

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 19th November 2013 at the Moorland Hall

Present: Councillors Roger Webber (*Chairman*), Linda Atkins, Eric Clarbull, Tim Gardner, John Davis, Chris Harding (*left at 9.50pm*) and Marlene Allinson (*Parish Clerk*), Co Cllr Frances Nicholson (*left at 9.05pm*), W Somerset Cllr Steven Pugsley (*left at 9.05pm*) and six parishioners were present.

194.1 Public Question Time: Items raised: (i) Luckwell Bridge road closure: the road will be closed for 6 weeks for drainage work from 9am to 3pm from 20/1/14. Resurfacing will start on 17/03/14. Uphill 300m from Bullseye. See Highways report below for more details.

(ii) Grass cutting at the Recreation Ground: one parishioner spoke in support of precepting for this cost as he cannot attend the open public meeting 28/11/13. Co Cllr Nicholson reported that she is working hard at the moment to ensure that the budget for Children's Centres is spent the most appropriately.

194.2 Apologies of Absence: The Police.

194.3 Declarations of Interest:

Item No	Councillor	Nature	Reason	Action Taken
10, 11.2, 11.3	Clarbull	Personal	Chairman of the Moorland Hall Committee	Minuted
11.1	Atkins	Personal	She is attending the course	Minuted
9	Webber and Gardner	Personal	Near neighbours/ overlook the toilets	Minuted

194.4 Co-option of a Parish Councillor: Frank O'Neill was co-opted onto the Parish Councillor, all voted in favour and he signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office form.

194.5 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 15th October 2013 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. **Matters Arising: 193.6 Flooding at LB:** Cllr Webber has again reported this to Highways. The meeting at the crossroads took place 25/10/13 the Clerk to follow up with Co Cllr Nicholson. **193.9.1** A meeting has been arranged for 25/11/13 with Tim Forward from Came & Co and reps from the PC and Moorland Hall.

194.6 194.6.1 Planning Applications: 6/8/13/108 Old Stowey Farm: proposed demolition of two storage buildings & replace

with new storage building, part retrospective: fully supported, good quality materials but dismay expressed at yet another retrospective application. GDO 13/19 Putham Wood: notice received that prior approval is not required. 194.6.2 Planning Application 6/8/13/107 Rowan Cottage: greenhouse: approved.

194.7 Highways: Luckwell Bridge Road Closure: the Clerk to e-mail Highways with concerns including parking of construction vehicles; public consultation and liaison and signage. Cllr Webber has suggested to landowners affected that hedges could be trimmed while the road is closed. The rest of the road up to Thorne Lane in bad state of repair: Cllr Webber reported this at the last Exmoor Panel Meeting. Some salt dumpy bags put in wrong places: Cllr Webber to follow up. Cllr Clarbull to collect the Parish's allocation of salt bags from Minehead Depot on 23/11/13. Guide to Winter Services has been received: the Clerk has details. Cllr Gardner reported on the current Bus Consultation (*notice on noticeboard*). Co Cllr Nicholson to enquire of SCC if the proposed community bus for Timberscombe might be a threat to the 398 service. The Clerk has circulated a link to the Parish Highways Service Information Pack.

194.8 Exmoor National Park Authority Draft Local Plan Consultation: summary booklets, a cd and the main document will be available at the public meeting on 28/11/13. Comments to Cllr Atkins for a Parish Council response asap.

194.9 Wheddon Cross Toilets: new management contract WSC/Cutcombe PC 1/10/13 to 31/03/14 signed by the Chairman. Cllr Atkins gave a report on options to keep the toilets open should WS Council decide to close them in the future. It was agreed to set up a working group of interested parties to investigate funding and other options, in particular future running costs.

194.10 To select a contractor for Grass Cutting in the Playing Field: Countrywide Grounds Maintenance was selected for 2014/15 as per their tender received.

194.11 Finance: **194.11.1** It was agreed (retrospectively) to pay £50 to SALC for Cllr Atkins to attend a course. **194.11.2 & .3** Cheques for £9.80 and £20 approved for the Moorland Hall for room hire. **194.11.4** The Finance Working Party presented a budget not drawing on reserves for 2014/15. The Clerk was asked to prepare another version drawing on existing budgets

and both will be presented at the public meeting on 28/11/13. **Other Finance:** The Parish Council approved a payment on the Clerk's expenses of £20 for a poppy wreath (Cllr Webber to be reimbursed); the Clerk gave Cllr Clarbull a cheque for £47 for the Moorland Hall (towards grass cutting) which a Cutcombe team had won at the ENPA Inter-Parish Quiz in October.

194.12 Correspondence and Meetings: Cllr Gardner to print off 200 notices re the meeting on 28/11/13 for distribution with the Parish magazine; the Clerk to advertise meeting on the village website; notices already on noticeboards. The Clerk had circulated a list of correspondence received prior to the meeting including notice of the Exmoor Consultative and Parish Forum meeting 21/11/13, 10.30 am at Exmoor House, Dulverton, where the ENPA Local Plan Consultation documents may be viewed and comments submitted.

194.13 Items for the next Agenda: Ratification of the Parish Precept 2014/15.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.45pm.

The next meeting of Cutcombe

Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 10th December 2013** at 7.30pm (*earlier in the month than usual due to Christmas*) in The Moorland Hall. All are warmly invited