

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 12 July 2005 at 7.00pm in the Symondsburry Schoolroom

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs Amanda Streatfeild, Chairman and Cllrs Cllr, R N Lidington, S L Holmes, M R Davis. A W Harrison, R Baker, P Smith, V O'Farrell and Mr D N Wragg, Clerk.
In attendance P C Iverson

053 **Apologies.** Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs C E Harp and County Councillor G Brierley.

054 **Approval of the Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 10 May 2005, having been previously circulated and taken as read, were approved and signed.

055 **Matters Arising** from those minutes.

- a) The clerk reported that a revised listing of contact addresses had now been circulated.
- b) It was reported that a letter of appreciation had been sent from the chairman to Cllr K Palk for his past services.

056 **Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors**

There was no information under this heading.

057 **Democratic Half Hour**

There were no issues raised under this heading.

058 **Appointment of Representatives**

Responding to the perceived need for council representation in two major areas, the chairman had invited the views of members as to their willingness to serve in this capacity.

On the proposition of the chairman, seconded Cllr Holmes, it was resolved that Cllr P Smith be the representative for the A35 group and transport and Cllr V O'Farrell and Cllr R Baker represent the council in coastal matters.

059 **A35 and Transport**

WATAG had reported their complaint to the appropriate services regarding buses not meeting trains, leaving passengers stranded.

Details of the service provided by the Bridport Hopper over the last nine months were made available.

A new bus service Bridport to Maiden Newton had been introduced.

Concern was expressed over the revised charges for the transport of patients in need of frequent treatment from Bridport to Poole Hospital. The costs were reported as having more than doubled. The council expressed support for the WATAG campaign for the reinstatement of the previous charge rates.

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060 **Community Policing.**

PC Iverson had no area problems to report.

Previously complained of bonfires in Eype had been brought to the attention of the premises in question and this aspect will be monitored in the future.

Responding to questions, PC Iverson advised that there was no further progress to report on the Eype speed limit and no major accidents on the A35.

There being no other business under this heading, the chairman thanked PC Iverson for his attendance and he left the meeting at this point.

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061 **Finance.**

- a) Bank Balances at 11 July 2005 were reported as Current Account £638.16 and Deposit Account as £2137.45

- b) The clerk advised that the annual internal audit had now been completed, and the accounts reported to be in order. In preparation for the external audit the clerk presented the annual Statement of Assurance for approval. *On the proposition of Cllr Lidington, seconded Cllr Davis it was resolved that the Statement of Assurance be approved.* The clerk advised the council that HLB had now changed their name to BDO Stoy Hoyland and the external audit would be carried out under that name.
- c) The following accounts were presented for payment:
- i. Symondsbury School £49.80
 - ii. Internal audit fees for the past two years £100.00

Resolved: *On the proposition of Cllr Baker, seconded by Cllr O'Farrell, that these accounts be paid, was carried without dissent.*

- d) Requests for funding assistance as follows were considered: -
- i. From Symondsbury PCC for churchyard maintenance, section 137 expenditure. *On the proposition of Cllr Harrison, seconded Cllr Lidington it was resolved that a donation of £400.00 would be made.*
 - ii. Marie Curie Cancer Care. Based upon previous precedent that the council should support only local charities it did not feel able to make a donation from its limited funds. *Resolved: that in this instance a donation be declined.*

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Planning Applications.

The following changes in the published planning schedule were advised.

- a. 1/W/05/0989 Now approved.
- b. 1/W/05/1110 No objections from neighbouring properties despite a considerable increase in the size. The council supported their view.
- c. 1/W/05/0751 A late objection had been received and noted.
- d. 1/W/05/1087 The council raised objections to this application. A further late objection had now been received and noted.
- e. Permission had been given for the removal of a Maple Tree at Shearplot, Symondsbury, and a replacement tree of a recommended species replace it.
- f. Local Waste Plan. The current update from the website indicates that the Gore Cross site remains the recommended proposal.
- g. Cllr Davis reported on the West Bay Development Plan Exhibition, which he reviewed on behalf of the council. The designs for the Mound were commended with the siting of the boatyard and provision of a bandstand contentious.

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To receive and adopt Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Previously circulated documents were taken as read and no issues were raised. *On the proposition of Cllr Holmes, seconded Cllr Lidington it was resolved that The Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be adopted.*

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Complaints from the Public

Cllr Baker outlined his argument that a complaint from the public should be considered only when it is submitted in writing. If when not in writing, with the identity of the complainant known, the complaint is found to be false or mischievous, the council places itself open to criticism.

Concern had been expressed by a number of councillors of the degree of confidentiality that could be maintained and the consequent deterrent to the making of legitimate complaints. The clerk advised that a level of confidentiality could be implemented within a complaints procedure, which would ensure a high level, though falling short of total.

The proposition of Cllr Baker, seconded Cllr Davis, that complaints from the public must be in writing was defeated in ballot by five votes to two.

The chairman asked the clerk to investigate the level of insurance cover (if any) held by the

council for use in such circumstances and for the possibility of a complaints procedure being compiled. dw

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Eype Matters

- a) Signage. Despite previous assurances the implementation of signs had not been carried out. The matter would be pursued. dw
- b) Re Wych Down. The enforcement officer has not yet completed his investigations. dw

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Allotments.

There was nothing to report under this heading.

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Footpaths.

- a) Footpath No 31 Eype. This footpath was under consideration for a diversion and in the absence of information the clerk was asked to pursue the matter and ascertain the current situation. dw

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Reports.

The clerk presented a total of seven reports, which, having been previously circulated and taken as read, were adopted. Item h. Noticeboards will be included as an agenda item at the September meeting, to consider the subject matter. dw

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Correspondence.

From the circulated list of correspondence not covered elsewhere in this agenda:

- a) Letter from Mr K Clarke was detailed, in which he indicated that, in his opinion, the council had not taken into account the needs of the residents of Watton Park and Eype when considering the planning proposals for the implementation of the 20 mph limit in Skilling Hill Road.
- b) The council were advised of the contents of a letter from Mr D Redpath regarding paragliding in the area of West Cliff. Further information is awaited on this matter.
- c) A request from Mr L Williams, that a bus shelter be installed opposite Sprakes Corner, for the benefit of all who wait for public transport in the direction of Lyme Regis. dw
Resolved, that the provision of a bus shelter be supported by the council and the issue be pursued through the District Council.

Additional items received.

- a) Events diary from Dorset Coast Forum.
- b) From DCC 'Reclaiming our Rural Highways' publication.
- c) From the Standards Board, Publication 04
- d) From WDDC 30 June 05 outlining the new system of District Council Committees.
- e) 'Dorset for you' leaflet detailing web site.
- f) Copy letter from Bridport TC re Miles Cross accidents.
- g) Clerks and Councils Direct news magazine.
- h) From DAPTC details of training seminars.
- i) WEDBAG are looking for more responses to their TV survey.
- j) Brochure from the Chalk and Cheese Project who can help with funding.
- k) Local Council Review.

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Chairman's Announcements.

- a) The chairman referred to the Bridport Town Plan, a document broadly similar to a parish plan. It sets out the objectives and strategies for the achievement of objectives over the next three years.
- b) Reporting on the recent Bridport Local Area Partnership advised that it had been an interesting meeting, the main point being the Community Plan. There is to be a stand at

Melplash Show presenting the work of the partnership. A number of issues were touched upon and will be discussed at the next meeting. The Dorset for You web site is now active and recommended.

- c) On the parish plan progress has been made with the tree-planting project and there are hopes of getting the funding in place soon.
- d) Details of the Emergency Planning Day on 16 July were given and Cllrs Davis and O'Farrell will attend and report on

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Any Other Business.

There was no business under this heading

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Date of the next meeting 13 September 2005.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Cllr A C Streatfeild, Chairman

D N Wragg, Clerk

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