

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th November 2015 at the Moorland Hall**

**Present:** Councillors Roger Webber, Linda Atkins, Eric Clarbull, John Davis, Eric Norman, Vivian White and John Anson; Somerset Co Cllr Frances Nicholson, West Somerset Cllr Steven Pugsley, Acting Parish Clerk Marlene Allinson and one parishioner.

**220.1 Public Question Time:** No items raised.

**220.2 Apologies for Absence:** None.

**220.3 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Webbers and Atkins (personal) 5.2; Cllr Clarbull (personal): 8.1.

**220.4 Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting of 20th October were approved and signed as a true record. **Matters**

**Arising: 219.9.1:** The Acting Clerk has submitted a bid to the CCAF Fund re upgrading the cameras in the car park.

**220.5 Planning Applications: 6/8/15/109 Old Stowey Farm:** Proposed conversion and extension of redundant chicken shed to provide pottery studio space:

supported. **6/13/15/111 Conquest Bungalow,**

**Exford:** proposed single storey extension, consultation as an adjoining parish: no objection **220.6 Other Planning**

**Matters:** Cllr Clarbull's letter was debated in relation to the tabling of Agenda Items: it was agreed that Standing Orders para 4 (page 6) *be strictly adhered to at all times.*

**220.6 Highways & Transport Matters: 220.6.1: Update on the Crossroads Scheme:** Cllr Anson circulated notes re a meeting 6/11/15 with SCC Highways (Jason Hall), attended by himself, Cllr Webber and Co Cllr Nicholson. It was agreed that the Parish Council continues to press for roundels on all approach roads to the village and road markings to aid pedestrians at the crossroads near the pub and Sundial House as well as from the car park to the garage.

Cllr Anson to write a response and copy to all stressing that WX is a unique junction on the Moor. **220.6.2** A letter from a parishioner re signage at The Hare Path Cross junction on the A396 was reported: Cllr Anson to take this up with Highways and report back; finish date for the Wessex Water works at Luckwell Bridge is 11th December; Co Cllr Nicholson reported that the 198 service is to continue but with a smaller bus.

**220.7 Update on the Wheddon Cross Toilets:** The Acting Clerk reported that the WS Portfolio Holder Martin Dewdney has

written that the freehold of the toilets be transferred to the Parish Council. Cllr Atkins reported that it is proving very difficult to get quotes for renovating the toilets.

**220.8 Parish Clerk's Contract:** it was agreed that the contract as previously circulated be signed by the Chairman and Marlene Allinson.

**220.9 Parish Lengthsman 2016/17:** It was agreed that Cutcombe continues on the same basis as 2015/16 (ie financially, not necessarily hours: this depends on funding) and closely monitors the scheme. Current tasks: to clear around the car park, bus shelter, clean and clear signs and litter pick: any others to be sent to Cllr Clarbull.

**220.10 Finance: 220.10.1** Invoice 788 (£36) for the Moorland Hall approved for payment

**220.10.2** The Finance Working Party Report re 2016/17 Precept was circulated: it was agreed that this be considered and ratified at the December meeting.

**220.11 Correspondence & Meetings: 220.11.1 Clerk's Report:** the electricity supply to the bus shelter has been unmetered: WS Council will no longer be paying for this and the supply will soon be disconnected. The next meeting of The Exmoor Consultative and Parish Forum will take place on Thursday 19/11/15 at 10.30am at Exmoor House, Dulverton. **220.11.2 Councillors' Reports:** Cllr Clarbull reported on the Snowdrop Valley meeting of 17/11/15. Co Cllr Nicholson reported that more foster parents are needed and urged Cllrs to encourage them to come forward: Cllr Webber to forward literature to the Clerk for circulation.

**220.12 Items for the Next Agenda:** Ratification of the 2016/17 Budget; retrospective Countrywide Grounds Maintenance invoice for grass cutting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.10pm.

The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 8th December 2015** at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall (*one week earlier than usual due to Christmas*).

**All are welcome to all meetings**