

Minutes of the Annual Cutcombe Parish Meeting of Electors held on Wednesday 2nd May 2012 at 7.30 pm at Moorland Hall

Present: Parish Council Chairman Roger Webber (*Chairman*), County Councillor Frances Nicholson, Reverend David Weir (8.20pm onwards), District Councillor Steven Pugsley, Marcus Capel (Headmaster of Cutcombe and Timberscombe First Schools), seventeen parishioners, PC Bruce Strachan, WPCSO Sue Hurley and the Parish Clerk Marlene Allinson.

Maps relating to the diversion routes re the May closure of the crossroads for water main repairs/replacement and proposed locations of dog litter bins and dog fouling notices were on display.

Welcome: the Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for coming.

Public Question Time: items raised by parishioners: removal of the bins from the car park had had a positive effect; what were the cameras in the car park recording? Possible closure of the toilets; financial questions. These were responded to by the Chairman, District Cllr Pugsley and the Clerk.

1. **An apology of absence** was accepted from Mr George Trinkle.
2. The **minutes** of the meeting held on 4th May 2011 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. There were no matters arising.
3. **Chairman's Annual Report:** a copy is filed with these minutes.
4. **Update on the Queen's Jubilee 2012 Celebrations:** Mr Edwin Beckett added to information distributed with the Parish magazine, a copy of which is filed with these minutes: the beacon is to be lit at 10pm; everyone is encouraged to decorate their homes; helpers are needed as car park marshals at Dunkery Beacon; buses will be run by Atwest from the market to Dunkery

Beacon.

Mr Beckett thanked all his helpers. Mrs Cynthia Stevens showed everyone a proof copy of the china mug: some are available to purchase.

5. Annual Update on Cutcombe First School: Marcus Capel gave a report, a copy of which is filed with these minutes, and thanked everyone, including the school governors, for their support.

6. Dog Fouling Consultation: regret was expressed from the floor that the Parish felt the need to resort to dog litter bins. Costs and the process leading to the decision to purchase 3 dog litter bins were outlined by Cllr Linda Atkins and the Clerk. Cllr Clarbull reported that the Recreation Ground (excluding the bridleway) is now a designated dog-free area. Fouling statement forms are available from the Clerk. There were no adverse comments re the proposed siting of the bins and notices.

7. Police Annual Update: PC Bruce Strachan gave a report on crime over the last year: 7 local crimes: 3 thefts of salt dumpy bags, 2 criminal damage, 1 damage to a motor vehicle, 1 common assault. Biggest problem in West Somerset is shed thefts: a plea was made to keep sheds and outbuildings locked with sturdy catches and padlocks. No agricultural vehicles taken over the last year. 101 is now the reporting phone number for all non-urgent reports. *Questions:* Diversionary routes: PC Strachan said that when these are agreed with Highways a consultation presentation will be made to all parishes; Strength of the Area Force: there are 5 shifts a day covering Minehead and Williton, usually a minimum of 2 or 3 officers on duty at a time.

8. Open Forum: additional questions were raised re: empty homes in the parish; road signs at Meadow Close; the quality of road repair works in the Parish; flooding by the market. The Chairman and the Clerk to follow up these matters. A tribute from the floor was paid to Shearwell re their expansion plans and their excellent presentation of these to the Parish: good that 50 jobs should be created over the next ten years, and the new access is to be welcomed. The Clerk reported on the Satellite Broadband Drop in Session and Taster Workshops to be held on 10th May at the Moorland Hall.

9. The Joyce Charity: Cllr Webber reported on the work of the Joyce Charity over the past year which is filed with these minutes.

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

Annual Parish Meeting 2011

All local government electors in the parish are invited to the Annual Parish Meeting for Cutcombe which will be held in the Moorland Hall on Wednesday 4th May 2011 at 7.30 pm or as soon thereafter as public questions and statements are concluded

Refreshments and the minutes of last year's meeting will be available from 7 pm