

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 12  
September 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 and J Colfox.  
In attendance Mr D N Wragg, Clerk.  
Cllr G.Summers, WDDC arrived 7.30pm

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

**Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors.** Cllr Summers advised that contrary to some opinions it is possible to object to the continuance of Licenses issued under the Licensing Act 2003. They 'are not forever' and complaints made by three people, living in the close proximity to licensed premises will trigger the complaints procedure. Additionally relaxation of the rules governing village halls were now in the pipeline.

**Community Policing.** The council were advised of the appointment of PC Drewe Manton as Community Beat Officer. On this occasion PC Manton was attending a driving course and his apologies were tendered. Both he and Section Commander Steve Davenport have indicated their intention to attend meetings of the council when duties permit.

189 **Apologies** were received from Cllrs. G.Brierley DCC and C E Harp,

190 **Declaration of Interests.** Cllr Streatfeild declared an interest in planning application 1/W/06/001523, installation of overhead cables and Cllr Smith declared an interest in proposals for affordable housing at Watton

191 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2006 were approved.

192 **Chairman's Announcements.**

- a) The Chairman advised on the benefits of the clerk's membership of SLCC. This would be complementary to the support from DAPTC but with the benefit of advice from both the 'employers' and the 'employees' organisations the council will have the benefit of well-rounded advice. On the proposition of Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Baker, it was **RESOLVED** that the membership fees be paid by the council (currently £84.00pa)
- b) The Chairman drew attention to the changes contained in the 2004 Electoral Reform Act, which reduces the number of councillors for the Parish to 8, two of which should be resident in West Cliff. The current vacancy will be filled by co-option and a nominee from West Cliff is proposed. Mrs Jane Nolting-May has offered her services and is felt to be a suitable candidate. On the proposition Cllr Streatfeild, seconded Cllr O'Farrell it was **RESOLVED** that Mrs Jane Nolting-May will be presented for co-option at the next meeting.
- c) The Chairman advised that under the Freedom of Information Act any reports made by councillors could be open to public scrutiny. Reports submitted should therefore be strictly in accordance with known facts and avoid the use of opinion or conjecture.
- d) Cllr O'Farrell agreed to attend the Chairman's Seminar on 25.09.06 on behalf of the Chairman.

193 **A35 and Transport.**

- a) Cllr Smith reported on the Highways Maintenance Seminar that there was a vast backlog caused by underfunding of structural maintenance. The changing of all street lighting was moving forward. Drivers for winter duty extra hours may have to be sent home in order to have night duty hours

available. Regular parish maintenance is reducing category 1 faults by 80%.

- b) Also reported was the projected meeting with the Highways Agency to be held at Mountfield early November. Three representatives of the council will attend.
- c) The notice of the introduction of a 50mph limit at Miles Cross was reported in the local press.
- d) There are facilities being provided for the turnaround of buses at the New Health Centre, though as yet a service is not provided. Patients using the centre should urge the introduction of a service from day one.

194 **Finance.**

a) The balance of the current account was reported as £819. The deposit account £1683.

b) Accounts for payment Clerk's Salary & Expenses      £1214.93  
    Creeds printing of annual report      £   44.50

On the proposition of Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Streatfeild it was RESOLVED that these accounts be paid.

c) The Clerk advised that the Annual Budget and Precept would be determined at the next meeting and details of parish projects were requested to be advised as soon as possible.

195 **Planning Applications.**

a) Current planning applications were as circulated list.

b) 1/W/06/01523. Erection of overhead cable to New Health Centre. Cllr Streatfeild declared an interest. Stated to be an adjoining parish consultation but 43% of the proposed line crosses land within the parish. Considered to be detrimental to AONB and should be underground. The application was not supported on this basis.

c) 1/W/06/01515. Relief of Conditions of occupancy at Golden Acre, Eype. This application was not supported and it was requested that the conditions remain unchanged, that no new conditions are applied and that the purpose is for holiday accommodation only.

d) 1/W/06/01690. A new application for installation of 2 Dormer Windows at Pennyfields, Watton Lane, was supported.

196 **Noticeboards.** Following the previous report on the condition of noticeboards throughout the parish the clerk submitted details of a proposal for the provision of new boards. Consideration of the proposal:

**RESOLVED** that a single board be purchased from Harry Stebbing Workshop as a trial order to ascertain suitability. The Clerk to determine which location was most in need of the new unit.

197 **Allotments.** No further information was available in the matter of a borehole.

198 **Coastal Matters.** Details were provided of the consultation document received on Harbour and Coastal Issues that included proposed Bye Laws to manage those areas where the District Council has an interest. The council's views on this preliminary document had been submitted by the return date

199 **Extended School Activities.** Initial thoughts on this issue do not provide a clear indication of the extent of the level of usage that could be achieved. Cllr Colfox agreed to circulate a questionnaire based on the wider brief suggested by the council.

200 **Footpaths.** The assessment of the Marshwood Vale Footpaths and Bridlepaths had now been completed and DCC had expressed their appreciation of a job well done by Mrs Carol Alner. The clerk was asked to add the thanks of the Council to those of DCC.

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- 201 **Revision of Parish Plan.** A working party comprising Cllrs. Streatfeild and O'Farrell together with Mr C J Reynolds and the clerk is to meet on a date to be arranged in order to consider aspects of the affordable housing project and possible revisions and additions to the parish plan.
- 202 **Recission of Previous Resolution.** On the proposition of Cllr Baker, seconded Cllr Holmes it was:  
**RESOLVED** that the resolution of 11 March 2006, minute number 146, that the word summons or summoned should not be used, be rescinded.
- 203 **Reports.** The clerk presented the following reports.
- a) The Parish Website, support in the form of links is sought.
  - b) Affordable Housing.
  - c) DAPTC August Newsletter.
  - d) Report on POPP.
  - e) Proposed Parish Newsletter. This report was adopted and it was:  
**RESOLVED that the production of a Parish Council Newsletter be introduced in January 2007 at a budget cost of £200 in a quantity sufficient to enable all households in the parish to receive a copy and thereafter at six monthly intervals**
  - f) The chairman submitted a report of the BLAP Meeting of 31 August 2006. Concern was expressed at the manner in which Conservation Area Appraisals are being conducted without any liaison with the various parishes. The clerk was instructed to write to Cllr David Evans to establish when the Symondsburry survey would take place. The draft action plan for BLAP was circulated to all present and is available for the public. Also discussed was the Regional Spatial Strategy.
- The reports were adopted.
- 204 **Correspondence.** In addition to the pre circulated listing the following had been received since publication.
- 1. From WDDC 05.09.06. Confirmation that it was in order for the council to proceed with the co-option of a replacement councillor.
  - 2. From CPRE via email 06.09.06. Newsletter update.
  - 3. From Dorset CPRE the chairman's newsletter.

The meeting was closed at 9.30pm.

Date confirmed for the next meeting 14 November 2006  
Policy Committee 17 October 2006.

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Cllr A. C. Streatfeild, Chairman

D N Wragg Clerk 17.09.06-min14-spc

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