

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 10 May 2005 at 7.00pm
in the Symondsburry Schoolroom

PRESENT: Cllr, R N Lidington, Chairman and Cllrs S L Holmes, C E Harp, M R Davis. A W Harrison and Mr D N Wragg, Clerk.

In attendance were Mr Vince O'Farrell and Mr Peter Smith, candidates for co-option.

035 **Apologies.** Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs A C Streatfeild, and PC Iverson.

The chairman extended a warm welcome to Cllr G J Brierley of DCC and also to Mrs Gill Summers of WDDC.

036 **Approval of the Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2005, having been previously circulated and taken as read, were approved and signed.

037 **Matters Arising** from those minutes.

- a) DCC advised that the implementation of a 20 mph limit in Eype would now go forward for police consultation and would be prioritised. Areas with recorded casualties being dealt with first. A 'No Through Road' sign will be placed at the junction to Lower Eype. Additionally debris accumulated at the verges will be cleared.
- b) The chairman raised the question of Standing Orders and the meeting was advised that these were in hand, but requiring revision, and would be sent out to councillors in about four weeks time.

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038 **A35 and Transport**

The clerk reported on the meeting of the A35 Group held 8 April 2005, when Mr David Sledge of the Highways Agency made a presentation of present status of the A35 between Charmouth and the Crown Roundabout.

The meeting had been called to secure urgent action following recent fatalities and in submitting his presentation covering systems of analysis, statistics, design and building faults, no urgency was demonstrated.

The section of this major trunk road, under review, has an accident rate well in excess of same status roads in the rest of the country.

It is proposed to carry out yet another costly review in order to determine a suitable course of action. This would take an estimated 6 months with implementation time extended beyond.

Cllr Summers, who had attended the same meeting, was invited to comment, and confirmed the lack of urgency demonstrated. Cllr Brierley gave assurance that he would be putting all possible pressure on the Highways Agency to secure action.

The report from the Dorset Police on A35 issues was considered who have staff, on an almost daily basis, looking into the ways of designing out or preventing accidents.

039 **Community Policing.** In the absence of PC Iverson there was no report on area problems.

040 **Finance.**

- a) Bank Balances at 6 May 2005 were reported as Current Account £1805.67 and Deposit Account as £2129.43
- b) The Annual Statement of Accounts was presented for approval, which *on the proposition of Cllr Harp, seconded by Cllr Harrison were unanimously approved.*
- c) The following accounts were presented for payment:
 - i. DAP&TC Annual Subscription £208.40
 - ii. Clerk's Salary & Expenses £637.10
 - iii. Allianz Cornhill Annual Insurance £214.02
 - iv. CPRE Annual Subscription £25.00
 - v. Creeds Printing of annual Report £43.49

Resolved: *On the proposition of Cllr Harp, seconded by Cllr Davis, that these accounts be paid, was carried without dissent.*

- d) Requests for funding assistance as follows were considered: -
 - i. From Citizens Advice Bureau, section 142, expenditure. In the opinion of the council, adequate funding was provided by other sources, notably, WDDC and DCC, from

whom the parish derives it are funding. *The proposition of Cllr Harp, seconded Cllr Harrison, that a donation be declined, was carried unanimously.*

- ii. From Axe Valley & West Dorset Ring & Ride Service Ltd., section 137 expenditure. *On the proposition of Cllr Harp, seconded Cllr Davis, it was resolved that a donation of £50.00 be made to the service.*

041 **Planning Applications.**

The following changes in the published planning schedule were advised.

- a. 1/W/05/0348 Now approved.
- b. 1/W/05/0386 No objections from the parish council.
- c. 1/W/05/0493 Now approved
- d. 1/W/04/1859 Is now going to appeal.

Further information was provided on the emissions from the proposed changes to the signals mast at Highlands End. These emissions fell within the permitted range and indicated no change from that of the current equipment in use.

042 **Co-Option of a Councillor.**

Having responded to the advertisement, Mr Peter Richard Smith and Mr Vincent Anthony O'Farrell, had offered themselves for consideration for the vacant positions of councillors. Being found suitable and *on the proposition of Cllr R N Lidington, seconded by Cllr S L Holmes, both were unanimously elected.* After signing the Declaration of Office and the Code of Conduct, the councillors took their places, where the clerk furnished them with the forms on which to Declare their Interests, directing that they be sent to the Monitoring Officer at WDDC, when completed.

The chairman welcomed both councillors and wished them well in their period of office.

043 **Eype Matters**

- a) Signage. Notification has been received from DCC that all work at Cock Crowing, and including the signs to the new road to Highlands End, will be completed by end of May. DW
- b) Downhouse Farm Café. A change of use planning application has now been approved.
- c) Downhouse Caravans. The Enforcement Officer has advised that there is no infringement of planning regulations.
- d) In addition to the existing signage at Cock Crowing Corner, a request was made for a directional sign to Eype Church. The response from DCC pointed out that all signage had now been completed.
- e) Approval had been granted to perform surgery on Sycamore and Lime trees at Seabreeze and Bonville at Eype.
- f) A letter had been sent to Mr P Mathews regarding developments at Witch Down. No reply had been received DW

044 **Allotments.** Cllr Harp reported that all rents had now been received.

045 **Footpaths.**

- a) Footpath No 56 and Bridleway at Brighthay Farm. Following the visits of Cllrs Baker and Norman which reported improvements to the paths around the farm and *the proposition of Cllr Harp, seconded Cllr Holmes, it was resolved that all objections be withdrawn.* DW
- b) The council was advised of obstructions on FP11 and lack of signage on FP 68, both of which had been notified to the Rights of Way Officer.

046 **Complaints from the Public.**

Following a suggestion at the last meeting, it had been proposed that all complaints, from members of the public, be made in writing. The proposition was tabled by the chairman and following discussion on a complainant's confidentiality, remained without a seconder, thus failing to be put to the vote.

047 **Reports.**

- a) In the absence of Cllr Streatfeild no report of the last meeting of the Bridport Local Area Partnership was available.

048 **Correspondence.**

From the circulated list of correspondence:

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- a) Item 5 of the DAPTC newsletters. Interest in the survey on local TV, radio and reporting quality was shown by all councillors present, who requested fair copies which they could duplicate and distribute.
- b) Item 21. Work on the kerb at Sprakes Corner is now done.
- c) Item 22 Agreed procedure for handling Licensing applications
- d) Item 28 Report on patient transport to Poole.

Additional items received.

- a) Details of Trafalgar Day weekend in October.
- b) From WDDC confirming in order to proceed with co-option of councillors, by resolution.
- c) Current issue of Local Council Review.
- d) Posters for Dorset Leisure Month.
- e) From Allianz Cornhill, confirmation of premium reduction.
- f) From DCC, leaflet on Public participation at Planning Committee Meetings.

049 **Chairman's Announcements.**

- a) The chairman referred to the recent annual parish meeting and the pleasure derived from the attendance of so many of the public. He thanked everyone for their support and interest in the affairs of the parish. He went on to recommend that a letter of thanks and appreciation be sent to Cllr Streatfeild for her part in the organising, as well as the provision of refreshments during the evening. Additionally a letter of thanks be sent to Freda Ellis, school head, who operated the equipment for the film show. The recommendation was received with acclaim and the clerk instructed to act accordingly.

050 **Any Other Business.**

- a) The visiting councillors enquired if it was possible to include for them a spot, early in the agenda, when they would be able to present information to the council, before proceeding to another meeting. DW
- b) Cllr Summers apologised for missing the Parish Meeting.
- c) With the changes now implanted in the council, the clerk was asked if he could provide a listing of contact addresses for reference.
- d) It was agreed that a suitable letter of appreciation be sent ex Cllr K Palk. DW

051 **Democratic Half Hour.**

- a) A question was raised regarding the damage to road shoulders by traffic in Duck Street and at points along the loop from Sprakes Corner through Symondsbury and round to West Road. Lorries and vans were forced to erode banking, particularly when overtaking. A suggestion of a one-way system as a possible solution was considered unsuitable, on the grounds that traffic would increase speed, safe in the knowledge that nothing was coming toward them, also on the basis that it would not be an acceptable solution for residents along the route who would face inconvenience as well as a longer journey.
- b) Mr J M Holgate raised the question of supporting or objecting to the possibility of Miles Cross being considered as an alternative Waste Management Centre site to the Gore Cross site in the Waste Local Plan. The site is being promoted by the landowners/operators but is not supported by the Waste Management Authority nor the Highways Agency. Mr Holgate stated that he and other local residents strongly objected to the Miles Cross proposal and requested the support of the Parish Council for their objections. The chairman responded to the effect that the proposal has not been officially notified to the parish council. Cllr Brierley agreed to investigate the facts as a matter of urgency. DW

- c) The chairman thanked members of the public for their attendance.

Date of the next meeting 12 July 2005.

The meeting closed at 8.28pm.

Signed.....Date.....

Cllr A C Streatfeild, Chairman

D N Wragg, Clerk

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