

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 11 November  
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 and Mr D N Wragg, Clerk.

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

**Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors.** Cllr Brierley advised that the Highways Dept. Was encouraging the introduction of Lengthsmen throughout the county, funded on a joint basis of County, District and Parish Councils at an estimated cost of £30k pa. The Parish Council had previously expressed interest in such a scheme and full details of the Highways scheme will be discussed at the next Policy Committee.

An outline of the financial situation of DCC in respect of the Icelandic Bank's financial difficulties was provided. The DCC commitment is c£36m and the signs are that an early satisfactory resolution is expected.

The concerns of the Council in respect of inadequate hedgerow cutting were expressed and Cllr Brierley agreed to raise the matter with the Highways Department.

**Community Policing.** Apologies had been received from PC Chris Forshaw who had drawn attention to the need for a Homewatch contact in Symondsburry. This matter was being looked into.

372 **Apologies.** There were no apologies to record. Under this heading it was noted that Cllr Colfox had been absent for three consecutive meetings and the clerk was instructed to look into this matter.

373 **Declaration of Interests.** Interests declared. Cllr Streatfeild, Finance – application for grant from Symondsburry PCC. Cllr Harrison, Finance – Accounts for payment to Messrs Creeds the Printers. Cllr Smith, Footpaths W18/22 – ownership of access land.

374 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 9 September 2008 were approved and signed.

375 **Chairman's Announcements.** Attention was drawn to the pressing need for a more pro-active management of our web site and following discussion the Chairman undertook to approach Vince O'Farrell to ascertain if he was able to help.  
Two documents were circulated to all present – one highlighting the new Local Standards Framework and the other a copy of the recent letter from Legal Services regarding the processing of Planning Consultations. Both items will be for inclusion on the agenda of the next Policy Committee meeting 09.12.08. Any non members of the committee will be welcome to attend and join in the discussion of these important items.

376 **A35 and Transport.** Concerns were expressed regarding the road closures implemented on the B3157 Bridport to Weymouth Coast Road.  
WATAG minutes of their last meeting were not available at this time though it was noted that the question of flag marking of bus stops had been decided as necessary though the cost may prove to be prohibitive,

377 **Finance.**

a. Bank Balances. Current a/c £ 5502    Deposit a/c £ 2550

b. Accounts for payment.

C J Reynolds (Parish Plan)	£200.00
Creeds (print Parish Plan)	£335.00
Creeds (print Newsletter)	£190.00
Tiger Media	£ 20.00
Symondsburry School	£ 99.60
SLCC	£ 70.00
BDO Stoy Hayward (Audit)	£158.63

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

**Resolved** that the above accounts be paid.

c. Request for funding had been received and were met as follows;

Axe Valley Ring and Ride Service	£ 50.00
Symondsbury PCC (Graveyard Maintenance)	£600.00
Bridport CAB	£ 50.00

On the proposition of Cllr Harrison, seconded Cllr Holmes it was;

**Resolved** that the grants be made in the above amounts.

d. The Budget for 2009/10 as previously circulated was confirmed as read and on the proposition of Cllr Butcher, seconded Cllr Harp it was;

**Resolved** that the Budget for 2009/10 be confirmed and adopted.

e. The precept figure as previously circulated was presented and on the proposition of Cllr Nolting-May, seconded Cllr Harp it was;

**Resolved** that the Precept for 2009/10 be set at £7500.

- 378 **Planning Applications.** Current position on planning applications is as listed. There were three additions to the published list.  
1/D/08/2053 Morrison's Store. An adjoining Parish consultation for a revised application for changes to the garage forecourt canopy and signage. There were no objections to this application.  
1/D/08/2095. Willowdene West Cliff. For the construction of a dormer window. There were no objections to this application  
1/D/08/2096 Lower Moorbath Farm. The change from 3 years to permanent use of a log cabin. There were no objections to this application.  
1/D/08/1645 Cowleaze Old Dairy was also discussed in the light of comments from a local resident. This was referred for a further site visit in order to consider the objections raised.
- 379 **Policy Committee.** The minutes of the meeting held 14.10.08 were approved with the addition of Cllr Nolting-May's name to be added to the list of attendees. On the resolution of Cllr Harrison, seconded Cllr Nolting-May it was  
**RESOLVED** that the minutes be adopted.
- 380 **Allotments.** WDDC have advised that the partial building scheduled for demolition is now under new ownership from 14.10.08. The building demolition date has been extended to 14.01.09. The new owner plans to return the site to allotments and a 'shed' will be required but will be subject to planning permission/rules.  
Landscaping of the allotments owned by the Parish Council is now becoming urgent and a site visit is to be arranged with Cllr Harp to consider the best course of action in time for March 2009 planting.
- 381 **Coastal Matters.** Notices of a forum to be held in Lyme Regis later in the month and of the meeting at Mountfield on 08.12.08 were passed to representatives on the Coastal Committee.
- 382 **Footpaths.** A proposal from Cllr Butcher regarding a possible change in the routing of FP18/22 was considered to be a sensible routing for the safe crossing of the A35 By pass. The Clerk was instructed to write to Mr Martin Cox to ascertain his views in this matter.
- 383 **Notice Board.** The Symondsbury Notice board has been delayed pending a comparison quotation from local sources. This matter is now urgent. Cllr Harp assured the council that price, specification, quality guarantees and assurance would be provided to the clerk by 14.11.08 in order that the board could be ordered. Cllr Harp is also to provide information on the siting of the board.
- 384 **Reports.** The Chairman gave a verbal report on the recent PACT meeting and the clerk had circulated a report of the DAPTC AGM.  
In the DAPTC report was the proposal for an increase in the Annual membership fee which contained ambiguities requiring clarification. The Parish Council was concerned by the projected increase of between 15 and 18%, the seeming unfairness of the distribution of the

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fees and questioned the necessity of such an increase in the light of the previous year's surplus. The Clerk was instructed to get in touch with DAPTC and seek clarification of these points and if possible a reduction in the costs which the Parish was being asked to bear.

385 **Correspondence.**

As As per circulated list. Items were reported and discussed as necessary. Three additional items were presented in detail. There were no issues raised from the correspondence.

The meeting was closed at 8.35pm. after the following dates were confirmed

Date confirmed for the next meeting 13 January 2009.  
Policy Committee 9 December 2008.

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

D N Wragg Clerk 19.11.08-min 26-spc.

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