

Minutes of the Annual Cutcombe Parish Meeting of Electors held on Wednesday 4th May 2011 at 7.30 pm at Moorland Hall

Present: Parish Councillors Roger Webber, Linda Atkins, Susie Sanders, Eric Clarbull and John Davis, County Councillor Frances Nicholson,

Somerset County Council Cabinet Member Christine Lawrence and District Councillor Steven Pugsley, Marcus Capel (Headmaster of Cutcombe and Timberscombe First Schools), six members of the public (including five parishioners), WPCSOs Sue Hurley and Katherine Williams and the Parish Clerk Marlene Allinson.

1. **Apologies** of absence were accepted from Mr and Mrs Colin Stevenson, Mrs Enid Mantin, Mr and Mrs Charles Woolmer.

2. The **minutes** of the meeting held on 14th April 2010 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record subject to three amendments in para 4: line 4 delete "answered questions" and replace with "*gave an update*"; line 5 delete "allocation of the"; line 5 insert ". . . the *allocation of the* houses . . .". Matters Arising: para 6: a parishioner praised Somerset Highways for their efficient salting of the roads over the last bad winter; plastics recycling: it is hoped that this will come soon: there is a meeting of the Somerset Waste Partnership at the Moorland Hall this summer which may shed more light on future plans.

3. **Open Forum:** Cllrs Pugsley, Webber and Nicholson answered questions from the floor. Topics included: roads; impact of cuts including on recycling centres, street cleaning; future of libraries; economic priorities for Somerset; broadband bid (Devon and Somerset): the Parish Lengthsman Scheme and affordable housing for local needs. Cabinet Member Lawrence spoke about her work with vulnerable adults and adult social care budgets across the County as well as Academy status for schools. Cllrs Nicholson and Mrs Lawrence agreed to progress the trial broadband project with Somerset County Council.

Cllr Pugsley gave a tribute to Cllr Webber as a successful District Councillor for Aville Vale for some years and thanked him for his contribution to the district and rural communities as a whole and said that he is honoured to succeed him in the newly formed Greater Exmoor Ward.

Marcus Capel gave a report on Cutcombe School including reporting pupil numbers, that the buildings are now in good shape; links with Porlock, Tiverton and other Exmoor Schools and

looking into possible Academy status. He thanked the Ellsworth Foundation and the community for their support. More sponsors are always needed.

WPCSO Sue Hurley gave a report on crime over the last year: 8 crimes reported: 1 malicious reporting, 2 criminal damage, 1 theft of a trailer, 2 car thefts and 2 burglaries and stressed the need to not leave valuables on display in parked vehicles. She answered questions on communications and other matters.

4. The Clerk read out an e-mail from Mrs Woolmer, PCC, regarding work on the tower which was expanded upon by Mr Edwin Beckett.

5. Cllr Roger Webber presented his report for 2010/11 as Chairman of Cutcombe Parish Council, which is filed with these minutes. Among topics reported were the Snowdrop Valley Park and Ride Scheme and the new housing project at Cutcombe Market. He thanked all his fellow Councillors, County Councillor Frances Nicholson and the Clerk for their hard work and support during the past year. Cllr Webber and the Clerk answered questions relating to Snowdrop Valley.

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

7. Cllr Webber reported on the work of the West Charity over the past which is filed with these minutes.

8. There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15 pm.