

Minutes of the Annual Cutcombe Parish Meeting of Electors held on Wednesday 7th May 2014 at 7.30 pm at the Moorland Hall

Present: Parish Council Chairman Roger Webber (*Chairman*), Somerset County Councillor Christine Lawrence, District Councillor Steven Pugsley, Marcus Capel (Headmaster of Cutcombe and Timberscombe First Schools), Cutcombe Parish Councillors Eric Clarbull, Frank O'Neill and John Davis, the Reverend David Weir, WPCSO Sue Hurley, five parishioners, one other non-electors and the Parish Clerk Marlene Allinson.

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

1. **Apologies of absence** were accepted from Co Cllr Frances Nicholson, Cllr Linda Atkins, Mrs Sybil Williams and Mrs Wendy Schofield.
2. The **minutes** of the meeting held on 9th May 2013 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 26th Annual Report which is filed with these minutes.
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 and numbers are increasing. This year is the 300th anniversary of Richard Ellsworth's death and there will be celebrations on Friday 27th June including an open morning at the school: all are welcome for tea and cakes.
6. **Police Annual Update:** WPCSO Sue Hurley said there had been nine actual reported crimes in the Parish over the last year including 3 thefts, one criminal damage, one damage to a building, 1 forgery, 1 assault and one sheep worrying and 1 other damage crime. Police are continuing to monitor beauty spots and mark property with post codes. There have been incidents of rogue traders.

She stressed the need to report suspicious behaviour as soon as possible.

Mrs Mountstevens, Avon and Somerset Police and Crime

Commissioner, had visited the Parish this year.

7. Somerset County Cllr Christine Lawrence (Dunster Division) gave a talk on the "Health and Well Being of Your Community" and outlined her role as the public member for Health and Wellbeing. Her notes and a copy of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy for Somerset 2012-2015 Consultation document are filed with these minutes.

8. The Reverend David Weir gave an insight into his work as Rector of eight parishes. There will be an Evensong on 1st August in memory of the start of the First World War. The Clerk read out details of British Legion events linked to this which will be put on the noticeboard. Anyone wishing to join in please contact Sally Parish at Rowan Cottage, Cutcombe.

9. Consultation on moving the bridleway at the Recreation Ground: Cllr Eric Clarbull outlined the problems at the Ground with horses and others not sticking to the path of the bridleway but churning up the field. No objections were recorded to the Moorland Hall looking into the possibility of moving the bridleway and improving signage.

10. Open Forum: West Somerset Cllr Pugsley reported that West Somerset and Taunton Deane Councils are now working together and now share some staff. This has advantages as well as some down sides.

11. The Joyce Charity: Cllr Webber reported that £1,225 had been given out by the Charity, which covers Cutcombe, Winsford and Wootton Courtenay, during the last year. There are three trustees including himself.

11. The West Charity: Cllr Webber reported that around £400 had been given out over the last year. Anyone knowing of a possible beneficiary to contact himself or one of the other Trustees who are Shirley Parfitt, Enid Mantin and the Reverend David Weir.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.