

**Minutes of the Annual Cutcombe Parish Meeting of Electors held on Wednesday 29th April 2009 at 7.30 pm at Moorland Hall**

1. There were 19 parishioners present as well as County Councillor John Edwards, Mrs Jan Ross, Mr Marcus Capel (Timberscombe School), Tim Stokes (ENPA), two local WPCSOs and the Parish Clerk Marlene Allinson.
2. Apologies were received from Mrs J Ablett, Cllrs L Atkins and S Sanders and Mr and Mrs Colin Stevenson.
3. The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd April 2008 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true record. There were no matters arising.
4. Tim Stokes, Sustainability and Economy Officer, Exmoor National Park Authority gave an interesting talk and slideshow on *Renewable energy and other opportunities for low carbon living in Cutcombe*.
5. Cllr Roger Webber presented his report for 2008/09 as Chairman of Cutcombe Parish Council. Among topics reported were: the number of planning applications received, including the market site development, the Luckwell Bridge Triangle Improvement Scheme, the Snowdrop Valley Park and Ride Scheme, highways matters including snow clearance and potholes, the Parish Lengthsman project, the Parish Plan, and the continuation of the Post Office and the toilet cleaning contract. He thanked all his fellow Councillors, County Councillor John Edwards and the Clerk for all their hard work and support during the past year. A cheque for £75 was presented to Mrs Cynthia Stevens from the Snowdrop Valley fund for her work on the village website and Cllr Webber thanked those involved in setting up the oil sharing scheme and Robert Simmons for his work as the Parish Paths Liaison Officer and Mrs Sally Webber for her work as Snowdrop Valley Co-ordinator. Cllr Webber asked for Questions and discussion from the floor followed. Topics discussed included: Mr Liddell-Grainger's questionnaire to households in the Exmoor National Park and ENPA's response. ENPA was congratulated by one parishioner on a thorough piece of work in respect of the Cutcombe Market Development Application.
6. WPCSO Sue Hurley gave a report on local crime and the Rural Watch Scheme and parishioners were reminded to lock outbuildings. Parishioners said they would like a more visible police presence in the Parish and questioned the police regarding

their recent Exmoor Drink/Drive Campaign.

7. Cllr Webber reported on the work of the Joyce Charity over the past year during which £800 had been distributed to twelve people or families in the Parish.

8. Cllr Webber reported on the work of the West Charity over the past year during which £375 had been distributed to seven people.

9. There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.13 pm.