

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15th July 2014 at the Moorland Hall

Present: Councillors Roger Webber (*Chairman*), Linda Atkins, Eric Clarbull, Frank O’Neill and Marlene Allinson (*Parish Clerk*); Co Cllr Frances Nicholson (left at 9.00 pm) and 2 parishioners.

202.1 Public Question Time: the Chairman of the village fete committee outlined the reasons behind Agenda item 9 re the fete. **Police Report:** no reported crime in the Parish; vigilance still needed at beauty spots; non-dwelling burglaries reported in Dunster.

202.2 Apologies of Absence: Cllr John Davis, WS Cllr Steven Pugsley.

202.3 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Webber	12 personal	Letter received from <i>Across Exmoor</i> magazine:	Minuted
Cllr Clarbull		member of the Parochial Church Council	Minuted
Cllr Atkins	8 personal	Near neighbour	Minuted
	8 personal	Near neighbour	Minuted
	9 personal	Attends fete meetings	Minuted
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202.4 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 17th June 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. **Matters Arising:** none.

202.5 Co-option of a Parish Councillor: Vivian White was the only applicant and was duly unanimously elected to serve on Cutcombe Parish Council and welcomed to the meeting.

202.6 Appointment of Portfolio Holders: see revised list filed with these minutes.

202.7 202.7.1 Planning Applications: none for consideration.

202.7.2 The Clerk reported that Planning Applications 6/8/14/103LB (Oaktrow) and 6/8/14/104 (Raleigh Lodge) have been approved. Area between Cutcombe and Wheddon Cross excludes the area allocated for the extension of Cutcombe First School but encompasses the rest of the field behind the school: objection received from the owner re designation as an area of important visual amenity space: the Parish Council sees no

reason for this designation as the area should be protected by the usual planning rules. Quarme Combe: the Clerk to check on the landscaping conditions and bring to the next meeting as an Agenda item.

202.8 Highways: Crossroads: Co Cllr Nicholson agreed to talk to David Wyborn, ENPA, re finalizing the 106 Agreement as the money needs to be handed to SCC Highways before works can commence as per the scheme agreed a year ago. A meeting will then take place with all parties concerned to get the works underway. The Clerk to ask SCC for a costing on the crossroads work as all of the money set aside is to be set in the Parish. Car parking in the village and at *The Rest & Be Thankful Inn*: copies of a letter from the landlord were circulated. It was resolved by a unanimous vote that "this Parish Council is not prepared to alter the boundaries of the recreation ground in accordance with the original conveyance of the land but is willing to work with the *Rest & Be Thankful Inn* and all other interested parties to try to alleviate parking problems in and around the village." Gratings at Luckwell Bridge: Cllr Webber reported that these have been raised. Putham Lane: Co Cllr Nicholson reported that this is RUPP not a road but she is of a view that it should be upgraded to a road and is in discussions with SCC as it not only serves Shearwell but local residents and visitors.

202.9 Resolutions: "Cutcombe Parish Council resolves to adopt the Fete Committee and the Parish Party Committee as sub-committees of the Parish Council with limited, specified powers and written terms and conditions to be drawn up and agreed by all parties" (this so that these two events may be encompassed by the Parish Council's insurance policy [at no additional cost]).

202.10 Update on an additional dog litter bin: it was agreed that the Clerk order an additional 25 litre red dog litter bin (current cost £84), subject to the emptying cost by WSC being no more than £2.50 per week and the requisite siting permissions obtained. Cllr Clarbull to liaise re a suitable site in the car park.

202.11 Finance: 202.11.1 It was agreed to pay an invoice from Countrywide Grounds Maintenance in the sum of £1,039.66. **202.11.2** The Clerk reported that the 2013/14 audit has now been satisfactorily concluded, statutory notice is on the noticeboard.

202.12 Correspondence and Meetings:

202.12.1 Correspondence: *EDF Plugged in Newsletter* June 2014. Meetings: the Clerk reported on a meeting re the lease

between the Moorland Hall and the Parish Council. **202.12.2 Correspondence:** Cllr Webber reported on a letter from *Across Exmoor* saying that they are short of production funds: to be an Agenda item for August. Meetings: Cllr Clarbull reported that he had been in touch with the Moorland Hall's insurers and the bulk of their premium is for cover for the hall not the Recreation Ground.

202.13 Items for the next Agenda: Quarme Combe landscaping; letter from *Across Exmoor* re funding shortage. There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm. The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 19th August 2014** at 7.30pm in the main hall of The Moorland Hall as there will be a presentation before the meeting by Philip Kiberd on the Exmoor National Park Partnership Fund. All are welcome.