

Minutes of the Annual Cutcombe Parish Meeting of Electors held on Tuesday 9th May 2013 at 7.30 pm at Moorland Hall

Present: Parish Council Chairman Roger Webber (*Chairman*), County Councillor Frances Nicholson, District Councillor Steven Pugsley, Marcus Capel (Headmaster of Cutcombe and Timberscombe First Schools), Tess Saunders (Exmoor National Park Authority), Cutcombe Parish Councillors Eric Clarbull, Linda Atkins and John Davis, six parishioners, and the Parish Clerk Marlene Allinson.

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

Public Question Time: items raised by parishioners: current position re the enforcement at Quarne Combe; rubbish bags are being left in the car park: anyone seeing this happen please report to Cllr Clarbull. Cllr Clarbull spoke as a member of the Parish Council's Finance Working Party re the increase in precept. There was a request for more information on any community projects being worked on by the Parish Council.

1. **An apology of absence** was accepted from Mrs Gay Brooks.

2. The **minutes** of the meeting held on 2nd May 2012 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 25th Annual Report: a list of topics covered 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, a copy of which is filed with these minutes, and thanked everyone, including the school governors, for their support.

6. **Update on the Playing Field:** Eric Clarbull as Chairman of the Moorland Hall Committee gave an update on the Playing Field mentioning that it is owned by the Parish Council and leased to the Moorland Hall, who manage it, at a peppercorn rent. The lease expires in 2026. The Parish Council has given its assurance that the field will be kept in perpetuity for the good of the community. Tim Parish has resigned as Treasurer but a new one has been appointed. The Big Lottery Fund has congratulated the Moorland Hall on how it has spent its grant money.

7. **Police Annual Update:** no officers could attend but the police send in a report which was read out by the Parish Clerk, a copy of which is filed with these minutes.

8. **Exmoor National Park Authority Local Plan Settlements Section Consultation:** Tessa Saunders explained the Exmoor National Park Settlement Strategy, notes are filed with these minutes.

9. **Open Forum:** Cllr John Davis said that the MUGA should be incorporated into the Moorland Hall and Playing Field as a village sports facility. Questions raised: empty properties in the Parish: Cllr Pugsley to follow up; faster broadband: Co Cllr Nicholson and Cllr Webber to follow up. Is the new noticeboard now in a good position? Can anything be done about frequent shortage of fuel at the garage?

9. **The Joyce Charity:** Cllr Webber reported that the charity had paid out £1,250 to 16 people. Income is secure as the farm has been re-let. Anyone knowing of anyone who might benefit please contact him or Enid Mantin.

10. **The West Charity:** Cllr Webber reported that the charity had paid out £350 to 7 people. Anyone knowing of anyone who might benefit please contact him or Enid Mantin.

8. There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45 pm.