

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th February 2018 at the Moorland Hall**

**Present:** Councillors John Anson, Vivian White, Roger Webber, Linda Atkins, Eric Norman, John Davis, Eric Clarbull, Parish Clerk Marlene Allinson, County Cllr Frances Nicholson (left at 8.34pm), West Somerset Councillor Steven Pugsley (left at 8.45pm), Dan Barnett (ENPA) and five parishioners.

**247.1 Public Question Time:** (i) Snowdrop Valley: deterioration of the snowdrop display as compared to earlier years: a parishioner offered to prepare a "gardening" programme to improve; comments re mud and drainage (ii) Popery Lane: several parishioners expressed a preference for this being left undisturbed as it is an ancient track (iii) drains and blocked gulleys at Blagdon Cross reported and a request for progress on spending the balance of monies from the crossroads scheme.

**The Chairman invited Dan Barnett to speak with regard to possible options to improve the slipperiness of Popery Lane (part of the Coleridge Way/Bridleway).** Dan outlined the history and options available including cleaning, a handrail, a diversion path, cutting of hedges, scratching the surface to improve grip, and answered questions. It was agreed to invite Dan back to a PC meeting later in the year to discuss any progress made.

**247.2 Apologies for Absence:** none.

**247.3 Declarations of Interest:**

<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>	<b>Description of Interest</b>	<b>Action Taken</b>
White	5.1 Watercombe House	Prejudicial/ pecuniary	Applicant	Left the room for this item
Clarbull	9.1 & 9.2	Personal	Chairman of Moorland Hall	Minuted
Anson	9.1 & 9.2	Personal	Moorland Hall Trustee	Minuted

**247.4 Minutes:** The Minutes of the meetings held on the 12th December were approved and signed as a true record. **Matters Arising:** none.

**247.5 247.5.1 Planning Applications:** Cllr White left the room. **6/8/18/102 Watercombe House:** Proposed erection of Tree House (retrospective). Reservations expressed re size and retrospective application, but sympathetic materials proposed and

use of surrounding trees, good to see a safe area being provided for youngsters to play outdoors. Cllr White returned to the room. **247.5.2 Other Planning Matters: Raleigh Manor 6/8/17/112 Amended plans and description:** no additional comments as missed agenda.

**247.6 Highways: Water Main Replacement:** road closure at the crossroads 8th March (5 weeks but hope to do main work over first weekend and then will be open with traffic lights). Proposed SIDS purchase:

Cllr Anson liaised with Exford PC who are keen to co-operate: the Clerk to investigate costs and bring a report to the April meeting. Hedge at Meadow Close: needs trimming: the Clerk to follow up with Magna Housing.

**247.7 Parish Magazine:** a working party has been formed, the Clerk to invite a representative to a Parish Council meeting to give an update on progress.

**247.8 Wheddon Cross Toilets:** Cllr Atkins reported on a meeting with the Chris Horne, builder, Cllr Anson, David Hancock and the Clerk and on an additional quote for extra works deemed necessary: support was given for her to progress this matter along with the provision of 2 hand drier units.

**247.9 Finance:** Approved to pay: **9.1** Invoice from Countrywide Grounds Maintenance for £1,117.94 for grass cutting (retrospective) **9.2** Moorland Hall £22 for room hire for November (retrospective) and £11.00 for December room hire and £33 for January room hire **9.3** Subscription to the Society of Local Council Clerks (£72 reimburse Clerk) **9.4** Annual membership of the Somerset Association of Local Councils (£108.92) **9.5** £59.99 for renewal of annual subscription to Microsoft Office (reimburse the Clerk)

**9.6** Eagle Plant £68.64 for hire of Heras Fencing at the toilets (to 31/01/18) **9.7** SSE Electricity £23.01 for electricity standing charge at the toilets **9.8** Harry Broadley for SV leaflet printing £195.60 and £509.30 for map leaflets **9.9** Printed4You £196.80 for SV pens (reimburse the Clerk) **9.10** Active Signs £183.60 for the SV map signs

**247.10 Correspondence and Meetings: 247.10.1** The Clerk reported that a drop-in session to help people to complete forms and ask questions re the housing survey has been arranged at *The Rest & Be Thankful Inn* on 22nd March from 3.30 to 7.30pm. 2018 Annual Parish Meeting of Electors: revised date: now Thursday 19th April 2018. **247.10.2** Nothing additional

reported.

**247.11 Items for the Next Agenda:** Review of Clerk's Salary and Contract.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.10 pm.

The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 20th March 2018** at at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall.

**All are welcome to all meetings**