

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish held on Thursday 4
May 2006 at 7.30pm in the Symondsburry Schoolroom**

PRESENT: Cllr A C Streatfeild, Chairman and Cllrs R M Baker, C E Harp, S L Holmes, P R Smith, V A O'Farrell and Mr D N Wragg, Clerk. Together with nine members of the public, whose names are recorded in the attendance register.

A warm welcome to all present was extended by the Chairman Cllr A C Streatfeild.

- 1 **Apologies** for absence were received from Cllr A W Harrison, Mrs Julia Colfox and Mrs Yvonne Cantley.
- 2 **Election of Chairman** for the coming year. Cllr A C Streatfeild vacated the chair. Cllr Streatfeild had previously made known her willingness to continue in office for a further year and there being no further nominations from the floor Cllr Streatfeild was duly re elected.
- 3 **Election of Vice Chairman** for the coming year. Cllr Harp proposed Cllr V A O'Farrel for the position of Vice Chairman, seconded Cllr R M Baker, There being no other nominations Cllr O'Farrel was duly elected,
- 4 **Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting** held on 3 May 2005, having been previously circulated were taken as read and on the proposition of Cllr Harp, seconded by Cllr Holmes, the minutes were unanimously approved and signed.
- 5 **Matters arising.** There were no matters arising from those minutes.
- 6 **Appointment of Representatives.** The following representatives were nominated and those present indicated their willingness to continue in this capacity and were elected en bloc.
 - Ancient Monuments Mr Paul Atterbury
 - Footpaths Mrs Carol Alner.
 - Allotments Cllr C Harp.
 - DAP&TC representatives Cllr A C Streatfeild and Mr D N Wragg

Annual Report and Financial Statement.

- 7 The Annual Report had been widely circulated through the Parish Magazine and delivered by a number of volunteers, to whom thanks were given. Attention was focussed on highlights of the report, the enlargement of the web site remains unresolved, the planting scheme at Starfarthing copse has taken place, allotments have been well supported and we have a waiting list for vacancies. The A35 continues to be a worrisome factor which is awaiting positive action by the Highways Agency who have yet to fulfil any of their promised actions. In the 2005/6 year efforts were made to hold the precept at the lowest possible level. Financial Report. Receipts of £3694 show the effect of the precept increase of £500. This was the council's first increase for 4 years. Nevertheless, despite exercising strict control of expenditure the payments made were just over £300 in excess of receipts, at £4025. Over the last few years we have seen an erosion of the parish reserves of nearly £1000, leaving a figure, which is below the recommended level. The precept for the coming year has been lifted to £5800 in order to provide funding for the preparatory work in connection with the wider responsibilities which will be vested in your council on becoming a Quality Council. In addition improvements in the parish, in the form of information boards and a rightful degree of support for those charities which benefit the community will be implemented.

8 **Public Questions.** A number of Questions from the public were answered.

9 **Closing Remarks.**

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and support and invited those present to partake of the refreshments provided , which would be followed by a talk to be given by Professor Denys Brunsdon, on aspects of the Heritage Coast which formed part of the parish.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed..... date
CHAIRMAN

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