

**EXMOOR PANEL
MINUTES
Tuesday 22 January 2019
Winsford Village Hall, Winsford**

Those present:

S Pugsley (Chair)	V White, Cutcombe PC
J Anson, Cutcombe PC	M Rawle, Dulverton TC
K Coulman, Dulverton TC	A Sparling, Luxborough PC
A Vigars, Exmoor PC	R Hall, Porlock PC
D Powell, Luxborough PC	J Bray, Winsford PC
M McCoy, Porlock PC	J Davies, Withypool & Hawkridge PC
C Wilkins, Winsford PC	R McArthur, ENPA
T Howard, Withypool & Hawkridge	J Dawson, Avon & Somerset Constabulary
N Dillon, Avon & Somerset Constabulary	D Peake, SCC Highways
F Nicholson, SCC	N Thwaites, WSC
K Mills, WSC	P Pilkington, WSC
B Heywood, WSC	B Brown, WSC/TDBC
B Lang, WSC/TDBC	

1 Election of Chairman

- 1.1 Agreed that Councillor S Pugsley be elected as Chairman of the Exmoor Panel for the next 12 month period.

2 Election of Vice Chairman

- 2.1 Agreed that Councillor M Ellicott be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Exmoor Panel for the next 12 month period.

3 Apologies for Absence

- 3.1 Apologies for absence were received from M Ellicott (Exford PC), R Manicom (Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service), P Webber (Selworthy and Minehead Without PC) and C Knight (Brushford PC).
- 3.2 The Chairman introduced Beccy Brown, Localities Engagement Lead for WSC/TDBC who briefly explained to the Panel her role which involved working with West Somerset communities, alongside another Localities officer Sam Murrell, to find out what the main issues and priorities were with an aim to move matters and projects forward by working together.

4 Minutes of the Meeting held on 6 November 2018 and Matters Arising

- 4.1 Agreed that the minutes be accepted as a true record of the meeting.
- 4.2 It was confirmed that an Affordable Housing Working Group would be held at Wheddon Cross on Thursday 24 January 2019 where it was hoped the aims and objectives and the terms of reference would be established.

5 SCC Highways and Winter Gritting and Salt Bin Programme 2018/2019

- 5.1 David Peake attended the meeting and provided information on the winter gritting and salt bin programme and advised the level of service was exactly the same as in previous years. The plough would be deployed during heavy snow when needed. The parish council salt bags were available to collect for two more days from the Minehead Highways Depot. David thanked West Somerset Council for its support in funding this initiative and it was noted that the largest take up of salt bags was in West Somerset. The reinstatement of roadside salt provision meant that it was currently being undertaken and grit bins would be filled on a reactive basis only.
- 5.2 Frances Nicholson advised it would be advisable for parish councils to set aside some of their budget for next year and work was still needed to have a sensible cross-district arrangement regarding salt provision.
- 5.3 A request was made for parish councils to contact the Highways Department if they ran out of salt as instructions from SCC would need to be taken as to whether the bin would be refilled.
- 5.4 The purchasing of salt bins was an option for parish councils to consider going forward.
- 5.5 David presented the planned works in the Exmoor Panel area – the report is attached at Appendix A to the notes of this meeting.
- 5.6 Various other detailed points were raised by members of the Panel which were noted down by the Highways representative.
- 5.7 The Chairman thanked David for attending .

6 Police Issues

- 6.1 Inspector Neil Dillon and PCSO Jo Dawson attended the meeting and circulated a report, which is attached as Appendix B to the notes of this meeting.
- 6.2 Concerns were raised about workmen's vans being broken into and tools stolen. The police advice was to ensure that tools were removed prior to locking the van, and not to have tools on display even when working on site. All incidences should be reported to the police, either by telephone or online.
- 6.3 Discussions took place on the use of drones and the reporting and handling of cyber-crime. It was suggested that a publicity message warning the community about computer crime would be beneficial to disseminate the information more widely.
- 6.4 The recent spate of burglaries in Minehead was raised and it was advised that everyone needed to be conscious about their security. The suspect had been apprehended and since they had been arrested and dealt with no incidences of break-ins had occurred.
- 6.5 Neighbourhood Inspector Dillon introduced himself and provided a brief overview of the Neighbourhood Directorate following a recent reorganisation of the police service.
- 6.6 The importance of local PSCO's was raised and praise was given for the tremendous work they did. The information posted on social media was welcomed.
- 6.7 The Chairman thanked the police representatives for attending.

7 Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service Issues

7.1 There was no report submitted in this regard.

8 Exmoor National Park Authority Issues

8.1 An update on behalf of Sue Southwell, the Exmoor Rural Housing Network Coordinator was provided. A meeting would be held sometime in March 2019 in order to be able to hear the views from those interested in affordable housing in Exmoor and if Panel Members knew of anyone who had a particular interest to let them know of the event and advise them to contact Sue Southwell for more information.

8.2 The Panel was given an update on the local housing needs surveys planned for the parishes of Dulverton, Withypool, Brushford and Exmoor, with a possibility of including Brompton Regis, during March 2019.

8.3 The ENPA had been working on the rural workers dwelling planning guidance which would be circulated for public consultation shortly, and the Chairman encouraged members to comment on it.

8.4 The Dark Skies Festival would again be taking place this year during October/November. The views and suggestions from Panel members were welcomed and should be directed to was Dan James.

8.5 The Exmoor Visitor was due to be published soon and would contain the usual list of events for the year.

8.6 In response to specific questions, Ruth agreed to provide clarification following the meeting on the planning status of Derby's Knapp at Winsford, and to give an update on the Lorna Doone festival.

8.7 Various other points and issues were put forward by members of the Panel.

9 Parish Lengthsman Scheme Update

8.1 All the parishes on the Scheme had responded and invoices would be issued over the coming weeks together with the plans. On behalf of the Dulverton TC Clerk, parishes were asked to respond to the Clerk as soon as they received the information.

10. AOB

10.1 No items were raised.

11 Dates and Venues of Future Meetings

- 7 March 2019 at 7.00 pm – Moorland Hall, Wheddon Cross

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Planned Works in the Exmoor Panel Area

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	Parish/Town	Location	Description	Start	Finish	Duration
Completed						
SCC	Brompton Regis & Exton	C200 Heathpoult Cross to Machine Cross	Carriageway patching.			Completed
SCC	Exford	Chibbet Post to Monks	Carriageway resurfacing.			Completed
SCC	Oare	Oare Valley Road	Repairs to Oareford retaining wall.			Completed
SCC	Brompton Regis	Brompton Regis Road	Drainage improvement works.			Completed
SCC	Withypool & H	Quarry Head	Drainage improvement works.			Completed
SCC	Dulverton	B3223 Highercombe Drive	Drainage improvement works.			Completed
Ongoing						
Future						
SCC	Withycombe	A39 Minehead Road	Carriageway patching between Court Place Lane and Bilbrook. Temporary road closure between 18:30 and 23:30.	13 Feb	13 Feb	1 evening
SCC	Sampfords Brett	A358 Taunton Road	Drainage improvement works and carriageway resurfacing. Temporary road closure. For further details go to:- https://www.travelsomerset.co.uk/sampfords-brett/	18 Mar	31 Mar	2 weeks
Other						
SCC	West Somerset	Various	Parish/town council ten 20kg salt bag collection (funded by WSDC) at Minehead Depot. 09:00-13:30 Mon-Thurs, weeks commencing 14 th & 21 st Jan. 1 tonne roadside dumpy bags and grit bins (on notification by parish/town council only) (funded by SCC).			

Exmoor Police Report for the Exmoor Panel meeting 21/01/2019

The following figures are from 6th November 18 until today. We received 245 calls but this also included Timberscombe and Dunster areas which come under another Panel area and do not include Luxborough.

Arson and Criminal Damage	14
Burglary including non dwelling	4
Hoax Call	1
Taking of Motor Vehicle	1
Anti Social Behaviour	6
Public Order	1
Harassment	3
Assault	4
Poaching	4
Fraud	1
Theft	6
Theft from Motor Vehicle	2
Wildlife Crime	1
Sexual Offences	2 (1 historic)

The other calls relate to RTC's and other road related incidents, also domestic type incidents and civil disputes. We have also had a few calls around cold calling. Although people often do not like these types of callers they are normally legitimate, should have ID on them and not be aggressive when asked to leave which thankfully has been the case with the latest round of them.

Poaching is continuing to have an impact and we are collaborating with Devon and Cornwall Police on this.