

MARCH 2017

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 28th March 2017 at the Moorland Hall

Present: Councillors John Anson, Vivian White, Linda Atkins, John Davis, Roger Webber and Eric Noman, Parish Clerk Marlene Allinson, West Somerset Councillor Steven Pugsley, Somerset County Councillor Frances Nicholson (8.30pm onwards) and one parishioner.

236.1 Public Question Time: no items raised.

236.2 Apologies for Absence: Cllr Eric Clarbull.

236.3 Declarations of Interest:

Councillor	Agenda Item	Nature of Interest	Description of Interest	Action Taken
Norman	7	Prejudicial	Owner of the car park	Left the room for the discussion and the vote
Webber	7	Personal	Home overlooks the toilets	Minuted
Anson	9.4	Personal	Trustee of the Moorland Hall	Minuted

236.4 Minutes: The Minutes of the meetings held on the 21st February and the 6th March were approved and signed as a true record. **Matters Arising:** None.

236.5 236.5.1 Planning Applications: 6/8/17/101 3

Gammins Cottages (revised scheme to existing approval 6/8/16/117) showing different external finishes only: fully supported. **236.5.2 Other Planning Matters:** None.

236.6 Highways Matters: Luckwell Bridge Drainage Scheme: the Parish Council has requested involvement at all stages including attending meetings. Wessex Water new main: The Parish Council has asked to be kept informed at all stages and to attend meetings. Cross-Roads Scheme: Cllr Anson reported that a meeting will be arranged with Highways to ensure that everything has been completed according to plans before the scheme is

signed off. Historic Signposts Scheme: calling for volunteers: all should attend one of the arranged training sessions (19/05/17 or 09/06/17). Vinnicombe Straight Road Closure: now advertised as 32 days (was 12): Cllr Anson has taken up with David Peake: Highways should report back to him tomorrow: would be useful if the road only closed during the days and open evenings and weekends.

236.7 Wheddon Cross Toilets: Cllr Anson updated Council on the present situation: v9 Heads of Terms has been signed and is with Council's solicitor together with an updated plan and a letter of clarification from WS Council. Cllr Norman now left the room. Cllr Atkins read out her financial update on the refurbishment and updating of the toilets. Council debated a resolution that "having taken note of a report from the toilet working group, Cutcombe Parish Council resolves to take over the refurbishment and running of the Wheddon Cross toilets for the foreseeable future provided that: (a) the majority of the refurbishment costs can be met by grants (b) the running costs for 2017/18 can be met from reserves and (c) the running costs for 2018/19 will not involve a precept increase of more than £20 per Band D household, the remainder being received from donations and/or rent for the "redundant" part of the toilets and/or sponsorship and/or reserves". Council agreed that they are happy with the wording of this resolution, all being subject to satisfactory conclusion of contract, and a decision on the resolution will not be taken until after the electorate is consulted at the Annual Parish Meeting of Electors on the 6th April 2017. Cllr Norman returned to the room.

236.8 Housing: The Clerk reported that Sue Southwell, Rural Housing Enabler, Tessa Saunders and Joe White (ENPA) will be attending the April Parish Council meeting to discuss the possibility of carrying out a new housing needs survey in Cutcombe and neighbouring parishes. Cllr Webber reported on a recent Young Voices meeting and stressed the difficulty of getting young people to meetings.

236.9 Finance: **9.1** Agreed to pay the Parish Clerk's salary, holiday pay and expenses £824.53 **9.2** It was agreed to appoint Derrick Bott as internal auditor for 2016/17 **9.3** Agreed to pay the Inland Revenue tax and NI due £442 **9.4** Agreed to pay the Moorland Hall £10 for December, £20 for January and £10 for February room hire **9.5** It was agreed to increase the Clerk's salary pay scale by one point **9.6** Agreed to pay the Snowdrop Valley Workers' wages (total £2,487.60) **9.7** Agreed to pay the

Inland Revenue Tax due from the SV Scheme (£313.40) **9.8** Agreed to pay ex-gratia payments in relation to 2017 SV Park and Ride Scheme: £250 each to Badgworthy Land Company and Exmoor Farmers **9.9** Agreed to pay the SV co-ordinator's expenses £352.44 **9.10** Agreed to pay the Parish Clerk's SV expenses and for the traffic cones (£246) in the sum of £554.76 **9.11** Agreed to pay Atwest £3,855.00 for buses for SV Park and Ride Scheme 2017

236.10 Correspondence and Meetings: 10.1 The Clerk reported on a Snowdrop Valley meeting and correspondence from the Somerset Coast Advice Partnership (Council agreed to support their grant application) and from the Avon & Somerset Police (newsletter) **10.2** WS Cllr Pugsley reported that the consultation on the amalgamation of West Somerset Council with Taunton Deane has now closed and it is with the Secretary of State: the new joint Council may be called Somerset West.

236.11 Items for the Next Agenda: Wheddon Cross Toilets, Report on The Annual Parish Meeting of Electors; Housing; Snowdrop Valley Park and Ride Scheme: proposed new tender; retrospective approval for payment of £200 for hire of a trailer for use during the Snowdrop Valley scheme.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.30 pm.

The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 18th April 2017** at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall.

All are welcome to all meetings