

EXMOOR PARISH COUNCIL DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 27th July 2023 7.30pm at The Old School, Simonsbath

Present: Parish Councillors – F Schott (Chair), A Chapman AC, J Wright JW, County Cllr F Nicholson FN, County Cllr S Pugsley SP (for part of meeting), Clerk R Tomalin. Members of the Public: none

The meeting started at 7.32pm.

64/23 Questions from the public: None

65/23 Apologies for Absence: Cllr T Gowlland, Cllr C O'Connor. County Cllr S Pugsley will join later

66/23 Declarations of notifiable interest: None

67/23 Approval of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 01/06/2023: These were proposed by Chair and seconded by JW as a true and correct record of what took place and all agreed; the Chair signed the minutes.

68/23 Matters arising from the minutes of 01/06/2023: none

69/23 Somerset Councillors Report: (i) The ENPA Parish representatives have been appointed (iii) Exmoor LCN – the first meeting was held on 8th June, sub-committees will be formed to work on specific projects based on the skill sets and interests of members. The next meeting on 7th September will start with the Highways Wardens meeting.

SP joined the meeting at 7.50pm.

(ii) The ENPA consultation on proposed changes to the Authority meeting schedule and Planning Committee is available. The Cllrs discussed the merits of the proposed changes. Concern was raised that fewer planning meetings could cause delays to householder applications and may require the PC to meet more frequently. A smaller proportionate membership may also reduce the number of members who really understand life on Exmoor and represent local voices.

70/23 Village parking Updates on parking in the village/Proposed Speed Limit Changes – the Cllrs discussed the proposed speed limit changes. Chair will contact residents again to gather their thoughts as well as speak to ENPA. A joint response will be sent to Highways.

71/23 Highways: The hedge on the South Molton road was discussed, Chair will raise with ENPA.

72/23 Planning: none

73/23 Finance Report: (i) Bank Reconciliation – current balance £11,711.39 - cheques cleared since last meeting: Chq 304 £161.60 R Tomalin, Chq 305 £96 HMRC PAYE, Chq 303 £103 Spanglefish (website), Chq 306 £210.89 BHIB Insurance, Donation of £500 received towards the purchase of the defib. Chq 300 £41.85 and Chq 307 £40 remain uncleared (ii) Invoices for July meeting – Reimbursement of defib and cabinet **R Tomalin Chq 308 £1768.80** (iii) Bank Mandate – TG has now been added to the list of authorised signatories. Alan Vigars and Trudie Hawkins have been removed (iv) Councillor Training – Clerk noted a list of training courses had been circulated if any Cllrs would like a refresher

74/23 Risk Management Policy & Freedom of Information Policy & Schedule: postponed until September meeting

75/23 Parish Maintenance – (i) Defib Installation – Clerk has purchased the defib and cabinet. Chair will make enquiries with Buckinghams (electrician) regarding installation cost.

76/23 Correspondence – (i) Exmoor News Thank You – Clerk noted an email had been received from Exmoor News thanking the PC for their recent grant to help with escalating print costs.

77/23 Report from Simonsbath & Exmoor Heritage Trust – Chair explained ENPA were looking at installing wifi for the meter in the car park. This would need to be sited on WRC, but would be beneficial as users expect wifi to be available when they hire WRC.

78/23 Report from other groups including Exmoor LCN, Exmoor Consultative Forum, Henry Leigh Trust, Bus Forum: Exmoor Panel discussed under **69/23**. The closing date for the next application round for HLT is 31 August.

79/23 Chairman’s Notices – none

80/23 Items for next Agenda – Risk Management Policy & Freedom of Information Policy & Schedule

81/23 Date and time of next meeting: Thursday 28th September 2023

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 8.44pm

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