

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 9th December 2014 at the Moorland Hall

Present: Councillors Roger Webber (*Chairman*), Linda Atkins, Eric Clabull, Tim Gardner, John Davis, Vivian White, Marlene Allinson (*Parish Clerk*), SomersetCo Cllr Frances Nicholson (left at 8.50pm), West Somerset Cllr Steven Pugsley (left at 9.15pm), David Wyborn and Joe White (*Exmoor National Park Authority*) and one parishioner for Public Question Time.

208.1 Public Question Time: David Wyborn circulated ENPA's Pocket Guide 2014/15, a Planning Update for Parish Councils (Sept 2014) and a Guide to Planning Enforcement in ENPA and answered questions regarding planning in ENPA, in particular with regard to retrospective planning applications. These leaflets and a copy of notes of this part of the meeting are available on application to the Clerk. The notes are also on the Wheddon Cross website.

208.2 Apologies of Absence: Cllr Frank O'Neill, the Police (report sent in).

208.3 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Clabull, personal, Chairman of the Moorland Hall, invoice for the Moorland Hall (retrospective item for January 2015 meeting).

208.4 Minutes and Matters Arising: the minutes of the meetings held on 18th and 27th November (with one amendment) were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman. **206.9.2** Cllr Pugsley reported that the lease on the car park is 999 years from 1971 from *The Rest & Be Thankful Innto* WSC; a response from Karen Mills should be with the PC in the New Year.

208.5 208.5.1 Planning Applications: Oaktrow Farm

6/8/14/111 proposed siting of shepherd's hut for holiday letting and **6/8/14/112** proposed agricultural building (127.65m², resiting of existing building): no objections to either.

208.5.2 Other Planning Matters: 6/8/14/107 2

Meadow Close: application for rear glazed canopy approved. A resolution was debated and unanimously approved that:

"Cutcombe Parish Council considers that ENPA needs to publicise more widely the perils and consequences of not going through proper planning procedures." The Clerk to write to David Wyborn and Joe White with a copy of this resolution for their comments and to thank them for attending the meeting tonight.

208.6 2015/16 Parish Precept: it was agreed to increase the

precept by 8% this representing an increase for a Band D property of £3.66 a year. The Parish Council was disappointed to note that WS Council will not be paying grants to Parish Councils for 2015/16 in respect of the Council Tax rebate Scheme, although this is not applicable to Cutcombe.

208.7 Highways: Putham Lane: ongoing; Cutcombe Hill: repairs to the top landslip should be done before the Dunster Road Closure.

208.8 **208.8.1** Section 137 grant requests: received from Somerset Wildlife Trust, NSPCC and AtWest: it was agreed to grant £50 to AtWest **208.8.2** The Clerk's quarterly salary and expenses were agreed (£620.82) **208.8.3** Tax and NI due agreed to be paid **208.8.4** It was agreed not to pay for the Exmoor Flag from precepted funds **208.8.5** The Clerk's Snowdrop Valley expenses paid from the SV account (£142.40)

208.9 Correspondence and Meetings: **208.9.1** The Clerk reported on a Snowdrop Valley meeting and read out a report from the Police. **208.9.2** Cllr Davis had attended a meeting of the Standards Committee which stressed that new Cllrs should attend Code of Conduct training; Cllr White had been to the Exmoor Consultative and Parish Forum meeting. Cllr Webber reported that Enid Mantin had now resigned as a West Charity Trustee and it was proposed that she be replaced by Angela Edwards: all present were in favour. Cllr Gardner reported that he would like to form a Vision for Cutcombe Group within the next two to three months with one or more representatives from the Parish Council. **208.10 Items for the next Agenda:** retrospective agreement for an invoice for £20 for the Moorland Hall for room hire; Reinforcement of the Code of Conduct re Parish Councillors.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45pm. The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 20th January 2014** at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall. **All are welcome.**