

Minutes of the Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 18th September 2012 at the Moorland Hall

Present: Councillors Roger Webber (*Chairman*), Linda Atkins, Eric Clarbull, Marlene Allinson (*The Parish Clerk*), Somerset County Cllr Frances Nicholson (8.05pm onwards), WS District Cllr Stephen Pugsley (8.15pm onwards), PCSO Bryan Stevens (for his report only) and four parishioners.

Police Report: PCSO Bryan Stevens gave an update on local crime including a theft from an unlocked vehicle.

Public Question Time: Planning: GDO 12/13 Quarme Combe Farm: public concerns were expressed re: possible pollution of a water source; visual impact of the building; noise from the building; proximity to a bridleway. The applicant explained that he had had prior consultations with ENPA on various locations and that he would try to lessen the visual impact as much as possible.

179.1 Apologies of Absence: Cllrs John Davis, Tim Gardner, Eric Norman and Susie Sanders.

179.2 Declarations of Interest:

Item No	Councillor	Nature	Reason	Action Taken
4 Quarme Combe	Webber	Personal	Landowner nearby; has talked to the applicant as a Parish member to ENPA: will keep an open mind should this come to ENPA Planning Committee.	Minuted
4 & 10 Shearwell Data Ltd			Brother of the Applicant	Minuted (no decisions taken or debate)
9.3	Clarbull	Personal	Chairman of the Village Hall Committee	Minuted

179.3 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held on 21st August were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. There were no matters arising.

179.4 Planning: GDO 12/13 Quarme Combe Farm: prior approval for proposed agricultural building (550m sq) as per additional plans 10.09.12 (consultee, adjoining parish): Council felt that (i) the legitimate public concerns expressed should be taken into account; (ii) they understood the applicant's need for a

building and location is to be preferred to a building on the applicant's other land at Steart; (iii) the visual impact would lessen with time (iv) a photo montage before and after the building is in place would have been useful; (v) if the application is successful Council would prefer that the building is not immediately visible from the field opening but is screened; (vi) more cutting into the land of the building might be preferable; (vii) Council preferred the site on GDO 12/02 which was on the southern boundary of the same field, to the South and slightly east of the current location.

Other Planning matters: Cllrs Clarbull and Atkins reported on the site visit to Shearwell Data with ENPA re application 6/8/12/105: they had found the photo montage of before and after the building very useful. The Clerk reported back on her e-mail re the use of Ventair as opposed to Yorkshire Boarding for cattle sheds. Notification of the renewal of planning application 6/8/09/106 Wheddon Cross Garage and Shop had been received: a planning meeting to be arranged asap.

179.5 Highways: Slade corner drainage has been improved at the left side, the right side including the kerb has still to be done as Co Cllr Nicholson reported. The Parish Council agreed to liaise with all concerned to produce a suitable scheme at this corner, after which Highways will tarmac. Tar and chipping of Higher Park Lane has been completed and large potholes in Draper's Way at the Timberscombe end have been filled; the work at Putham has yet to be done, not date has yet been fixed. Car park repairs: tenders have now been received by WSC. The Clerk reported on the Burnham Motor Clubs' Event 6th October 2012. Cllr Pugsley reported that salt bags will be available for winter as last year.

179.6 Dog Fouling Agreement with WSC: the locations for the bins have now been agreed. Council is awaiting the final map and agreement from WSC.

179.7 Wheddon Cross Toilets: The Clerk and Cllr Webber reported on a meeting with WSC re the toilets. A new management contract has been offered for one year contract from September 2012 when the current one expires. It was agreed in principle to accept this offer: final ratification at the next meeting. The Clerk reported on a bid to LARC for funding for modernizing the toilets and reducing the number of toilets.

179.8 Snowdrop Valley Park and Ride 2013 Update: a meeting of the Steering Group had been held to discuss the Paths4Communities funding Scheme: the co-ordinator is to draw

up schemes for further discussion. The road closure was discussed: Cllr Nicholson is looking into the cost of this with SCC and ENPA has offered support.

179.9 Finance: The following were approved for payment:
179.9.1 The Clerk's quarterly salary and expenses £880.82;
179.9.2 The Clerk's Snowdrop Valley expenses £52.49; 179.9.3 An invoice from the Moorland Hall for £9.80 for room hire;
179.9.4 A cheque for 3 x 25 litre dark green dog waste bins £324.87; 179.9.5 An invoice from Wessex Water £581.47 for the WX toilets; 179.9.6 A cheque for £273.84 for tax and NI due.

179.10 Correspondence and Meetings: 179.10.1 A list of correspondence had been circulated. The next Exmoor Consultative Parish Forum meeting will be at Withypool 10.30am on 22nd October: the Clerk was asked to put a Highways item on the Agenda. 179.10.2 Cllr Clarbull went to ENPA's Planning meeting re 6/8/12/105 Shearwell Data Ltd. Cllr Webber went to ENPA's Annual Open Meeting.

179.11 Items for the next Agenda: Toilet contract with WSC; A revisit to the revised Code of Conduct and Standing Orders as adopted July 2012; Register of Interests Form; Lease on the Playing Field

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05 pm. The next meeting of Cutcombe Parish Council will held on Tuesday 23rd October 2012 at 7.30pm in the Moorland Hall **(NB: one week later than usual)**.