

Minutes of the Annual Cutcombe Parish Meeting of Electors held on Thursday 6th April 2017 at 7.30 pm at Moorland Hall

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

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

- 1. Apologies of absence:** Cllr Eric Clarbull, Jacqui Ablett, Gill Langdon, Frank & Lesley O'Neill, Edwin Beckett, Wendy Schofield and Sue Freestone.
- 2. The minutes** of the meeting held on 27th April 2016 were approved and signed by Cllr Webber as a true record. There were no matters arising.
- 3. Chairman's Annual Report:** Cllr Anson gave his first Annual Report as Chairman which is filed with these minutes and thanked his fellow Councillors and the Clerk for all their work over the last year. Cllr Anson mentioned the new water main scheme and pointed out a map on display.
- 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 report on the last year, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.
- 6. Annual Update from Revd David Weir:** Revd Weir gave an update on the Church path: the Diocese has now agreed that it will not object if part of the path is tarmac; Tim Marriot has now left the area but will continue to produce the Parish magazine for the next two issues: any ideas for inclusion/changes/improvements to make this an even better communication tool to David, please; he stressed that the Church is open to all and mentioned the Palm Sunday parade. Cllr Webber called for volunteers to help with the Church path to keep costs down.
- 7. Wheddon Cross Toilets:** Cllr Anson updated those present on the current situation; Cllr Atkins gave a financial summary re proposed refurbishments and running costs after refurbishment.

Jonny Webber has estimated that approximately 98 people per day on average use the toilets and said that himself and Mandy are willing to help in all ways possible. Cllr Norman indicated that his toilets are being used more now that the public ones have closed. Cllr Atkins asked that everyone support the Parish Council in taking on the toilets: there were no objections to this or to a rise in the precept towards running costs.

8. Open Forum: Sports Club & Recreation Ground

Update: Jonny Webber gave an update: they are still looking to replace the existing building to bring facilities up to scratch re FA requirements; football is struggling for numbers; cricket numbers are healthy; he is working with Jan Ross, Eric Clabull and Jim Matravers to seek funding for a new building. **The Millennium**

Tree: Cllr Webber said that this will be replaced and indicated that the trees around the playing field need to be surveyed and managed. Jonny Webber said that Philip Webber has laid the

hedge behind the MUGA and done quite a lot of work re the hedges. **Housing:** April 18th Parish Council Meeting: the Clerk asked everyone to let people know that the Rural Housing Enabler and two representatives of Exmoor National Park will be attending with regard to producing a new local affordable housing needs survey for Cutcombe and neighbouring parishes. **The Ellsworth**

Trust: the Clerk gave a brief summary of the work of the Trust.

9. **The Joyce Charity:** Cllr Webber reported that £1,500 had been given out by the Charity during the last year and stressed that the Trust is approachable to help those in need.

10. **The West Charity:** Cllr Webber reported that £400 had been given out over the last year.

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