

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th October 2015 at the Moorland Hall

Present: Councillors Roger Webber, Eric Clarbull, John Davis and John Anson and West Somerset Cllr Steven Pugsley and the Acting Parish Clerk Marlene Allinson.

219.1 Public Question Time: no items raised.

219.2 Apologies for Absence: Cllrs Atkins and White, Somerset Co Cllr Frances Nicholson.

219.3 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Clarbull (personal): 8.1, Chairman of the Moorland Hall Committee; minuted.

219.4 Minutes: The Minutes of the meeting of 22nd September were approved and signed as a true record. **Matters**

Arising: 218.7 Toilets: Cllr Pugsley has spoken to Martin Dewdney WS Portfolio Holder re the freehold of the toilets: it was agreed that the Clerk draft a letter to the latter requesting the freehold and expressing a wish to draw down the £12,000 available for refurbishment, the latter being subject to retention only on the grounds that the Parish will find itself a financially viable position to refurbish and run the toilets. **218.8 Bus**

Service 198: no further news. **218.12.2** Fingerpost mapping: the app has now been received.

219.5 Planning Matters: no planning applications. The Clerk reported that the Lawful Development Certificate re 6/8/15/103 West Stowey has been granted.

219.6 Highways & Transport Matters: Crossroads: Cllr Anson circulated notes from a walk around with Cllr Webber and from the public meeting held 15/10/15. Cllr Anson will contact SCC with a view to a meeting with himself and Cllr Webber present to finalise the scheme and bring back to the November meeting.

The Winter Services leaflet has been received: Cllr Clarbull agreed to collect the Parish allocation of salt bags. Cllr Anson has been in touch with Highways re other problems including Luckwell Bridge drains; loose stones on Draper's Way; horse riders sign on the B3224. He is now receiving the weekly roadworks updates and has asked that if public meetings are held (eg the recent one at Luckwell Bridge) can the Parish be informed and send a representative if possible. The Clerk asked if the Parish Lengthsman could cut back vegetation around the 30mph repeater signs coming up Cutcombe Hill. The hedge at the Coleridge Way crossing should be cut back soon and ditto the

hedge going from the crossroads on the Taunton road on the right hand side.

219.7 Parish Clerk's Contract: a new draft contract has been prepared and sent to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. It was agreed that this be circulated to all Councillors and brought back to the November meeting.

219.8 Finance: Agreed for Payment: **8.1** invoice 774 for hire of Moorland Hall £10 **8.2** Invoices from Jill Homewood for work and expenses totaling £443.64

219.9 Correspondence & Meetings: 219.9.1 Clerk's Report:

Avon & Somerset Police *Newsletter* Autumn 2015 received and details re Emergency Contingency Plan (passed to Cllr Clarbull). Numberplate recognition cameras upgrade: the deadline for funding applications is 02/11:

Cllr Clarbull agreed to speak to Cllr Norman re his bid so that the Parish Council can put in a bid to the fund. A letter from Cllr Clarbull re planning applications from neighbouring parishes was read out: to be circulated to all Councillors for discussion at the November meeting.

219.9.2 Councillors' Reports: Cllr Clarbull reported on a Snowdrop Valley Steering Group meeting. Cllr Davis had attended a Standards Board meeting: Penny Webber has been appointed a Parish Representative. Cllr Anson went to the Exmoor Panel meeting: good presentation from Airways and also a presentation from BT. WS Cllr Pugsley reported on the business rate relief review and the rubbish bins at Putham: he is endeavouring to obtain a large wheelie bin for plastic and card recycling which should alleviate the overflowing problems.

218.10 Items for the Next Agenda: Parish Clerk's Contract; 2016/17 Budget. Cllr Clarbull's letter re planning applications from neighbouring parishes.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm. The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 17th November 2015** at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall.

All are welcome to all meetings