

EXMOOR PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Emergency Planning Meeting Thursday 16th February 2023 7.30pm
at The Old School, Simonsbath

Present: Parish Councillors – F Schott (Chair), T Gowlland TG, A Chapman AC, J Wright JW, C O'Connor CO, Clerk R Tomalin. Members of the Public: none

The meeting started at 7.33pm.

18/23 Questions from the public: None

19/23 Apologies for Absence: None

20/23 Declarations of notifiable interest: None

21/23 Planning: (i) *GDO 23/02 Land at Winstitchen Cross, Simonsbath, TA24 7JX Prior notification for proposed 20m high Swann Lattice Tower and associated ancillary works.* The Cllrs discussed the application and could see no significant benefit to the community as the parish already enjoys good coverage from existing masts. Given the aims of the Shared Rural Network the Cllrs would like to see 3G using the existing mast at Warren Farm or share the Airband site at Winstitchen Lane. The list of sites reviewed and discounted by the provider was somewhat limited in its scope and did not fully appraise the existing sites. As per previous discussions the Cllrs would like any mast to be more visually pleasing and blend into its surroundings; given the size and location the proposed mast will be prominent and imposing. The Cllrs also noted that the comments submitted to WHP Telecoms at the pre-planning stage had not been acknowledged, nor had they been taken into account in the submission to ENPA; the intended coverage of the mast is still unknown. The Cllrs agreed to object to the proposal.

22/23 Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 30th March 2023

Future meeting dates – tbc
Thursday 25th May 2023

Cllrs briefly discussed the behaviour of the Staghounds who had been in the village two Saturdays ago; there had been several observations raised by parishioners as to their conduct. Clerk to send email.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 7.53pm

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