

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 23rd October 2012 at the Moorland Hall

Present: Councillors Roger Webber (*Chairman*), Linda Atkins, Eric Clarbull, Eric Norman, John Davis, Tim Gardner, Marlene Allinson (*Parish Clerk*), WS District Cllr Stephen Pugsley (8.05pm to 9.25pm), WPCSO Sue Hurley and one parishioner.

Police Report: WPCSO Sue Hurley gave an update on local crime: none reported since the last meeting. Shed break-ins have stopped since an arrest made. Empty properties in the Minehead area are being targeted for burglaries. She was asked re procedure in cases of road flooding and agreed to attend a Snowdrop Valley meeting with County re road closure issues (if possible).

Public Question Time: Planning: 6/8/12/106, 107 and 108: The Garage, Wheddon Cross: Tim Gardner as the applicant outlined the need for 107 and 108 as interim measures (3/5 years) due to cost considerations of completing 106 in the current economic climate.

181.1 Apologies of Absence: Cllr Susie Sanders; Co Cllr Frances Nicholson.

181.2 Declarations of Interest:

Item No	Councillor	Nature	Reason	Action Taken
4 The Garage, Wheddon Cross	Gardner	Pecuniary	Applicant	Left the room for the discussion and the vote
11.1 Finance	Clarbull	Personal	Chairman of the Village Hall Committee	Minuted

181.3 Minutes: The minutes of the meetings held on 18th September and 2nd October were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. **Matters Arising:** 179.4 GDO 12/13 Quarme Combe Farm: as the applicant has started work on a building prior to consent and at a different location it is understood that ENPA is likely to enforce a "stop build" order.

181.4 Planning: Cllr Gardner left the room. **6/8/12/106**

Wheddon Cross Garage: Renewal of planning permission 6/8/09/106 (erection of retail unit, office space and petrol station. Advertisement consent for petrol totem and fascia signs. Change

of use of land to form domestic garden and provision of new pavement): fully supported. **6/8/12/107** and **6/8/12/108** Wheddon Cross Garage: Proposed conversion of existing workshop to retail and change workshop doors to front; Advertisement consent for 2 x non illuminated fascia signs, 8 window graphic details, 4 poster signs and 2 others: insufficient detail provided: to request more information before considering and consulting with the Parish. *Cllr Gardner returned to the room.* Forestry Commission Consultation: Brake Cottage, Wheddon Cross: felling of hedgerow trees: fully supported. 6/13/12/108 Conquest Bungalow, Exford: Proposed store building and stable, part retrospective: consultation as an adjoining parish: no comment it is too far from Wheddon Cross.

181.5 Highways: Cllr Webber reported re discussions between Co Cllr Nicholson and Highways to **repairs near Putham Lane (a bridleway)**. **Car park:** tenders received are in excess of available funds: Cllr Pugsley to arrange a meeting with WSC to explore what can be done for the money available and explore all options. **WS Static Signs on Diversionary Routes:** Cllrs Webber and Norman to attend the meeting on 02/11/12 at WS House. Cllr Clarbull reported a phone call to Highways re **lack of sweeping after tar & chipping** on 15/09. Cllr Pugsley agreed to follow up frustration re poor workmanship and follow up on road repairs. Cllr Webber reported on **drainage problems at Slade Corner** and a possible solution: he will write a paragraph to go in the Parish magazine. It was agreed to continue with the **Speed Indicator Device scheme** if Cutcombe figures qualify. **Exmoor Motor Club Event** 25/01/12: reported. **Closure of Dunkery Hill Road** 05/11/12 for 5 days: reported.

181.6 WX Toilets New Management Contract: it was resolved to sign this contract from 01/10/12 to 30/09/13 as outlined by the Clerk. No appeal has been lodged to the LARC decision re funding the toilets.

181.7 Dog Litter Bins: these have now arrived. Cllrs Webber and Clarbull to organize dismantling of relevant litter bins and erection of dog bins asap.

181.8 Snowdrop Valley 2013: a meeting of the Steering Group had been held prior to the Parish Council meeting. The Clerk requested a finance meeting to review standing orders so that the Steering Group could have limited spending powers: arranged for 01/11/12. It was resolved to award the bus contract

to Taunton Minibuses. The SV co-ordinator to arrange a meeting with County re the road closure. The minimum wage is now £6.19 per hour for SV workers.

181.9 Register of Interests Forms: these have not been completed by all Councillors: to send them to the Clerk by Friday 2nd November.

181.10 Lease on the Playing Field: It was agreed that the Clerk would write on behalf of the Parish Council to the Moorland Hall Committee guaranteeing security of tenure. The Clerk to approach Exmoor Farmers re a valuation on the field for Asset Register purposes.

181.11 Finance: It was agreed to pay an invoice from the Moorland Hall for £9.80 for room hire.

181.12 Correspondence and Meetings: A list of correspondence had been circulated. Cllr Davis circulated a Code of Conduct for Councillors Complaint Form. The Clerk reported on a vacancy for a Secretary of State appointee to ENPA: notice on noticeboard.

181.13 Items for the next Agenda: none.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.10pm. The date of the next meeting the next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council is to be decided so that County Cllr Frances Nicholson can attend: date will be circulated asap.

Note: the next meeting will be Wednesday 28th November at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall.