the Exmoor Panel meeting. Cllrs Webber and White attended the SALC meeting regarding Parish Representatives to ENPA. It was reported that a WS Food Group Meeting will take place at Roadwater village hall 22/04. A confidential report on the Wheddon Cross toilets will go to the West Somerset Cabinet on 01/04.

211.13 Items for the next Agenda: Playing Field Lease;

update on seeking a new Parish Clerk; retrospective approval for SV signs from Active Signs (£350.40).

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.40pm. The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 21st April 2015** at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall. **All are welcome to all meetings.**

The Annual Parish Meeting of Electors is arranged at the Moorland Hall for Wednesday 25th March, 7pm for 7.30pm, at The Moorland Hall. Please come along.

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