

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 13 September 2005 at 7.00pm in the Symondsburry Schoolroom

PRESENT: Cllr Mrs Amanda Streatfeild, Chairman and Cllrs Cllr, R N Lidington, S L Holmes, A W Harrison, C Harp, R Baker, P Smith, V O'Farrell and Mr D N Wragg, Clerk.
In attendance Cllr G Brierley, DCC and P C Iverson who were welcomed by the chairman.

Apologies. Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M R Davis.

- 073 **Approval of the Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2005, having been previously circulated and taken as read, were approved and signed **subject to the following amendment: that minute 058 be amended to delete the name of Cllr Holmes as the seconder of that proposition and corrected to read Cllr R Lidington. Also Cllr O'Farrell advised that he could not recall having agreed to attend the Emergency Planning Day. This as noted.**
- 074 **Matters Arising** from those minutes.
- a) The clerk reported on the question of insurance cover in the event of complaints against the council and it was;
Resolved that the council undertakes indemnity cover with effect from the next renewal date and that a format of a Complaints Procedure be presented to the council at the next meeting. dw
 - b) The clerk reported that arrangements had been made that future invoices for charges incurred for services in connection with the use of the schoolroom for council meetings would show 'for services' and not rental.
 - c) The clerk circulated dedicated copies of the approved Standing Orders
- 075 **Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors**
- a) Cllr Brierley advised that an inspection of parish roads had been arranged with a senior member of the Highways Department DCC on Thursday 29 September. The clerk to accompany the party. Any locations for reporting should be notified to the clerk before the date of the inspection. all dw
 - b) Advising on the closure of the footpath at St Gabriels Cllr Brierley advised that no consultation had taken place prior to this closure and the new path would open by December.
 - c) Cllr Brierly had initiated the suggestion that recognising the need to agitate more strongly for the provision of improvements in the safety of the A35 between the Crown Roundabout and Charmouth a unified approach from the 3 parishes of Symondsburry, Chideock and Charmouth could give further impetus to the campaign. The chairman confirmed the willingness of the parish council to support such a move. as
- 076 **Community Policing.**
PC Iverson advised of the impending staff changes in Bridport following the promotion of Inspector Alan Jenkins expressing no doubt that his successor would provide a similar support in the future. There were no specific areas of difficulty being found in the area.
- At this point both Cllr Brierly and PC Iverson expressed the wish to be excused from the meeting, having urgent business elsewhere. The chairman acceded with thanks for their attendance and contribution.
- 077 **Democratic Half Hour**
There were no issues raised under this heading.

078 **Chairman's Announcements.**

- a) The chairman referred to the recent meeting of the Bridport Local Area Partnership the chairmen highlighted the benefits of the opportunity provided to gain support for the furtherance of parish issues. The council was urged to consider matters, which merited pursuing through this forum. all
- b) The chairman drew the attention of councillors to the need to take a pro-active approach to the question of parish maintenance through the utilisation of the services of Clarence. Not only does this service provide for the constant standards being maintained but also brings financial savings in the long term through its preventative measures. all
Councillors drew attention to a number of locations (4) requiring attention, which the clerk was asked to report.
- c) The chairman made the following statement;- There was some discussion at the last meeting on the subject of planning responses made to West Dorset District Council, not minuted, about the accuracy of councillors' observations as reported by the Clerk in the final document submitted to West Dorset District Council. I would like to make it clear that there is absolutely no doubt in my mind as Chairman, or on the part of councillors, that the system as it works at present is representing those views accurately. As discussed, a copy of the submission can be sent to those councillors if requested, but this may not necessarily be possible before the deadline given by WDDC. Community involvement in the planning system is under review at present by WDDC and it may well be wise for us to review our systems in the light of their recommendations.

079 **A35 and Transport**

Cllr Smith reported a further accident at Miles Cross with the injured transferred to hospital via the Air Ambulance. The A35 Group had not had a meeting to discuss the latest situation but it was noted that following a reply from the Highways Agency, which gave no hope of change, the DAPTC Area Committee had written in strong terms requesting a timetable for improvements. On more general matters, WATAG were now keeping him advised of transport points and had updated the rail connection service.

080 **Finance.**

- a) Bank Balances at 13 September 2005 were reported as Current Account £88.36 and Deposit Account as £2149.11
- b) The following accounts were presented for payment:
 - i. Clerk's salary and expenses £681.86
 - ii. Agreed contribution to West Cliff Notice Board £40.00

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

- c) Requests for funding assistance as follows were considered: -
 - i. From Vitalise (previously the Winged Fellowship regrettably the council was unable to contribute to this worthy cause. dw
 - ii. Bopper Bus service for young people in the parish. Confirmation of future funding for this cause was considered and it was recommended that the usual donation be made in the next financial year. dw
 - iii. The clerk reminded the council that at the next meeting (November 2005) it would be required to discuss and determine the Precept for 2006/7. Performance figures to date had been circulated to all and indicated a shortfall, incurring further inroads into the reserves. By recommended levels the reserve is low and steps need to be taken to remedy this situation. Councillors were asked to advise the clerk as soon as possible of possible all

expenditures, which will require coverage in the budget.

081

Planning Applications.

- i. Council discussed a letter from WDDC on the subject of the Local Development Framework; Statement of Community Involvement and in view of the time available to comment, to respond with brief initial thoughts, with a fuller response to follow by 23 December 2005. The initial comments, based on the content of the discussion, was sent as follows; dw
 - a) The time scale for a response on any planning issue is short and whilst the council will be able to maintain a discipline which achieves the target time the introduction of further duties, perhaps requiring consultation with less organised bodies could bring about delays.
 - b) At this time, work is being done in Eype on the furtherance of the parish plan design statement, which will contribute to the planning decision. It is perhaps important that on completion and acceptance of this further addition to the plan, that the parish receives confirmatory assurance that the district council will adhere to the criteria it lays down.
 - c) The council welcomes the opportunity to be involved to greater effect in essentially local matters and will, if necessary, comment further by 23 December 2005.
 - ii The question of the external colour of chalets, particularly in Eype was discussed and it was agreed that a sounding of opinions within the area would be taken and advised at a later meeting. dw
- iii. The following changes in the published planning schedule were advised.
 - a) 1/W/05/1572 New, Sea Breeze, Eype. Cllr Baker expressed his approval of the plans and the file was passed to Cllr Holmes for consideration and advisement.
 - b) 1/W/05/1385 Now approved
 - c) 1/W/05/0781 Now approved
 - d) 1/W/05/1478 Venn Farm, was discussed and agreed that there were no objections to this application.

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Allotments.

A letter had been received from Bridport Town Council advising of the demand for Allotment plots and enquiring the possibility of securing land for this purpose. It was agreed that the clerk should write to Mr Phillip Colfox to enquire for any possibilities. dw

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Footpaths.

- i. Brighthay Bridle Path No 56. Confirmation has now been received of the approval of the diversion.
- ii. Notice was given of the public enquiry to be conducted into the proposed diversion of the churchyard footpath in Eype. For discussion at the next meeting. dw

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Coastal Matters.

There was nothing to report under this heading.

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Eype Matters

- a) Signage. Now completed.
- b) Publicity material had been received on the rising desire to retain the use of Finger Signs in rural areas. Observing that a number of signs require replacement the clerks was asked to ascertain costs and possibly include in the budget projections. dw

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Reports.

The clerk presented a report of the September DAPTC Area meeting which, having been previously circulated and taken as read, were adopted.

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Symondsbury Bus Shelter.

The council considered a request for the provision of a bus shelter on West Road. Following a report from the clerk, councillors had assessed the potential usage and support for the project and whilst there was some enthusiasm for it the usage was assessed too low to be able to justify the cost.

088

Notice Boards.

The lack of notice boards in the parish was a deterrent to the publicising of both parish and statutory information. The matter had been the subject of a report adopted at the last meeting. The clerk was asked to determine costs and budget for the progressive replacement where the need arose.

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Correspondence.

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

- a) Letter from Society of Local Council Clerks, passed to the chairman for future consideration.

Additional items received.

- a) From Dorset Youth Association a questionnaire on youth activities in the parish

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Any Other Business.

There was no business under this heading

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Date of the next meeting was confirmed for 8 November 2005.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Cllr A C Streatfeild, Chairman

D N Wragg, Clerk

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