

**EXMOOR PANEL
MINUTES
Tuesday 1 November 2011
Winsford Village Hall**

Those present:

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| Steven Pugsley, Chair | |
| Nick Thwaites, Dulverton TC | Katherine Lindop, Winsford PC |
| Bernard Foster, Selworthy PC | Frances Nicholson, SCC |
| Angela Palmer, Porlock PC | F Bray, Winsford PC |
| Kevin Connell, Winsford PC | Tessa Saunders, ENPA |
| Jacquie Stares, WSC | Bruce Heywood, Cllr WSC |
| Mike Warner, Withypool & Hawkridge PC | Bruce Lang, WSC |
| Susan Hayes, Winsford PC | Andy Whysall, A&S Constabulary |
| Keith Turner, Cllr WSC | Keith Ross, Cllr WSC |
| John Titcombe, Winsford PC | John Edwards, Exford |
| Corinne Matthews, WSC | K Mills, Cllr WSC |

Have Your Say:

- Crime Prevention and Communication with the Police.
- As Insp Simpson was unable to attend she sent an update for the Panel (see Appendix (i)) which Sgt Andy Whysall delivered.
- PC Wood at Dulverton is looking for volunteers to be specials to act as rural mounted volunteers.
- There has been a spate of quad bike thefts; there is a 70% increase in this type of crime. The crime clear up rate for the area is 40%.
- Any information about the whereabouts of stolen goods should be reported to Crimestoppers.
- The property marker scheme is still being run and the use of tracking devices is also something to be considered. The cost of the devices is about £160.
- Any incidents of shotgun pellets hitting cars should be reported to the Police; it is an offence to shoot too close to the highways.

1 Apologies for Absence

David Peake SCC Highways, Chris Nelder – Mayor Dulverton, Frank Gabb D&S Fire & Rescue, Insp Lisa Simpson and Sgt Zane Manu A&S Constabulary, Margaret Rawle Dulverton TC, David Godsell Dulverton TC, Michael Willison Dulverton TC

2 Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 September 2011 and Matters Arising

- 2.1 The meeting was held in Winsford Village Hall, not the Moorland Hall at Wheddon Cross; Cllr Turner was in attendance, but was not included in the list of attendees and Heathpoult is one word, not two. Apart from these discrepancies, the minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

3 Chairman's Remarks

- 3.1 WSC will no longer provide a note taker for the meetings. The Panel are now looking for a volunteer to take this on or for parishes to agree to undertake this on a rota basis. An email will be sent to all Parish Councils about this. Transcripts have been tried in the past, but were not successful.

4 Local Impact of Hinkley Point

- 4.1 There is a Planning Performance Agreement between the three authorities affected.
- 4.2 A planning application has gone to WSC for preliminary works, i.e. perimeter fences, lead bases.
- 4.3 Planning for the nuclear re-actors went in on 31 October to the Independent Planning Committee.
- 4.4 All parish councils should have received a letter about their involvement in the proposed works and have 28 days to register any interest.
- 4.5 There is a £30 million fund to be divided among the three authorities to cover the impact of the preliminary works on the area.
- 4.6 After two years the authorities will be looking for further funding.
- 4.7 Councils must write a Local Impact Report, which may mean asking for even more money. Strong evidence will be needed to back up these claims and local people can help to provide this.
- 4.8 It will be the biggest engineering construction in Britain and is expected to take at least 10 years to complete. There will be a visitor centre on site.
- 4.9 The estimated business rates on the development is £70 million of which West Somerset would get 9-10%.
- 4.10 There will be four park and ride sites and EDF will undertake some road improvements, including a roundabout at Washford Cross.

5 Police Issues

This has been covered in 'Have your Say'.

6 SCC Highways

- 6.1 David Peake provided a schedule of works for the meeting (see appendix (ii)).
- 6.2 There are problems around the re-surfacing of Chapel Lane Withypool.
- 6.3 The parapet stones at Dunkery Hill Gate are still missing after two years.

7 Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue

7.1 Apologies received from Frank Gabb.

8 ENP Local Development Framework Update: Tessa Saunders

8.1 The consultation on strategic options is to be taken before members next week and will be out as a consultation document once it is approved. It is in two parts: what sort of developments are required and where they should be.

8.2 It is hoped the document will be on the website by the end of the month. Paper copies will also be available.

8.3 The Local Development Framework deals with planning issues within the National Park; WSC deals with them outside. There should be no conflict as ENPA do consult with the local authorities involved.

9 Parish Lengthsman Scheme & Update

9.1 There have been no significant changes in the scheme.

9.2 There would be no objection to extending the scheme, to fully utilise the Lengthsman's time, as long as it is within West Somerset.

10 Items Brought Forward

10.1 Sort it Plus has rolled out with some teething problems. More rural areas are still waiting for their bins to be delivered.

10.2 Properties in areas outside village locations appear to be having more problems that those within the villages.

10.3 There is rubbish dumped by the church in Porlock.

10.4 Any problems around the scheme need to be reported.

11 Provisional Dates and Venues for 2012

- 19 January 2012 7.00.pm at Moorland Hall Wheddon Cross if available; if not the Winsford Village Hall.
- 8 March 2012 7.00.pm venue as above.

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm.