

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

Minutes of the Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 10 March 2009 at 7.00pm in the Symondsburry Schoolroom

**PRESENT:** Cllr A C Streatfeild, P R Smith, S Holmes, J Nolting-May, Grant Butcher, Andrew Harrison and C. Harp.

In attendance: Cllr G Summers WDDC, PC Chris Forshaw and Mr D N Wragg, Clerk. Also present Mr Christopher Norman, candidate for co-option.

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

**Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors.** Cllr Summers advised that WDDC had approved what was their tightest budget for many years. Re the Chideock/Eype footpath, the financial support had been secured whilst technicalities were overcome, mainly in the area of land ownership. Early planning approval is anticipated.

Cllr Brierley advised of the number of times the services of the gritters had been called upon during the cold winter recently experienced. The lorries had been out 70 nights against a more average year of 40 nights. This at a cost of £4000 per night, a total of £120k over the expected level. The aftermath of the freeze is the damage to the road surfaces and the need for extensive repairs. The poor state of the county's highways remains a major issue and in an effort to restore the situation a sum of £3.5m has been allocated to the project.

The County and District councillors were invited to remain in the meeting in order to give their views and hear those of the council on the subject of the location of the proposed Waste Management Centre. Both Councillors accepted the invitation.

**Community Policing.** There was nothing reported under this heading.

400 **Apologies** None were received.

401 **Declaration of Interests.** Cllr Harrison declared an interest in item 7b, Payments to Creeds Printers.

402 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2009 were approved and signed.

403 **Co-option of Mr Christopher Norman.** Following a preliminary selection meeting and introduction to the councillors and on the proposition of Cllr Harp, seconded Cllr Harrison it was unanimously

**RESOLVED** that Mr Christopher Norman be appointed Councillor and after signing the acceptance of office Cllr Norman joined the meeting.

404 **Chairman's Announcements.** Annual Parish Meeting takes place at the school on 7 April at 7.30pm. Mr Paul Atterbury has kindly accepted an invitation to speak at the meeting. Cllr Nolting-May has agreed to produce suitable posters to advertise the event and these will be forwarded to others for circulation.

Waste Management Centre. The DCC preferred site is located in a Greenfield site at Gore Cross and an Executive Advisory Panel has been convened for the purpose of advising DCC cabinet members of their views on the subject. The views of the parish council are relative to the possible siting of a centre at either Crepe Farm, Broomhills or Miles Cross. The latter having major obstacles in the form of entry and exit on to the A35. Similarly, Crepe Farm has access and size problems. The council would not support the siting of a Waste Management Centre at either of these sites. Of all other sites the council has no preference but notes the stance of DCC that Gore Cross is their preferred choice.

Notice was given of the Annual BLAP Assembly taking place at the Salt House West Bay on Thursday 26 March 09 at 6.45pm. All members will be welcome.

The Symondsburry Notice Board was now in place and it was felt that the newness and placing of the sign detracted from the general appearance of the green. To offset this effect it was agreed that the management of the estate be approached with a view to permitting the council to arrange shrubs around the notice-board and erect new posts and chains around the perimeter.

- 405 **A35 and Transport.** Connect Roads Ltd have confirmed that the traffic study of Eype Junction is completed and being submitted to HA for comment and action and that the council will be kept informed of developments.

New Bus timetables have been received. Proposals for a pedestrian crossing at Dorchester Hospital are under consideration. The Hospital car service is due to finish shortly, though it will continue for an indefinite period under the auspices of the local Health Authority. Bus stop flags are being put into place and the one at London Inn can be expected by end of March.

- 406 **Finance.**

a. Bank Balances. Current a/c £ 2623 Deposit a/c £ 2889

b. Accounts for payment.

Creeds Printers	£	40.85
Peter Thomas Audit	£	75.00
Glasdon Eype Grit Bin	£	151.42
Harry Stebbing	£	964.85

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

- 407 **Planning Applications.** Current position on planning applications is as listed. There were four additions to the published list.

1/D/09/0139 The Old Dairy. There were no objections to this application.

1/D/09/0231 17 West Walk. There were no objections to this application

1/D/09/0204 3 Atrim Cottages. Decision adjourned for site visit.

1/D/09/0319 Eype Down Bungalow. A number of objections were made to this application, over development of the site, visually intrusive and detrimental to the character and appearance of the countryside. The wood store is a new development outside of the DDB.

- 408 **Allotments.** A report of the site visit was given clarifying the layout and size of the allotment plots which are considered to be garden extensions, considerably larger than standard allotment plots. Work at the adjoining land was noted and DCC are to be approached with a view to having the boundary fence repaired and tree work at the northern side undertaken. No clear agreement has yet been reached on the possible ownership of the land or security of tenure. Mr Neil McWilliam DCC is securing a copy of the 1926 lease for our consideration. The consensus of opinion was that the size of plots was too large and the land was not being properly utilised for the purpose intended.

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

**Resolved** that the annual rental per plot be raised to £27.50 with effect from May 1<sup>st</sup> 2009.

- 409 **Coastal Matters.** The only item reported was the progress on the removal of the stern of the Napoli from the seabed off Branscombe. Work is going well with the main engine now clear of the wreck.

- 410 **Footpaths.** Changes to FP 22 and 26 are now out for consultation with the Ramblers Association, etc.

Attention was drawn to the fact that Donkey Lane was badly rutted following winter deterioration, the drainage ditch was silted up by aggregate washed from the path.

- 411 **Policy Committee.** The minutes of the meeting held 10.02.09 were approved. On the resolution of Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Harrison it was

**RESOLVED** that the minutes be adopted.

Also; a) Revised planning procedure from the Policy Committee,

b) Revised policy committee terms of reference,

c) Approval of planning decisions taken in committee be recorded in the minutes,

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

**Resolved** that these three points be implemented.

- 412 **DAPTC Matters.** Power of Wellbeing. Conditions attached to the implementation of the power require a minimum of 80% of councillors on individual councils be trained in the procedures and implementation. DAPTC staff are now trained in delivering the training

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and are prepared to visit councils in order that all councillors receive the information.  
This matter will be addressed by the policy committee and a suitable date arranged.

413 **Reports.** There were none presented at this meeting.

414 **Correspondence.**

- As As per circulated list. Items were reported and discussed as necessary. Attention was drawn to the planned April spring clean.
- In In respect of the twelve month campaign Cllr Smith is liaising with the school for a presentation during the summer term.

The meeting was closed at 8.55pm. after the following dates were confirmed

Date confirmed for the next meeting	12 May 2009. (AGM)
Annual Parish Meeting	7 April 2009
Policy Committee	14 April 2009.

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

D N Wragg Clerk 27.03.009-min 28-spc.