

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 11  
September 2007 at 7.00pm in the Symondsburry Schoolroom

**PRESENT:** Cllr A C Streatfeild, H Harrison, P R Smith, C E Harp, S Holmes, J  
Colfox and G Butcher.

In attendance: Mr D N Wragg, Clerk.

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

**Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors.** There was no business under  
this heading.

**Community Policing.**

PC Chris Forshaw, Community Police Officer was in attendance and gave a  
report on a number of incidents that had taken place in the parish. Cllr Streatfeild  
called attention to the need to re vitalise the Homewatch organisations within the  
parish and the clerk was asked to contact known contacts and ascertain the  
working status in the community. Eype appears to be working well with Richard  
George as the coordinator who circulates relevant information to 20 contacts  
who have a number of residences which they in turn advise. The clerk confirmed  
that he would arrange for the Homewatch service to be promoted through the  
parish magazine and the Newsletter.

PC Forshaw gave a brief outline of changes in the procedures for the policing of  
the area with a team of officers working closely together and due to take effect  
from around April/May 2008.

The chairman thanked PC Forshaw for his contribution to the meeting.

272 **Apologies.** A late apology was received from Cllr Nolting-May whose horse had  
a suspected broken leg and being treated as an emergency. The absence was  
approved.

273 **Declaration of Interests.** None were advised.

274 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2007 were approved.

275 **Chairman's Announcements.** The chairman reported that the work on the  
revision of the Parish Plan was continuing with further work to be  
implemented on the questionnaire. A recent meeting with Tessa  
Greenaway, Community Planning Officer has revealed the need for  
revisions. A further meeting is planned for 18.09.07 and the changes will be  
incorporated to enable the planned deadline for the completion of the  
questionnaire by mid October.

The chairman advised that she would be unable to represent the council at the  
October meeting of the Wallbridge Trust and it was agreed that on this occasion  
the clerk would deputise for her.

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**A35 and Transport.**

Reporting on WATAG matters, Cllr Smith commented on the minutes of the last  
WATAG meeting where it was advised that the hospital car service to Poole was  
to be discontinued, the next meeting was to take place on 13.09.07 when some  
public re-action might be forthcoming. At this meeting Mr Roger Stribling of the  
Highways Agency was to be speaking on the work being done on the A35.

The clerk advised that a meeting was to take place on 21.09.07 between  
Connect and the A35 Group to confirm the work programme for the re paving of  
the A35 from Miles Cross to the Chideock boundary.

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**Finance.**

a) The balance of the current account was reported as £3208. This figure includes the grant of £1500 for the revision of the Parish Plan. This is being accounted for separately and so the resultant current funds of the Council are £1708. The deposit account balance is £1489.

b) Accounts for payment	Creeds (Newsletters)	£ 186.00
	Creeds (Parish Plan Inserts)	£ 28.00
	Creeds (Annual Reports)	£ 58.00
	Clerk's Salary and Expenses	£1086.60
	BDO Stoy Hayward (Audit Fee)	£ 141.00

On the Proposition of Cllr Harp, seconded Cllr Holmes it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that these accounts be paid.

c) Consequent upon a request for a donation to the funds of the Bopper Bus the clerk report that the service was now extended to include a participant from Eype and on the Proposition of Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Harp it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** that the sum of £100 be paid to the Bopper Bus.

d) A request for funding received from First Dorset Credit Union was considered and since no permissive statute could be identified it was agreed that this request be denied and First Dorset Credit Union be advised accordingly.

e) The clerk reminded members that the November meeting would be considering the budget for 2008/9 and any projects for implementation should be forwarded to the clerk without delay.

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**Changes in the Registration of Interests.** Members were advised of the requirement that any gift or hospitality to the value of twenty five pounds or more should be declared and advised to the Monitoring Officer on the form provided. In the event of such an advice being necessary the clerk holds a supply of the forms.

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**Consultation on Core Strategy Issues of the LDF.** The conclusion reached after study of the document was that the rural communities were being dismissed as of no importance. Whilst support was pledged such support was vaguely worded and without substance or promise. The rural areas attract a large number of visitors to the area bringing related income. Since 1994 there has been a steady decline in real terms of funding for the maintenance of rural areas and funding of community initiatives. It is hoped that this trend will be halted and if possible reversed. The council supported this view and the outlined response to the consultation.

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**Highways Maintenance Survey.** In general terms the service provided by DCC was considered to be less than satisfactory. In the main due to the time taken to respond to a request. It was felt that the survey form should reflect this view,

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**Amendment to Standing Orders.** An amendment to standing orders, reflecting the changes brought about by the New Code of Conduct introducing minuting of public comments at council meeting and the changes in the rules pertaining to declaration of interests had previously been circulated for consideration and on the proposition of Cllr Harrison, seconded Cllr Smith and agreed unanimously it was

**RESOLVED** that P21 para 67 sec b and c together with the note be included in the Standing Orders.

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**Planning Applications.** Minor changes to the published list were updated. A caravan being replaced by a chalet at Ships Lights was clarified as conforming to the regulations. It is a joined unit with both halves on wheels.

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**Policy Committee.** The minutes of the meeting held 14.08.07 were approved and on the resolution of Cllr Holmes, seconded Cllr Smith it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be adopted.

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**Allotments.**

- a) Cllr Harp agreed to provide costs of clearance work on the Pine View play area in time for the budget preparation for the November meeting.

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**Coastal Matters.** A meeting of this committee has been held and a report from Cllr Nolting-May is awaited. A draft of the committee's response to a questionnaire was received and approved.

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**Footpaths.**

- a) Concern was expressed at the blocking of WW18/39 at Lower Eype Farm and the appropriate authorities have it in hand.
- b) Maintenance work on paths was discussed and in the event of work being necessary it is suggested that the first approach be made through the landowner, who may prefer to take action himself rather than have footpaths staff and vehicles on his land. All councillors now have maps providing details of footpaths and bridlepaths throughout the parish.

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

- a) Councillor's attendances showed a progressive improvement over the last two years and it is hoped to continue this trend. Councillors were provided with meeting dates to the end of 2008 and the importance of attendance emphasised.
- b) Cllr Smith reported on the recent New Code of Conduct Seminar he had attended and highlighted some of the principal changes. The reports were adopted.

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**Correspondence.**

1. An audit report received from BDO Stoy Hayward drew attention to the absence of an Asset Register. The clerk has undertaken to produce the document for inclusion in future audits.
2. A newsletter 'Connecting Dorset' had been received updating progress on the introduction of parish computers and including details of how the funding will be made available to councils for them to pay.

The meeting was closed at 8.50pm. after the following dates were confirmed

Date confirmed for the next meeting 13 November 2007

Policy Committee 18 October 2007.

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

D N Wragg Clerk 16.09.07-min19-spc