

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 14
November 2006 at 7.00pm in the Symondsburry Schoolroom

PRESENT: Cllr A C Streatfeild, Chairman, S L Holmes, R M Baker, H Harrison,
V O'Farrell, P R Smith. C E Harp and J Colfox.
In attendance Mr D N Wragg, Clerk. Cllr G Brierly, DCC,
Cllr G.Summers, WDDC, Mrs J Nolting-May and Mr Ian Madgewick
DCC.

Traffic Calming on West Road. Mr Ian Madgewick of Highways Department, DCC gave a brief talk on the implications of the introduction of pinch points on West Road, designed to reduce speeds of vehicles at the new Medical Centre, now under construction. The changes envisaged were based on models of those installations found to be successful in other locations. West Road has hitherto been an accident free zone and it was the opinion of the council that the proposals would cause congestion and increase speeds over the short distance between the points. Mr Madgewick gave assurances that the situation would be closely monitored subsequent to implementation and any remedial action found necessary would be implemented. The Chairman thanked Mr Madgewick for his presentation but was unable to provide the council's support for his proposals.

Democratic Half Hour. There was one member of the public present who spoke of her objections to Planning Application 1/W/06/001906. The Chairman thanked her for her views and attendance and assured her that they would be taken into account when the matter was discussed.

Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors. Cllr Brierly gave news of a recommendation that parishes are to be allowed to purchase SID's for their own use at a cost of around £3500. Installation would be at agreed points for a duration of one week with return permitted after three weeks. The project lends itself to a partnership arrangement with joint parishes. The Highways Agency appear willing to permit installation along the A35 subject to a practical scheme acceptable to all parties. Costs and depth of involvement ie storage require finalisation.

Cllr Summers advised that the recent Licensing review indicated that WDDC had issued the most 24-hour licences in the country but statistically there had been a reduction of issues arising. On re-cycling she was pleased to report that WDDC had hit its target for the service and the system was working satisfactorily.

Community Policing. It had been hoped that the Community Beat Officer would be present to comment on the reported activity, which is taking place at Robinswell. Cllr Summers advised that it was a police matter though some of the activities merited investigation by Environmental Services.
The telephone kiosk at Broadoak has been vandalised and a number of finger signs have been removed.

Apologies no apologies were necessary.

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Declaration of Interests. There were no declarations of interest and the
206 Chairman indicated that if councillors found it necessary to declare interests at
any point they could do so.

Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 12 September 2006 were
207 approved.

Co-option Mrs Jane Nolting-May was welcomed and introduced to the meeting
208 and on the proposition of Cllr A C Streatfeild, seconded Cllr R M Baker it
was

RESOLVED that Mrs Nolting-May be co-opted to the council and having signed
the Declaration and the Code of Conduct took her seat.

will introduce a supply at a cost of around £300, with trenching and ground work extra to a total of £1250. Metered water will then be charged on usage. The cost investigation, as well as the need and recovery of cost, is ongoing.

215 **Coastal Matters.** There were no matters to report under this heading.

Footpaths.

- a) Advice of adjoining parish changes to the definitive map were discussed and noted.
- b) The footpath at Lower Eype is to be checked for previously reported blockage and the positioning of scaffolding on the right of way is to be investigated.

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Extended School Activities. No information was available on the possible interest of groups wishing to make use of this facility. The school has now originated a survey of its own and the results will be made available to the Parish Council.

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Policy Committee. The minutes of the committee meeting held on 17.10.06 were submitted for adoption by the Parish Council and on the proposition of Cllr Harp, seconded Cllr Holmes it was

RESOLVED that the minutes be adopted.

Noted for further action was that Quality Council Status was to be reviewed and a working committee appointed at the meeting 13.12.06.

All Councillors were reminded of the need for a fifty word profile by 01.12.06 for their accompanying photograph in the newsletter.

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Reports. The clerk presented the following reports.

- a) Cllr Smith commented on the report submitted on Rural Highways.
- b) Cllr O'Farrel presented a report on the chairman's seminar attended by him which highlighted aspects of the white paper on empowerment of parish councils.
- c) DAPTC AGM was reported. Of particular interest was the support given to the provision of a VOSA weight and vehicle testing station west of Chideock.
- d) DAPTC Area meeting had discussed the implications of the white paper. All reports were adopted.

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

1. From the Countryside Alliance a request to support the campaign against closure of the rural post offices.
2. From Reef TV details of a competition for Britain's Best Allotment.
3. From SLCC. Notice of the Regional Conference to be held in Bristol 08.12.06.
4. From AONB details of a forum and workshop at Lulworth.
5. From DCC 13.11.06 letter advising of changes to the definitive map by Chideock and Whitchurch Canonorum.
6. From Environment Agency 06.11.06 Details of agency priorities in Wessex
7. From DCA 13.11.06 review of the Dorset Play Strategy.

The meeting was closed at 9.45pm.

Date confirmed for the next meeting 09 January 2007

Policy Committee 13 December 2006.

Signed.....Date 09 January 2007
Cllr A. C. Streatfeild, Chairman

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D N Wragg Clerk 21.11.06-min15-spc

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