

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 11  
July 2006 at 7.00pm in the Symondsburry Schoolroom

**PRESENT:** Cllr A C Streatfeild, Chairman, S L Holmes, R M Baker, C E Harp, V  
O'Farrell, P R Smith and J Colfox.

In attendance Cllr G Brierley, DCC, and Mr D N Wragg, Clerk.

Cllr Colfox arrived 7.30pm

168 **Apologies** were received from Cllr H Harrison and M Davis

169 **Declaration of Interests.** Cllr Holmes and Cllr Smith (school governors)  
declared an interest planning application no 1/W/06/001079, alterations to  
Symondsburry School

170 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 9 May 2006 were approved.

171 **Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors.** Cllr Brierley Expressed  
concern at the lack of progress of the implementation of the 50mph limit at  
Miles Cross and would discuss the matter with DCC Highways Department  
to see if anything could be done.

The Gore Cross site for a Waste station was still favoured.

Library closures. The matter was still ongoing. Details of final plan May 07.

Verges. A complaint had been received re grass cutting of verges too early in  
the year and endangering wildlife. A revision of timetables was being  
looked at.

172 **Community Policing.** The council was advised of the transfer of PC Iverson. As  
yet no community officer had been appointed. The clerk to enquire if and when a  
replacement will be made. DW

173 **Democratic Half Hour.** There was no business under this heading.

174 **Chairman's Announcements.**

- a) The chairman reported on the Colfox Estate Meeting of 20 June 2006 at  
which the estate plans were unveiled. The plans were aimed at ensuring  
the profitability of the estate through a number of ventures, which could  
have positive benefits to the community, spear headed by the regeneration  
of the Tythe Barn and Courtyard. Representatives of the parish council at  
the meeting felt that the plans, contributed to by experts in various fields,  
promised to be of interest to all when published in September.
- b) The possibility of providing correspondence for viewing by councillors and  
public was aired with the school as the location point. This matter is to be  
looked at by the school governors. SH
- c) The chairman advised the members of the letter of resignation received  
from Cllr Mike Davis and paid tribute to the contribution he had made to the  
work of the council

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**Finance.**

a) The balance of the current account was reported as £1415.54. The deposit  
account £1677.48.

b) Recommendation 6 of the Policy Committee minutes was put and on the  
proposition of Cllr Holmes it was

**RESOLVED that the amendment of S/O 48 para 4 p18 be approved.**

Accounts for payment. Chairman's Allowance	£100.00
SPCC Grass cutting	£500.00
P Thomas Int audit fee	£ 50.00
Bopper Bus donation	£100.00
T Harp, Allotment mntce	£ 50.00

On the proposition of Cllr Baker, seconded Cllr Smith it was

**RESOLVED that these accounts be paid.**

c) The Annual Return was presented for approval and after scrutiny and

- 176 On the proposition of Cllr Holmes, seconded Cllr Harp it was  
**RESOLVED that the Annual Return for the year 2005/6 be approved.**  
**A35 and Transport.**
- a) Mail from the Highways Agency indicates that the implementation of the speed restriction signs at Miles Cross has been delayed once more. Now scheduled for August, some ten months late. The delay was reportedly due to the redesign of the sign. DW
  - b) The clerk was instructed to prepare a report on the performance of the Highways Agency in this matter.
  - c) The open meeting held in Bridport to enable concerns to be expressed on the lack of parking and traffic congestion in the town was reported on. The traffic flow was impeded by the Traffic Lights at the Town Hall and their close proximity to the zebra crossings on East and West Streets. In the main the parking was adequate when supplemented by the car park at the football ground, though facilities here could be improved.
  - d) A service provided by Stagecoach between Seaton and West Bay has now resolved the difficulties and is accepting bus passes.
- 177 **Planning Applications.**
- a) Current planning applications were as circulated list.
  - b) Two new applications were reported on and reviewed. 1/W/06/01079 alterations at Symondsbury School, and 1/W/06/01088 an extension to The Chalet at Eypes Mouth Chalet Park were supported
- 178 **Reports.** The clerk presented the following reports,
- a) Clerks Seminar 13.06.06
  - b) Ext Schools mtg 20.06.06
  - c) Policy Com Mins 12.06.06
- The three reports were adopted. DW
- 179 **Allotments.** It was reported that there was one outstanding rental. The clerk was instructed to write and pursue payment. CH  
There is an issue of a water supply to the allotment area. Cllr Harp is looking into the possibility of utilising a borehole reported to be on site.
- 180 **Coastal Matters.** There were no matters raised under this heading.
- 181 **Footpaths.** The clerk reported that the walking of footpaths in the Marshwood Vale had commenced and reports of the condition of each were being compiled in order to initiate maintenance programmes DW  
The council were advised of possible delays in the finalisation of decisions on appeals against the NERC bill due to the volume being received.
- 182 **Correspondence.** In addition to the pre circulated listing the following had been received since publication.
1. From WDDC 05.07.06. Copies of the Corporate Plan and the Performance Plan.
  2. From West Cliff Owners Association 05.07.06. Introduction of new Hon Sec. Mr Mike May succeeding Mr Roy Downing.
  3. From CPRE via email 05.07.06. Newsletter update.
  4. From DCC 03.07.06. Confirmation that the Waste Local Plan was adopted on 30.06.06. Now available on Download.
  5. From WDDC 15.06.06. Confirmation of intention to adopt the WD District Local Plan without further modifications after 14.07.06.
  6. SPC Local notice for inspection of accounts posted to notice boards 10.07.06 until 23.07.06
  7. From DCC undated re Local Access Forum appeal for volunteer committee members.
- 183 **Policy Committee.**

The minutes of the policy committee meeting of 12 June 2006 were presented.  
The committee Recommended

- a) That the issue of extended schools be discussed in full council.
- b) That para 4 of section 48 p18 of Standing orders be approved

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the policy committee be received and adopted and that the recommendations are put in place.

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**Consideration of Extended Schools.** The conclusions of the meeting held with school staff and governor were outlined to members. The idea is that the school is opened to greater use of the community. Small groups will be enabled to use the facilities of the school for meetings and gatherings. Clearly there are a number of factors that have a bearing in the usage, ie respect and safeguarding of school property. At the same time there are activities that can take place out of school hours. An example might be the use of a computer link to the internet, which will assist senior students and others in the community. In order to take this project further councillors were asked to contact parishioners and groups in order to ascertain the degree of interest

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**Revision of the Parish Plan.** The plan is now four years old and in the main a number of projects have been successfully carried through. The principle outstanding issue is that of affordable housing and at this time there appears to be a window of opportunity in this area. In this light the council were asked to approve the Revision of the Parish Plan and authorise the further investigation of affordable housing opportunities in the parish.

**Resolved** that the Parish plan be revised and a study of the affordable housing opportunities be initiated.

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**The Parish Web Site.** The new website has now been uploaded at [www.symondsburryparish.org.uk](http://www.symondsburryparish.org.uk) any useful information on villages, history, pictures etc will be appreciated.

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**Action Report.**

- a. New finger post for Higher Eype and Broadoak. **Awaiting information.**
- b. Dumping of waste. **Ongoing**
- c. Additional Dog waste bin in Eype. **In hand, date awaited.**
- d. Drain clearance at Symondsburry School. **Clarence to action.**

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**To consider action on**

- a. Dead end sign at the road opposite the refreshment area at Eype Junction. **Previous signs were stolen here and opposite the rest area. Replacements to be requested.**
- b. 20 mph limit around Symondsburry School. **RESOLVED. This is a desirable requirement to be implemented as soon as possible**

The meeting was closed at 9.20pm.

Date confirmed for the next meeting 12 September 2006  
Policy Committee 10 October 2006.

Signed.....  
Cllr A. C. Streatfeild, Chairman

