

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 15th November 2016 at the Moorland Hall

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

232.1 Public Question Time: Wheddon Cross toilets: well-organised meeting last Thursday. Historic Fingerposts Project: lottery funding has been approved but pity that SCC could not match ENPA’s funding: some signs have been done; Project Manager appointed for 2 years.

232.2 Apologies for Absence: Cllr John Davis.

232.3 Declarations of Interest:

Councillor	Agenda Item	Nature of Interest	Description of Interest	Action Taken
White	5.1	Personal	Friend of Applicant	Minuted
Webber	7	Personal	Lives opposite the toilets	Minuted
Norman	7	Personal	Owner of the car park where toilets sited	Minuted
Clarbull	8.1	Personal	Chairman of the Moorland Hall Committee	Minuted

232.4 Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of 11th October were approved and signed as a true record. **Matters Arising: 231.8** A reply has been received and circulated from Ian Liddell-Grainger who was sent Council’s comments re the Capping Consultation.

232.5 232.5.1 Planning Applications: 6/8/16/116 Blagdon Farm: proposed raising of roof and internal alternations: fully supported. **6/8/16/117 3 Gammins Cottages:** proposed extension to house: fully supported. **232.5.2 Other Planning Matters:** the Clerk reported that **6/8/16/110 Blagdon Farm** milking parlour to camping barn: approved; **6/8/16/111 refurbishment and extension of St John's path:** approved. Cllr Webber added that a public consultation meeting will now be held on site re the path: approval of the Church of England still required. **6/8/16/114 Telecomms pole at Ashwell Lane:** granted.

232.6 Highways Matters: Drain covers opposite Shearwell: been repaired; Gritting: not been done because parking problems at The Firs: reply received from Magna: the Clerk asked to set up a meeting with Magna and PC reps: Cllr Anson to invite Highways; Cllr Pugsley agreed to write to Magna; Tony Murray from Magna will be at the January Exmoor Panel Meeting. Potholes at entrance to Cutcombe village: reported; Highways to inspect and repair. Road Closure Heathpoult Cross to Machine Cross: postponed. Salt Bags allocation: must be collected from Minehead depot Saturday 3rd December 9am to 1pm: Cllr Clarbull agreed to do this. Street sign near the school: to be relocated higher up the bank. Parking near the Pub's dropped kerb: the Clerk to ask the Police if they can monitor. Cross-roads Scheme: costings not yet received. Hedge past The Beeches: Cllr Webber to ask Falcon Housing if this can be cut back, he is prepared to help.

232.7 Wheddon Cross Toilets: as a result of the public meeting on 10th November the Heads of Terms have been revised and sent back to WSC who have passed them to their solicitor. The toilets sub-committee to research running costs in other parishes and possible running costs in Wheddon Cross. Cllr White read out a proposed letter to ENPA: to be revised. A meeting with Dr Stone, Cllrs Pugsley and Nicholson and representatives from the Parish Council is to be arranged.

232.8 Finance: 8.1 Agreed to pay the Moorland Hall £30 for Sept & Oct room hire

8.2 The Clerk reported that Countrywide Grounds Maintenance prepared to renew the contract for 2017/18: cost to be increased from £62.50 to £64.75 per cut: a better machine has been purchased. It was agreed to ask Countrywide to renew on these terms and if they would renew for 2 years at this price. The Clerk to write to the Moorland Hall re helping them with the cost of this 2017/18

8.3 The proposed 2017/18 precept of £10,364 was ratified

8.4 It was agreed not to participate in the Parish Lengthsman Scheme for 2017/18

232.9 Correspondence and Meetings: 9.1 The Clerk and Cllr Norman reported on the Snowdrop Valley Steering Group Meeting.

Correspondence: ToHealth health check letter; AtWest newsletter; SW Lakes Newsletter

9.2: Exmoor Consultative and Parish Forum: next meeting 17/11 10.30am Withypool. Wheddon Cross Business Hub: Cllrs Anson, White & Webber had attended and gave a report.

SALC meeting: Somerton 15/12/16 6.30pm. Cllr Pugsley unable to attend the December meeting: Co Cllr Nicholson may be late as Brushford is the same evening.

232.10 Items for the Next Agenda: Wheddon Cross Toilets; Section 106 Requests; Clerk's salary and expenses. Regular agenda Item to be added at the beginning: reports from WS and County Councillors.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 6th December 2016** at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall (*two weeks earlier than usual due to Christmas*).

All are welcome to all meetings