

## Minutes of the Ordinary Cutcombe Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at the Moorland Hall

**Present:** Councillors Jon Levenson (Chair), Eric Norman (Vice Chair), Roger Foxwell, Andrew Forward, Oliver Yiend, Claire Rooke

**In attendance:** Liz Stitt – Clerk, Cllr Frances Nicholson, Cllr Steven Pugsley

Item	Minutes	Action
	<b>Public Question Time</b> No members of the public were present.	
24/34	<b>To receive Apologies for Absence</b> Cllr Cook gave apologies to Cllr Norman	
24/35	<b>To receive declarations of Interest</b> Cllr Norman item number 24/46 ii)	
24/36	<b>To approve the minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council Meeting of the 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2024</b> These were approved and signed.	
24/37	<b>To receive and discuss the clerk's report.</b> This was received by councilors.	
24/38	<b>To receive the Chair's Report.</b> The Chair reported the following: i) The annual meeting of electors will be on the 28 <sup>th</sup> of May which will start at 7pm. ii) It's the 200 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the RNLI this year the King has sent a scroll to all 206 lifeboat stations for the crew to sign. It is coming to Minehead on Saturday where there will be a public event if anyone is interested in going.	
24/39	<b>Discuss the new arrangements at Cutcombe and Exford School and the impact this may have on the Parish.</b> A public meeting is taking place next week on Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> of April at 7pm in the Moorland Hall. Cllr Norman voiced concerns that some parents may take their children out of the school due to the changes and take them elsewhere. Cllr Pugsley said the meeting will take as long as it needs to take next week to answer all the questions that people may have. Cllr Levenson said he hopes the meeting goes well and looks forward to hearing how it all goes.	
24/40	<b>To receive reports from Somerset Councillors</b> i) The B3224 will re-open on Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> of April, four weeks ahead of schedule. A discussion was had regarding cleaning the grips around the area where the contractors are working and whether this would go ahead, Cllr Nicholson will send an email to them to make sure the grips will all be cleaned before the work is all finished. ii) The Smaller Planning Committee has started at Exmoor National Park. The planning staff are getting to grips with some of the backlog. Cllr Pugsley asked to let him know if anyone is aware of any issues. Cllr Levenson asked where things are with regards to the public consultation about planning, Cllr Pugsley said there has not been any form of government response yet.	
24/41	<b>To consider Highways and Transport Matters</b> i) Cllr Yiend asked Cllr Foxwell to charge the batteries to the SID. ii) Cllr Yiend asked if there's anywhere to report about finger post signs needing cleaning. Cllr Pugsley said there are volunteers that do this, and they meet every other month to go through which ones need repairing and maintaining. If anyone is aware of any finger posts that need attention email Patrick Watts Mabbott at Exmoor National Park. iii) Cllr Norman gave concerns that a main route was blocked for twenty-four hours when there was a rave, not many police were in attendance and only one arrest was made out of two and a half thousand people. It was the busiest Sunday of the year for hospitality and Cllr Norman was not impressed that a word of apology has not come forward from the Police. Cllr Pugsley is trying to get Mark Shelford, the Police and Crime Commissioner, to come down for a public meeting but due to the elections he is busy but on the whole he has been very attentive to come down and doing stuff. Cllr Levenson went down to the rave and	Cllr Foxwell

	<p>spoke to the organisers who promised they would clean up the mess and he said they did. Cllr Levenson said cars could easily get through the road and his criticism of the police is they overreacted with regards to the highways if they did nothing most traffic would have got through so there was no issue.</p> <p>iv) Cllr Foxwell shared information on new patching machines that can repair potholes quicker and cheaper and hopes to discuss this further at the Highways Subgroup Meeting.</p>	
24/42	<b>Update on Moorland Hall &amp; Recreation Ground</b> There is a Moorland Hall meeting on Thursday next week. The Clerk has delivered the Kings Portrait to the Moorland Hall to be hung.	
24/43	<b>Update on advertising and sponsorship of the Bus Shelter and Public Toilets</b> The company Cllr Levenson has been talking to are currently very busy and will give it consideration shortly. A further update will be made at the next meeting. Cllr Foxwell said the company are very generous at the Fete and spend a lot of money in supporting this village in other ways and hopes they will continue to do this also.	
24/44	<b>Update on the Community Review Project.</b> There has been an initial kick off meeting with the steering group. A second meeting is planned for the 29 <sup>th</sup> of April where they will look at Marketing. It is still on track to launch on the 28 <sup>th</sup> of May.	
24/45	<b>To Consider any planning matters.</b> No planning matters were received	
24/46	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>i) <b>Resolve to Purchase a Shipping Container for storage which has been budgeted for and agreed by the PC on 18<sup>th</sup> of April 2023, minute item 23/22 subject to certain conditions, and to pay for ground preparation works.</b> Councillors received a letter from the neighbours, Cllr Norman has spoken to them, and they don't want a shipping container. After explaining what is proposed the neighbours would like a wooden shed/lean to instead. If the council supply the timber the neighbour has offered to put the fence up between the shed and the boundaries, they also offered to help build the shed if the council can't find anyone to do it. They want security for their property, and it will make the area look tidier. Cllr Norman will get Exmoor Welding to draw up a plan of the lean to and will get three quotes for all the materials needed ready for the next Parish Council Meeting. Cllr Levenson thanked Cllr Norman for pulling it all together and coming to a good way forward.</p> <p>ii) <b>To receive and approve the schedule of payments and note receipts.</b> These were received and approved.</p>	Cllr Norman
24/47	<b>To receive and acknowledge the draft minutes of the Snowdrop Valley Committee Meeting dated 26/03/2024</b> These minutes were received and noted.	
24/48	<b>To note the correspondence which Councillors have received in the correspondence report.</b> This was received by councillors.	
24/49	<p><b>Items for consideration on the next Agenda.</b></p> <p>i) Update on Advertising and Sponsorship of the Bus Shelter</p> <p>ii) Storage Shed/Lean to</p>	

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed:

Dated: