

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18th November 2014 at the Moorland Hall

Present: Councillors Roger Webber (*Chairman*), Linda Atkins, Eric Clabull, Tim Gardner, Vivian White and Marlene Allinson (*Parish Clerk*); Co Cllr Frances Nicholson, WS Cllr Stephen Pugsley, WPCSO Sue Hurley, PC Bob Corrick, Snowdrop Valley Assistant Co-ordinator Gemma Wesley and two parishioners.

206.1 Public Question Time: Cllr Clabull (as Chairman of the Snowdrop Valley Steering Group) introduced Gemma Wesley as the new SV Assistant Co-ordinator, after which Gemma left the meeting. Items raised: concerns over the Dunster road closure and its effect on businesses and the Snowdrop Valley Park and Ride Scheme and the roadworks for the new Washford Cross roundabout; concern over retrospective planning applications; speeding at Luckwell Bridge. Police Report: update on the badger cull and associated problems; reports of thefts from outbuildings. WPCSO Hurley said that an upgrade of the cameras at Wheddon Cross does not meet the criteria: to let us know what the criteria are.

206.2 Apologies of Absence: Cllr John Davis, Cllr Frank O’Neill.

206.3 Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Clabull	8.3 personal	Chairman of the Moorland Hall Committee	Minuted
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206.4 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on the 21st October 2014 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. **Matters Arising:** none.

206.5 206.5.1 Planning Applications: 6/8/14/107 2

Meadow Close: proposed rear glazed canopy: no objections.

Stear Farm: **6/8/14/108** retention of a workshop/agricultural building (185m²) retrospective; **6/8/14/109** retention of a biomass building (40.5m²) retrospective; **6/8/14/110** proposed erection of an agricultural building/storage (432m²): deferred for a site visit and further meeting. Concern expressed at the effect of public confidence in the planning system due to the number of retrospective planning applications. **206.5.2** Planning applications granted: 6/8/14/106 21 Meadow Close, log cabin; 6/8/11/108 land adjacent to the Moorland Hall, local affordable dwelling.

206.6 Highways: Wheddon Cross Crossroads: site meeting with

Highways arranged for Friday 19/12/2014 at 9am. Verge Cutting: Co Cllr Nicholson reported that Highways are hoping to have a map of all parishes showing what will (and will not) be cut asap and that she is seeking funding for fingerpost renovation. Speeding at Luckwell Bridge: the Clerk to write to Gary Warren to arrange a site visit if possible; the Police to investigate if a speed recording device could be put in place. Putham Lane: still in abeyance. Cutcombe Hill: it is hoped that the small works team will repair the top part before Christmas, rest will be next year as the ground is a less stable condition. 20mph speed limit for Cutcombe: Co Cllr Nicholson reported that the application has not been successful. The Parish Salt Bag allocation needs to be collected this coming Saturday from the Highways depot in Minehead: Cllr Clrabull agreed to ask Cllr Davis if he can collect the bags. The Clerk has the Winter Service 2014/15 Leaflet showing the salting routes.

206.7 Grass Cutting Contract: it was agreed that a tender document be prepared for 2015/16 and sent out and that a two year contract should be aimed for with a clause giving an option to extend for a further year.

206.8 Finance: 206.8.1 Parish Precept 2015/16: deferred until next meeting for further discussion **206.8.2** Parish Lengthsman: It was agreed to keep the same number of days for 2015/16 (7 = £307.72). The Clerk to find out dates and times for the Key Committee meetings.

206.8.3 It was agreed to pay £30 to the Moorland Hall for room hire.

206.9 Correspondence and Meetings:

206.9.1 Correspondence: *as circulated prior to the meeting* and details of Magna Stakeholders' Conference (18/11/14) and EDF Bulletin.

206.9.2 Correspondence: WS Cllr Pugsley reported that a letter has been sent out to all parishes informing them that the Grant to Parishes (precept grants) would not be given in 2015/2016. Meetings: Cllr Clrabull reported on a Snowdrop Valley meeting; Cllrs Webber and White reported on the last Exmoor Panel meeting and Cllr White on the Exmoor Consultative Forum: the next meeting is 20/11/14 at Withypool at 10.30am. WS Cllr Pugsley reported on a meeting with Karen Mills, the Parish Clerk and Cllrs Webber and Atkins relating to the Wheddon Cross toilets. It was agreed to write to Karen Mills expressing an

interest in looking into the possibility of the toilets being refurbished by WS Council and leased to the Parish Council, which would only be considered after suitable public consultation and full costings have been explored.

206.10 Items for the next Agenda: Grass cutting contract 2015/16; parish precept 2015/16.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.05pm. The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 9th December 2014** at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall (*one week earlier than usual due to Christmas*).

All are welcome: please do come along as the Parish Precept for 2015/16 will be debated and ratified and your comments are important.