

## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th September 2016 at the Moorland Hall**

**Present:** Councillors John Anson, Roger Webber, Linda Atkins, John Davis and Eric Noman, Parish Clerk Marlene Allinson, West Somerset Councillor Steven Pugsley and four parishioners, two speakers from Wessex Water and one from the West Somerset Community Land Trust.

**230.1 Public Question Time:** a) Andy Knowles and Larry Goodrich from Wessex Water displayed a map of the water main replacement at Wheddon Cross due to take place in 2017 and answered questions. b) Hester Watson from the West Somerset Community Land Trust outlined the purposes of the Trust and answered questions. c) Historic Signpost Project: a parishioner asked why the delay in starting the project, which was answered by Cllr Anson: due to its complexity and the need to appoint a Project Officer to co-ordinate all the parishes. d) Speeding from the Taunton direction to the crossroads: could speed buffer zones be incorporated in the cross roads scheme? Cllr Anson explained that it was now too late for this scheme and there would not be sufficient funding, but this will certainly be looked at in the near future and he will raise the matter with Highways.

**230.2 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr White and Co Cllr Frances Nicholson.

**230.3 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Clarbull, 8.6, Chairman of Moorland Hall Committee, personal, minuted; Cllr Webber, 5.1 6/8/16/112: relative of applicant, personal, minuted; Cllr Norman 8.5: pecuniary but already agreed at the July meeting (minute no 228.7) therefore interest recorded only.

**230.4 Minutes:** The Minutes of the meeting of 16th August were approved and signed as a true record. **Matters Arising:** None.

### **230.5 230.5.1 Planning**

**Applications: 6/8/16/112 Putham:** non-material amendment to full approved application 6/8/15/110 (proposed erection of an extension to an existing building to accommodate a biomass boiler installation and wood fuel store (298m<sup>2</sup>) as per additional

information and amended plans 06.01.16 to amend roof sheeting from anthracite metal sheeting to anthracite fibre cement sheeting: not discussed as a minor amendment which has already been approved by ENPA. **6/8/16/113 Old Stowey Farm:** Non-Material Minor Amendment - Full to approved application 6/8/15/109 (Proposed conversion and extension of redundant chicken shed to provide pottery studio space) to install a fixed glazed flush roof light: not discussed as a minor amendment which has already been approved by ENPA. **6/8/16/110 Blagdon Farm:** Proposed change of use of former milking parlour to camping barn (amended description as per additional information 07.09.16): fully supported. **230.5.2 Planning Reports:** 6/8/16/112 Putham, non-material minor amendment: approved; 6/8/16/113 Old Stowey Farm non-material minor amendment: approved. **Proposed Diversion of Public Footpath WL6/25 (part) [Little Hawkwell]:** fully supported.

**230.6 Highways Matters:** Wessex Water main replacement: it was agreed with Wessex Water that October 2017 would be the best time: the work will take 6-8 weeks and require two road closures: they will liaise with the market and local businesses and residents and perhaps halt work on market days; WW is liaising with Peter Owen and David Bellamy (Highways) and will reinstate any markings damaged during the work; traffic lights will be used; WW will keep the PC in touch and will come back on site for a public meeting before work is started. Public queries to Wessex Water should be addressed to Customer Services (0345 600 4600).

Higher Park Lane road sign: Cllr Anson to progress. Road closure A396 Timberscombe: 10th October for 12 days: Cllr Anson to seek clarity on dates and diversion for HGVs and ask if the road could not be partially open or open at certain times and report back. Speeding on the Taunton Road approaching WX: the Clerk to ask the Police if a speed gun could be used here. Brendon Hill Chapel: visibility very difficult particularly when sunny due to overhanging trees: the Clerk to take up with Co Cllr Nicholson.

**230.7 Wheddon Cross Toilets:** no revised Heads of Terms received: the Clerk to write to the leader of WS Council to ask why no progress and to instruct Angela Summers to proceed with the listing of the toilets as a community asset.

**230.8 Finance: 8.1** To note the external auditor's report: this could not be noted as the Annual Return has not yet been received back from the external auditors even though the Clerk has been progressing the matter **8.2** It was agreed to pay the Clerk's salary £446.12 and expenses £185.87 **8.3** It was agreed to pay the Inland Revenue for tax due **8.4** It was agreed to pay the Clerk's Snowdrop Valley Expenses in the sum of £29.35 **8.5** It was agreed to pay *The Rest & Be Thankful Inn* a contribution of £75 towards the running costs of the cctv cameras for the financial year 2016/2017 **8.6** It was agreed to pay the Moorland Hall £10 for room hire

**230.9 Correspondence and Meetings: 9.1** The Clerk had not attended any meetings. The Clerk was asked to write to Williton Hospital in support of their protest re closure of 6 stroke beds and to inform Somerset Libraries that the Wheddon Cross mobile library has at least 6 regular users. The Clerk updated Council re the consultation re proposed closure of the Luckwell Bridge phone box. **8.2** Cllr Clarbull had attended the Wardens Meeting (Exmoor Panel) and gave a Highways report.

**230.10 Items for the Next Agenda:** Wheddon Cross Toilets; retrospective payment to the Moorland Hall (December 2015 invoice 813); proposed 2017/18 budget; reply to the Moorland Hall re the grass cutting for next year; response to the Consultation on Proposed Changes to Parish and Town Council Cappings.

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

The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 11th October 2016** at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall (one week earlier than usual).

**All are welcome to all meetings**