

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 11
March 2008 at 7.00pm in the Symondsburry Schoolroom

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

Democratic Half Hour. The Council received representations from Mrs Jenny Clark of Symondsburry who enquired the current position of planning application 1/D/08/0055 and was given a full update.

Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors. Cllr Brierley gave a report on the current position of the FP Chideock to Eype. A cycle way is not included in the proposal. The recent PACT meeting was commented on, in particular the poor state of the rural lanes and roads and their detrimental effect on the area as a whole. Cllr Brierley took on board the comments of the parish council on this subject. A decision is shortly to be made on the location of the proposed Waste Transfer Station. Asked about the county proposals for the Sustainable Communities Bill Cllr Brierley agreed to look into this point.

Community Policing.

There were no matters under this heading the PACT Meeting having been covered above.

Parish Plan Revision. Chris Reynolds showed the spreadsheet to be used for the compilation of the results received and explained the system to be followed for the completion of the document. All councillors have now been provided with the database for this part of the exercise and the returns were shuffled and divided in equal parts to all councillors. Indications from the councillors indicated a reasonable rate of return, though there were still some to be collected and the meeting was urged to follow these up and obtain for collation.

- 315 **Apologies.** A late apology was received from Cllr Colfox by reason of illness and which the council accepted and approved.
- 316 **Declaration of Interests.** Cllr Harrison advised an interest in the payment of Creeds invoices in the Finance matters and took no part in that business.
- 317 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2008 were approved and signed.
- 318 **Chairman's Announcements.** The chairman raised the question of the falling number of hits on the parish web site and queried the benefit of introducing an advertising facility into it. In principle it was agreed that this would be pursued and the legality of any payments for the service was to be checked by the clerk. The chairman sought the agreement of council to support the provision of a footpath from Chideock to Eype which was unanimously agreed. The meeting was asked to consider alternative speakers for the Annual Parish Meeting to be held on the 8 April 2008.
- 319 **A35 and Transport.** The work on the faded junction markings at Miles Cross and initiated at the request of the Parish Council has been completed by Connect Roads Ltd. An alternative low cost proposal to improve safety at Eype Junction has been put forward by the Parish Council and is now receiving urgent consideration from the Highway Authorities.

320 **Finance.**

a. Bank Balances.	Current a/c £ 2491	Deposit a/c £ 1514
b. Accounts for payment.	Creeds PP Questionnaire	£ 636.85
	Creeds Newsletter	£ 182.00
	Peter Thomas (Audit)	£ 75.00

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On the proposition of Cllr Butcher, seconded Cllr Holmes it was **Resolved** that the above accounts be paid.

c. Funding sought by Helplines. The council considered that they had too little information or knowledge of this organisation and Cllr Nolting-May volunteered to approach the organiser for further details.

d. The requirement for two further notice boards was discussed and it was agreed that the clerk should investigate the price and viability of needed boards.

321 **Planning Applications.** Current position on planning applications is as listed. Information re two complaints received was given. The brick construction at the entrance to Highlands End and issues at Down House Farm were in the hands of WDDC.

322 **Allotments.** Possible changes in respect of the allotment management are being pursued.

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

324 **Footpaths.**

- a) The decision on FP 31 Eype Churchyard is to go to public enquiry on 18.03.08. It was agreed that the council would be represented by the clerk.
- b) Re FP 43. A complaint has been received and will be followed up by the clerk.
- c) Donkey Lane (W18/19). DCC footpaths have been made aware of the problems with the path and have agreed to undertake the repair work early in the new financial year.

325 **Policy Committee.** The minutes of the meeting held 12.02.08 were approved and on the resolution of Cllr Holmes, seconded Cllr Andrews it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be adopted.

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

- a) A report dated 28.02.08 and based on a letter from WDDC dated 04.02.08 regarding the issuance of dispensations in the event a number of councillors being unable to participate in a debate as a result of a declared prejudicial interest (say) thus rendering the council unable to conduct its business. Notice of such an event will be necessary. Therefore Standing Orders are required to be amended to include in Sec6 para7b p11.

327 **Correspondence.**

1. As per circulated list. Items highlighted were reported and discussed as necessary

The meeting was closed at 9.15pm. after the following dates were confirmed

Date confirmed for the next meeting 13 May 2008
Annual Parish Meeting 8 April 2008
Policy Committee 15 April 2008.

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

D N Wragg Clerk 15.03.08-min 22-spc.

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