

**SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 10 January 2006 at 7.00pm in the Symondsburry Schoolroom

**PRESENT:** Cllr S L Holmes, R M Baker, C E Harp, A W Harrison, V O'Farrell, P R Smith, M R Davis.

In attendance Cllr G Brierley DCC, Cllr G Summers WDDC, PC Iverson Dorset Police and Mr D N Wragg, Clerk.

- 111 **Apologies** were received from Cllr A C Streatfeild and R N Lidington.
- 112 **Election of Chairman**. In the absence of both Cllrs Streatfeild and Lidington the clerk conducted an election of chairman for the meeting. Cllr Holmes proposed Cllr Harp for the position. By unanimous agreement Cllr Harp then took the chair.
- 113 **Minutes**. The minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2005 were approved subject to the following amendments.
- a) Minute 102, line 7 delete 'though he was unable to say how many or names'.
  - b) Minute 098, BLAP Meeting, insert full stop after the words 'unable to attend this meeting' and delete remainder of sentence.
- 114 **Matters Arising** None
- 115 **Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors**.
- a) Cllr Brierley advised of the efforts he was making in respect of the Downhouse Lane.
  - b) The council was advised of the latest correspondence from the Highways Agency.
  - c) Cllr Summers confirmed that car-parking charges in the area had been frozen for a year.
  - d) Kerbside recycling details are now available and the service is to be introduced from March 2006. Sorting station site to be decided..
  - e) WDDC is supporting the voluntary sector. More volunteers needed.
- 116 **Community Policing**.
- a) PC Iverson reported that the Parish was going through a quiet period.
  - b) Recovered stolen signs had been scrapped and replacements the responsibility of DCC Highways.
- 117 **Democratic Half Hour**.  
There was no business under this heading.
- 118 **Chairman's Announcements**.  
There was no business under this heading.
- 119 **A35 and Transport**.
- a) A letter had been sent to Secretary of State for Transport and passed to the Exeter office of the Highways Agency. There reply received further postpones the introduction of speed limits and offers no commitment to a solution of this problem.  
In responding on behalf of the Minister the letter states that the Exeter Office has responsibility for this stretch of the A35.  
The 50mph limit now promised to be in place by end of March 2006.  
A further study of the highway between London Inn and Bridport would follow.  
Progress thereafter will depend on available funding.
- b) Cllr Smith reported developments of the local transport plans.
- 120 **Finance**.

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- a) The balance of the current account was reported as £807.75 and of the deposit account £2159.84.
- b) Accounts for payment. RBL Wreath Remembrance Day   £ 18.00  
DCC Allotment Rental                                   £140.00  
Clerk's Salary & Expenses                           £920.36

The present dispersment of funds required the transfer of £500.00 from the deposit account to the current account

On the proposition of Cllr Harrison, seconded Cllr Holmes and

**RESOLVED** that these accounts be paid and the transfer implemented.

### 121 Planning Applications.

a) Current planning applications were as circulated list. The following were discussed.

b) 1/W/05/002194. Swallow Dale Nursery, The council had submitted their objections as follows

1. The plan drawings are not clear, the supporting wall of the conservatories is of block construction to a height in excess of 10ft. Does this meet the H&S requirements for a building intended for public use.
2. The site has a number of unresolved planning compliance issues.
3. There is a residential caravan on the site for which to council knowledge there is no planning permission.
4. There is a burger bar business being operated at the site for which to council knowledge there is no planning permission.
5. There are two houses adjacent to the site.
6. The Status of the Land listed as an area of Special Natural and Conservation Interest has been affected by the work currently being carried out on the site.
7. The entrance to the site is visually tatty and not of a standard expected in an AONB and WHS.
8. The potential increase in customers entering the site from the A35 constitutes a major safety hazard. Traffic speeds at that point are in excess of 60mph on a two-lane trunk road. Traffic from the west has to make a 90deg turn without the benefit of signage or centre lane protection. Traffic leaving the site and turning east faces similar risks. Advice on this aspect had not been sought from the Highways Agency by WDDC.

c) 1/W/05/002256 New Inn. Cllr Baker requested an explanation of Cllr Holmes as to why this application had not been passed on to him for comment. Having received an explanation Cllr Baker refused to accept it..

New applications

1/W/05/002392. 19 Pine View. Erection of a first floor extension. No objections raised.

1/W/05/002401. 1 Mill Lane Symondsburry. Erection of a single storey extension. No objections raised.

1/W/05/002349. Warmstall House Venn Lane. A retrospective application to replace wooden windows and sunporch. Listed building consent. The clerk to contact WDDC drawing attention to the increase in retrospective applications.

### 122 Policy Committee.

- a) The Objectives and Terms of Reference were submitted to the council
- b) The members had considered the Guide to becoming a Quality Council. **Recommended** that a proposition be put to the council at the next meeting that 'Symondsburry Parish Council pursue a course to secure Quality Council Status'  
**RESOLVED** On the proposition of Cllr Holmes that Symondsburry Parish Council pursue a course to secure Quality Council status.

### 123 Eype Matters.

a) Chalet colours are about equal White, Non White. The third colour being

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natural Cedar. It was agreed that each application be considered on its merits.  
b) Cllr Baker asked for the actual vote taken by the council in supporting the closure of FP31. The clerk to check if this is recorded.

124 **Allotments.**

a) A letter from BTC re increased rentals states 'it is for the parish council to decide if it wishes to repay the double charge'. A copy of this letter sent to the resident. No reply has been received.  
b) Usage of land at Pine View for an allotment. In the opinion of the council the necessary work is too costly to justify the expenditure.

125 **Coastal Matters.**

There was nothing to report under this heading.

126 **Footpaths**

a) News is awaited of the date for the proposed public enquiry into the footpath through Eype Churchyard.  
b) Information on proposed improved visitor access to Marshwood Vale was given.

127 **Reports.** The clerk presented the following reports,

- a) DAPTC Area Meeting. 24.11.05
- b) DAPTC Newsletter.
- c) Marshwood Vale Footpaths project
- d) Policy committee meeting.

The four reports were adopted.

128 **Correspondence.**

The clerk read out those items of correspondence received since publication of the list.

1. From OPDM 15.11.05. A discussion document covering the future standards of conduct.
2. From WDDC 19.12.05. Details of kerbside recycling roadshows and the broad aspects of the scheme.
3. From DAPTC December 05. Circular providing details of Parochial Fees, Claiming Public Paths and BOATS, Overhanging vegetation.
4. From David and Beverley Chisnall 21.11.05. Correspondence re Tree Planting in Eype.
5. From BLAP 22.12.05. Minutes of the meeting 22.11.05
6. From Dorset County Training Partnership. Details of Training Courses in 2006.
7. From the Environment Agency 16.11.05. Flood Warden Newsletter.
8. From Local Works 04.01.06. Notice of a public meeting in support of the Sustainable Communities Bill 02.02.06. Also requests support.
9. From Highways Agency 05.02.06. Response to letter to Secretary for Transport.

129 **Any Other Business.**

There was no business under this heading  
The meeting was closed at 8.55pm.

130 Date of the next meeting 14 March 2006  
Policy Committee 31 January 2006.

Signed.....

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Cllr A. C. Streatfeild, Chairman

D N Wragg Clerk 17.01.06-min10-spc

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