

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 9
May 2006 at 7.00pm in the Symondsburry Schoolroom

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

In attendance Cllr G Brierley, Mr D N Wragg, Clerk, and Mrs Julia Colfox
Cllr Harrison left the meeting at 7.50pm

- 149 **Apologies** were received from Cllr G Summers, PC Iverson
- 150 **Declaration of Interests.** None.
- 151 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2006 and on 6 March 2006 (amendment) were approved.
- 152 **Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors.** Cllr Brierley Implementation of the 50mph limit at Miles Cross was still pending, Details were provided showing DCC projected budgeted shortfall over the next three years. Of concern is the £800k losses of the library service and the planned closure of some 14 libraries across the county. Budget re appraisals are in hand in order that corrective measures can be taken.
- 153 **Community Policing.** In his absence, Cllr Holmes gave a report from PC Iverson on the recent developments regarding Down House Lane where the court had ruled that this is a public road and not in private ownership. DCC were to be instructed that signs to this effect were to be replaced.
- 154 **Co-option** Mrs Julia Colfox was welcomed and introduced to the meeting and on the proposition of Cllr Harp, seconded Cllr Harrison it was **RESOLVED** that Mrs Colfox be co-opted to the council and having signed the Declaration and the Code of Conduct took her seat.
- 155 **Democratic Half Hour.** There was no business under this heading.
- 156 **Chairman's Announcements.**
- a) The chairman commented on the excellence of the annual parish meeting. A higher level of public attendance had been hoped for. The talk given by Professor Brunsden was most interesting as was shown by the number and quality of the questions.
 - b) The next meeting with Symondsburry Estate to discuss projected future plans is now scheduled for mid June,
 - c) On the WDDC proposed modifications to the Revised Deposit Plan a review had been done and the council objected to the removal of LLLI designations (3.20) and to the removal of DDB designations (5.20) and these objections to be communicated to WDDC.
- 157 **Finance.**
- a) The balance of the current account was reported as £3080.39. The deposit account £1671.89.
 - b) Accounts for payment.

CPRE Annual Subscription	£ 25.00
DAPTC Annual Subscription	£ 227.76
Community First Insurance	£ 196.88
LexisNexis Butterworths (Book)	£ 53.45
CiLCA Course Deposit	£ 49.00
Clerk's salary and expenses	£1006.06
Bridport News advert	£ 98.70
DAPTC CiLCA Course Bal.	£ 196.00
 - c) To receive and approve the draft accounts.

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

RESOLVED that these accounts be paid and that the Draft Accounts for the year 2005/6 be approved.

158 **A35 and Transport.**

- a) The bus stop at London Inn was under query as to whether or not it was a scheduled stop in the light of stopping difficulties on this section of the A35.
- b) A service provided by Stagecoach between Seaton and West Bay was reported to not be accepting bus passes.

159 **Planning Applications.**

- a) Current planning applications were as circulated list.

160 **Reports.** The clerk presented the following reports.

- a) BLAP Meeting 11.04.06
- b) Books.

The two reports were adopted.

161 **Allotments.** It was reported that all allotments were now filled with a further application for a plot received. Rental invoices had now been sent out,

162 **Coastal Matters.** Eype Cliff. Concern was expressed on the damage being caused where apparently the cliff is being climbed in order to reach the car park.

163 **Footpaths.** A request for clearance work on Donkey Lane West Cliff had been received and the work due to be carried out in Mid May.
Footpath 31. Clarification of minute 144, 14.03.06. Eype PCC applied for a **Modification** order to effectively close the path through the churchyard. The basis of their argument was that the path had always been on a line immediately south of the church fence.

The County Council did not find this to be so and opposed the confirmation of the **Modification**.

The County Council came to this decision based on three points.

1. The inspector did not see all the evidence that was available at the time.
2. New evidence has come to light showing considerable use of the route by the public.
3. That there is a 2003 precedent which suggests that a path cannot be extinguished for the reason that it is on the wrong line unless the route is transferred to a different line.

Since a **Modification** requires a legal process to be observed the County are quite correct in stating that the definitive map and statement is correct and the Order should not be signed. In the event that the Inspector is minded to confirm the Order, the DCC will seek a modification to show the path on a line immediately south of the church fence.

On the question of the correctness of SPC minute no.144. The DCC was acting legally and since the parish council shall not act illegally it must support the actions of the DCC whilst supporting the closure of the path through the churchyard.

164 **Correspondence.** In addition to the pre circulated listing the following had been received since publication.

1. from WDDC 04.05.06. Tree work application protocol. Now provides an opportunity for council to comment on applications within a defined consultation period.
2. from BDO Stoy Hayward (Auditors) 03.05.06. Local Council Briefing

highlighting changes in the Financial Regulations. 2006. The main changes are in the threshold levels but there are a few points which have a direct bearing on this council and the clerk will draw these out in full and advise all members in writing.

3. from CPRE by email 03.05.06. News letter.
4. from DCC posters for display advertising Dorset Art Weeks.

165 **Policy Committee.**

The minutes of the policy committee meeting were presented.

The committee Recommended

- a) that Chairman's Fund of £100 per annum be provided
- b) That a CiLCA Course be provided for the clerk at a cost of £245.
- c) That the unaudited annual accounts be adopted.
- d) That the agenda for the Annual Parish Meeting be approved.

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

166 **Actions for consideration.**

- a. RESOLVED that a new post would be provide for the Finger Post at Eype directing toward Higher Eype.
- b. RESOLVED that the Finger Post at Denhay Corner would be repaired.
- c. RESOLVED that the dumping of waste at Lower Eype would be investigated.
- d. RESOLVED that an additional Dog Waste bin would be provided at Eypes Mouth.
- e. RESOLVED that drain clearance at Symondsbury School would be investigated.

The meeting was closed at 8.48pm.

- 167 Date confirmed for the next meeting 11 July 2006
Policy Committee 13 June 2006.

Signed.....

..

Cllr A. C. Streatfeild, Chairman

D N Wragg Clerk 24.05.06-min12-spc

Symondsbury Parish Council Minutes cont.

www.symondsbury.org.uk