

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 13
November 2007 at 7.00pm in the Symondsburry Schoolroom

PRESENT: Cllr A C Streatfeild, P R Smith, C E Harp, S Holmes, J Colfox, J
Nolting-May and G Butcher.
In attendance: Cllr G Brierley DCC, Cllr G Summers WDDC and Mr
D N Wragg, Clerk.

Democratic Half Hour. There was no business under this heading. The clerk drew the attention of the meeting to the fact that this time was the opportunity to speak on issues on the agenda and which they later would declare an interest in.

Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors. Both councillors present expressed regret that a member of the WDDC had spoken at a recent meeting purporting to represent the Parish Council. The chairman advised that no authority for such representation had been given. Cllr Brierley spoke of the Broomhills site and advised that it was not under consideration for development. Also that the cycle track between Chideock and Quarr Cross would be moving forward March 2008. And as a result of a recent court decision re the speed camera at Chideock the resultant refunds would be in excess of £1m. Cllr Summers spoke of the Symondsburry Conservation Area consultation that takes place on 20. 11.07

Community Policing.

PC Chris Forshaw, Community Police Officer tendered his apologies for absence and advised that Symondsburry shooting incident had no basis of fact. Also mentioned was the PDS scam where people receive a note saying that there is a parcel for delivery/ collection and on ringing the number immediately incur high charges

- 289 **Apologies.** Cllr Harrison offered apologies, which were accepted and the absence approved.
- 290 **Declaration of Interests.** None were advised.
- 291 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2007 were approved.
- 292 **Chairman's Announcements.** The chairman reported on the recent meeting of the Walbridge Trust. Also the current position of Homewatch. West Cliff has an operational scheme, as does Eype and Broadoak. Cllr Colfox is getting the Symondsburry scheme together and will provide details in a couple of weeks. The draft Parish Plan questionnaire had been issued and urgent consultations with nominated members of the parish as well as any groups and individuals who are able to contribute their views should be reported by 18 November. The chairman praised the contribution made by David Webb in his capacity as Chief Executive of DAPTC and who is retiring at the end of the year. The clerk was asked to minute an appreciation of his services and on behalf of the council to write to David Webb accordingly.
- 293 **A35 and Transport.** Reported from the recent WATAG meeting that all eligible persons should apply for their bus passes now. From April next year it will be an automatic process. The A35 roadworks have been completed and a number of improvements are implemented. Despite assurances from Connect we still have no double white lines from Miles Cross to Quarr Cross, though the extra width and tree pruning are aids to visibility. Cllr Holmes offered a low cost improvement suggestion for Eype Junction that has the support of the council. This will be discussed with Connect.

294 **Finance.**

a. Bank Balances.	Current a/c £ 4963	Deposit a/c £ 1498
b. Accounts for payment.	DAPTC Training	£ 50.00
	SLCC Annual Membership	£ 42.50
	Filing cabinet	£140.00
	Parish Plan Consultation	£175.00
	Connecting Dorset	£979.32
	Symondsburry School	£149.40

On the proposition of Cllr Butcher, seconded Cllr Harp it was

Resolved that the above accounts be paid.

- c. Funding sought by; Axe Valley Ring & Ride Service
Bridport CAB
Life Education

On the proposition of Cllr Nolting-May, seconded Cllr Colfox it was

Resolved that the sum of £50.00 be provided to each of the above causes.

d. Budget. The budget was received and discussed and on the proposition of Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Harp it was

Resolved that the Budget for 2008/9 be approved.

As a result of the approval of the budget and on the proposition of Cllr Holmes, seconded Cllr Smith it was

Resolved that the annual rental of allotment plots be increased by £5.00 each.

e. Precept. Consequent upon the approval of the budget the Annual Precept was determined at £7500.00 an increase of £500.00 (7%) and on the proposition of Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Harp it was

Resolved that the Precept for the year 2008/9 would be set at £7500.00.

295 **Planning Applications.** These were as circulated. 1/D/07/001954, a new application was discussed and Cllr Harp was to visit the site and report back. An enforcement order has now been served in respect of the building at Allotment Gardens with effect from 14.11.07. Issues at West Cliff and Eype were discussed.

296 **Policy Committee.** The minutes of the meeting held 18.10.07 were approved and on the resolution of Cllr Holmes, seconded Cllr Smith it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be adopted.

297 **Allotments.**

- a) Cllr Harp advised on clearance work on the Pine View play area that due to the limited access to the site it would not be possible to clear the ground mechanically. Alternatives are being considered.
b) The allotment rents are to be increased by £5 pa per plot from May 2008.

298 **Coastal Matters.** A report of the recent meeting of this group was given by Cllr Butcher who advised the lack of cohesive direction in the structure of the responsibilities relating to the issues facing the Heritage Coast. The response to the DCC questionnaire was formulated and submitted with this in mind.

299 **Footpaths.**

- a) The decision on FP 31 Eype Churchyard is to go to public enquiry. Further details are to follow.
b) Details have been given regarding the DCC 'Adopt a Path' scheme and members of the Parish who use a local path 2/3 times a year are invited to join. The task is not an onerous one and involves the reporting of problems and some minor maintenance.

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

- a) New Code of Conduct Legal Principles.
b) Clerks Seminar.
c) Cllr Smith reported on the WD Housing Strategy Consultation.

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- d) The DAPTC Annual General Meeting.
On the proposition of Cllr Holmes, seconded Cllr Colfox it was
Resolved that the reports be adopted.

301 **Correspondence.**

1. As per circulated list with 6 late receipts reported by the clerk.
Items of interest and pertinent to the Parish were discussed.

The meeting was closed at 9.10pm. after the following dates were confirmed

Date confirmed for the next meeting 8 January 2008

Policy Committee 11 December 2007.

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

D N Wragg Clerk 30.11.07-min 20-spc

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