

Minutes of the Annual Cutcombe Parish Meeting of Electors held on Wednesday 27th April 2016 at 7.30 pm at Moorland Hall

Present: Parish Council Chairman Roger Webber (*Chairman*), District Councillor Steven Pugsley, Marcus Capel (Headmaster of Cutcombe and Timberscombe First Schools), Cutcombe Parish Councillors Linda Atkins, John Davis, Eric Norman, John Anson and Vivian White, eight parishioners and the Parish Clerk Marlene Allinson.

Welcome: the Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming. There was then a minute's silence in memory of Enid Mantin.

1. **Apologies of absence:** Cllr Eric Clarbull, Somerset County Councillor Frances Nicholson, the Reverend David Weir, Sybil Williams, Gay Brooks.
2. The **minutes** of the meeting held on 25th March 2015 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. There were no matters arising.
3. **Chairman's Annual Report:** Cllr Webber gave his 28th Annual Report which is filed with these minutes and thanked his fellow Councillors and the Clerk for all their work over the last year. Cllr Webber said that he would not be standing for re-election as Chairman of the Parish Council at the forthcoming May meeting Cllr Atkins gave a vote of thanks to Cllr Webber for all his hard work for the Parish during his years as a Councillor and as Chairman.
4. **RFO's Financial Report:** Marlene Allinson gave a summary of last year's income and expenditure including Snowdrop Valley, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
5. **Annual Update on Cutcombe First School:** Marcus Capel gave a report and thanked everyone, including the school governors, for their support. The school is thriving, as is the pre-school, and numbers are increasing. A copy of his report is filed with these minutes.
6. **Sports Club & Recreation Ground Update:** no update as unfortunately no representative could be present.
7. **Being A Parish Member on ENPA:** Cllr Vivian White gave an illuminated account of his experiences to date.
8. **Village Defibrillator and Training:** Cllr Norman stated that his defibrillator, located at *The Rest & Be Thankful Inn*, is available to all and he is able to organize training for interested

parties. Richard Webber of Shearwell Data also said that he is happy to liaise with the Clerk and let her know when he next has a staff training session set up so that others may also attend.

9. Tree Preservation Orders, Meadow Close: Cllr Webber outlined the position regarding the orders which have been temporary but are now to be made permanent if there are no objections, following Robin Offer's attendance at the last Parish Council meeting (ENPA tree officer). There were no objections, the Clerk to report same to ENPA.

10. Open Forum: items raised: **Drainage at Putham Lane:** ENPA are to start work soon; **ENPA's proposed business hub at Wheddon Cross market:** Cllr Webber reported on ENPA's meeting with the Parish Council; **Parish tree surveys** (Cutcombe PC does not own any land); **verge at Quarme Combe:** the Clerk to check the current position with Highways; **self-build plots at the market site:** to be an agenda item for the May Parish Council meeting; **proposed closure of the Community College Farm Unit:** Richard Webber reported that a working group has got together to try to put forward a business plan; **Wheddon Cross Toilets:** Cllrs Anson and Pugsley gave an update.

11. The Joyce Charity: Cllr Webber reported that £1,450 had been given out by the Charity to 15 recipients during the last year. There trustees are himself, Angela Edwards and Andrew Schofield. A new farm building has been erected and the farmhouse, buildings and land are rented out.

11. The West Charity: Cllr Webber reported that £450 had been given out over the last year to 3 recipients. The trustees are Angela Edwards, Shirley Parfitt and the Reverend David Weir.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.00 pm.