

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 22nd September 2015 at the Moorland Hall**

**Present:** Councillors Linda Atkins, Eric Clarbull, John Davis, Eric Norman, John Anson, Marlene Allinson (*Acting Parish Clerk*), and three members of the public. Cllr Atkins chaired the meeting.

**218.1 Public Question Time:** the applicant spoke re planning applications 6/15/15/106 and 6/15/15/107.

**218.2 Apologies for Absence:** Cllrs Webber and White, West Somerset Cllr Steven Pugsley and Somerset Co Cllr Frances Nicholson

**218.3 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Clarbull (personal):11.1, Chairman of the Moorland Hall Committee.

**218.4 Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting of 18th August were approved and signed as a true record. **Matters**

**Arising:** none.

**218.5 Planning Matters: 6/15/15/106 Goosemoor Farm, Exton:** Proposed erection of agricultural building (660m<sup>2</sup>), construction of farm yard, construction of farm track and associated works (phase 1), consultee as an adjoining parish. **6/15/15/107 Goosemoor Farm, Exton:** Proposed erection of an agricultural building (350m<sup>2</sup>) and the erection of an agricultural lean-to to accommodate cattle handling facilities (157m<sup>2</sup>) (phase 2), consultee as an adjoining parish. These applications were considered together: supported by a majority decision with two abstentions, Cllr White's view having been taken into consideration as it had been sent to the Clerk by email prior to the meeting. The Clerk is to ask ENPA for clarification on their policy re consulting adjoining parishes on planning applications.

**218.6 Highways & Transport Matters: Crossroads:** now that plans have been received it was agreed to hold a public meeting on Thursday 15th October at 7pm at the Moorland Hall. Cllrs Webber and Anson have agreed to walk around with the plans to check out the detail.

**218.7 Toilets:** Cllr Atkins gave an update re costings and works required to update the block as per plans previously received. She is to try to obtain two more quotes for the works involved and have a meeting with Cllrs Clarbull and Pugsley. The Clerk to check out the situation re the possibility of the freehold being granted from WS Council.

**218.8 Future of Bus Services:** Cllr White has been in touch with Tom Main from Somerset County Council who says: "We are currently looking at how we can provide a sustainable solution to transport in the area, this includes consideration of community transport options. The current service is still in place until the end of October [ie the 198]. Once we have some information I will contact you and all other Parishes."

**218.9 Parish Clerk:** it was agreed that a new contract for Marlene Allinson be brought to the next meeting for consideration there being no legal implications re re-employment. It was agreed that from 2016 there will be ten Parish Council meetings a year, no meeting in January or August.

**218.10 Parish Lengthsman Scheme 2016/17:** It was agreed that whether or not to stay in the scheme would be discussed by the Finance Working Group at their meeting on 27th October and a recommendation be brought to the November Parish Council meeting. Cllr Clarbull agreed to return the Feedback Form to Amanda Rose at Dulverton.

**218.11 Finance:** Agreed for Payment: **11.1** Payment of an outstanding balance of £15.50 from invoice 751 for hire of Moorland Hall and payment of invoice 766 for £10 **11.2** Annual subscription to the Somerset Association of Local Councils in the sum of £107.22 **11.3** Acting Clerk's salary £294.66 and expenses £182.24 **11.4** Inland Revenue £196 for tax due

**1.5** Acting Clerk's Snowdrop Valley Expenses in the sum of £58.12.

**218.12 Correspondence & Meetings: 12.1 Clerk's Report:**

The Clerk reported on the new Somerset Choices website. **2.2**

**Councillors' Reports:** Cllr Clarbull reported on a Snowdrop Valley Steering Group meeting. The next meeting of the Exmoor Consultative and Parish Forum will be on 24th September: Cllr Anson to attend. Cllr Davis gave a report of the last Exmoor Panel meeting. Cllrs Atkins and Anson had attended the meeting re signpost mapping: awaiting the ipad App to carry out their survey of Cutcombe Parish. Cllr Anson had attended a Highways meeting re winter works: 22 bags will be available for collection from the Highways Depot by a Parish Councillor.

**218.12** Items for the Next Agenda: as per the minutes.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25pm. The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday**

**20th October 2015** at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall. **All are welcome to all meetings.**