

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 8
January 2008 at 7.00pm in the Symondsburry Schoolroom

PRESENT: Cllr A C Streatfeild, P R Smith, S Holmes, J Colfox, J Nolting-May
and G Butcher.

In attendance: PC Forshaw, Dorset Police and Mr D N Wragg, Clerk.

Democratic Half Hour. The Council received representations from West Cliff residents regarding the proposed development of White Wings, West Walk. Concerns were expressed and noted on the environmental impact, the effects on the sewage disposal system, the size of the development, parking and traffic congestion of the proposal.

Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors. There was nothing to report.

Community Policing.

PC Chris Forshaw, Community Police Officer advised of a reported discharge of a firearm, the progress of the Homewatch initiative, the current Safer Communities activities. Responding to questions he clarified the Safer Neighbourhoods scheme and the need to recruit volunteers to feed back relevant information.

302 **Apologies.** Cllr Harrison and Cllr Harp tendered apologies, due to community engagements elsewhere. Accepted and approved.

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

304 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2007 were approved and signed.

305 **Chairman's Announcements.** The chairman suggested the reduction in councillor numbers since the last election was creating a workload on the council which might be alleviated by the recruiting of member(s) of the community at the committee level. It was agreed that this be further explored at the next Policy Committee meeting.

306 **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 meeting with Connect is scheduled for 23.01.08 when the Eype Junction proposal will be on the agenda.

Finance.

307	a. Bank Balances.	Current a/c £ 4306	Deposit a/c £ 1506
	b. Accounts for payment.	Clerk salary & expenses	£1123.98
		DCC Allotment Rental	£ 140.00
	c. Funding sought by; Symondsburry PCC grasscutting		£ 500.00

On the proposition of Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Colfox it was **Resolved** that the above sums be paid.

308 **Planning Applications.** Notice of an appeal being lodged against the enforcement order in respect of the building at Allotment Gardens. The Planning Application for the White Wings development on West Walk was discussed in depth and it was agreed that this application be objected to. The development at 17 West Walk for which a retrospective application had been filed was discussed. Further consideration will be given before a response is determined.

309 **Allotments.** The rent increase agreed at the last meeting has been notified and to date no response has been made.

310 **Coastal Matters.** There was nothing to report on this subject.

311 **Footpaths.**

- a) The decision on FP 31 Eype Churchyard is to go to public enquiry. On 18.03.08. A briefing meeting of concerned councillors will be convened nearer the date.
- b) A submission had been received from Symondsbury Estates for the diversion of part of FP W18/80 and BW18/10. These are minor diversions to follow hedge lines and enable crop protection. The council supported the application.
- c) It was reported that the recent heavy rain had damaged the surface of the path at Donkey Lane(W18/19) and that it was a danger to the public due to the deep ruts created. The clerk was instructed to write to DCC and have this repaired.

312 **Policy Committee.** The minutes of the meeting held 11.12.07 were approved and on the resolution of Cllr Holmes, seconded Cllr Butcher it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be adopted.

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

- a) A verbal report of the quotation now received from Western Power regarding the underground cabling of Eype. The total cost of the Western Power work £150k, added to which would be the cost of trenching and re paving plus the cost of re routing telephone cabling at the same time with a total resultant estimate of some £250k. Possible funding can be explored but it is expected that the community would have to provide a level of matched funding. Further discussion of this subject was recommended.
- b) The recent meeting of the BLAP Steering Committee was reported by the chairman. The priorities of the Action Plan for the coming year had been agreed and work was currently in hand for the publication of a Best Practice Guide for Affordable Housing and a Planning Response Guide.

314 **Correspondence.**

- 1. As per circulated list.

The meeting was closed at 9.05pm. after the following dates were confirmed

Date confirmed for the next meeting 11 March 2008 2008
Policy Committee 12 February 2008.

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

D N Wragg Clerk 27.01.08-min 21-spc.

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