

# SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

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

**PRESENT:** Cllrs A C Streatfeild, P R Smith, S Holmes, A Harrison and C. Harp.  
In attendance: Cllrs G Brierley, and K Wallace, DCC, Cllr G Summers, WDDC, Mrs B Chisnall, Eype Residents Assoc. and Mr D N Wragg, Clerk.

**Democratic Half Hour.** Mrs Chisnall spoke of the widespread concern of Eype residents expressed at the last meeting of the Association on 04.11.09 and since, regarding the planning appeal by Golden Acre Holiday Park, (APP/F1230/C/09/2114344) requiring the enforcement of planning permission conditions. A further public meeting was arranged for 12.11.09. The main concerns were that any extension of the permitted opening would adversely affect village life. A full site doubles the village population, other local sites have closure periods which are observed. If granted it would be a precedent for others. Vehicle traffic would be higher, access and egress is not good creating higher risk levels on narrow lanes. Nuisance, including dog fouling would be continual. Grave concerns are felt that this will become permanently occupied. The council agreed to take these objections into account when considering this matter under Planning.

**Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors.** Cllr Wallace advised of the matters affecting West Cliff;

Young speedsters in the area are now being vigorously followed up by the police.

Highways dept have been approached to implement a 20mph speed limit.

Speed cameras are being used in selected locations.

Bridport Town Council will be discussing similar measures in January.

Dorset County Hospital is looking at ways to reduce costs in 2010.

Cllr Wallace will be attending the Call to Account meeting on 19.11.09 when the Waste Transfer Station procedures come under scrutiny.

Cllr Brierley advised of matters affecting the parish;

Road safety, county wide accident rates have exceeded national targets, though 15% of these occurred on highways which are managed by the Highways Agency, over which DCC has no control. Omitting this 15% the county's figures would be within the national target.

The police will be embarking on a campaign to reduce the accident rate from January with increased motor patrols targeting all motoring offences.

Work on the DCH zebra crossing on Bridport Road, Dorchester will commence next week.

DCC are to purchase a pot hole filling machine which has been trialled around the county over the last few months and found to more effectively carry out the operation in considerably less time.

Cllr Summers advised of WDDC matters affecting the parish.

Concerns for air quality following an increase in respiratory illness in some areas has led to emphatic action being initiated to address the problems. Chideock is one such area.

Environmental Services are aware of the black smoke bonfires and high volume fly tipping which has recently taken place. Investigations are continuing.

Financing of Dorset County Hospital and in particular the debt repayment is causing local concerns over cuts in services to meet the costs. Discussions are ongoing.

**Community Policing.** There was no business under this heading.

443 **Apologies** from Cllr G Butcher on annual holiday and Cllr C Norman on business. The apologies were accepted and approved.

444 **Declaration of Interests.** Cllr Holmes expressed a financial interest in planning appeal APP/F1230/C/09/2114344.  
Cllr Harrison expressed a financial interest in the account payable to Creeds Printers.

445 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2009 were approved and signed.

446 **Chairman's Announcements.** Councillors were advised of a proposed date for the meeting with Dr O.Letwin MP of 28.11.09. a date not convenient to all and asked the clerk to ascertain alternative dates.

Details of the Call to Account meeting were given if any members wished to attend., though three members were engaged on council business elsewhere.  
Councillors were reminded of the vacancy which remained on the council and called for a renewal of effort to discover a suitable candidate.  
It was reported that the recent PACT meeting had been a useful source of information and news.

- 447 **A35 and Transport.** Cllr Smith reported that the Hospital Crossing at Bridport Road Dorchester is anticipated to commence work next week. Bus time tables are promised by DCC by end of November. The Planning application for the SW quadrant has now gone to appeal and advice was given that the will be not train service through Axminster during November due to track repairs.

448 **Finance.**

- a. Bank Balances. Current a/c £ 7087 Deposit a/c £3890  
Of the current a/c funds £2445 is held on behalf of Symene CLT

Cllr Harrison declared a financial interest in Creeds Allotment Guide invoice and refrained from any participation in this matter..

- b. Accounts for payment.
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| DCTP Chair Seminar     | £15.00 |
| DCTP New Cllrs Seminar | £25.00 |
| SLCC membership        | £72.00 |
| Creeds Allotment Guide | £48.00 |

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

- c. Requests for funding
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| Axe Valley Ring & Ride                             | £50.00 |
| Dorset Cruse Bereavement Care. Request more detail |        |
| Bridport CAB                                       | £75.00 |

On the proposition of Cllr Harp, seconded Cllr Harrison, it was **Resolved** that the above amounts be paid and further detail obtained of Dorset CBC.

- d. Confirm and approve Budget for 2010/11

On the proposition of Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Holmes, it was **Resolved** that the Budget for 2010/11 as presented and circulated be approved

- e. Confirm and approve Precept for 2010/11

On the proposition of Cllr Holmes, seconded Cllr Harrison, it was **Resolved** that the Precept for 2010/11 be approved and set at £8,000.

- 449 **Planning Applications.** Cllr S Holmes declared a financial interest in planning application **APP/F1230/C/09/2114344** and refrained from any participation in this matter.  
Current position on planning applications is as listed and circulated. There were five additions to the published list.

- **APP/F1230/C/09/2114344** Planning Appeal re Golden Acre Holiday Park. To be objected to.
- WD Planning Obligations Guidelines draft supplementary planning document. Noted.
- 1/D/09/001806. The Old Dairy, Cowleaze Farm, DT6 4HU. ?permitted development query. Noted
- From WDDC 09.11.09. proposed extension of Conservation Areas. Details in early 2010. Noted.
- 1/D/09/1375 Valley View, West Road, DT6 6AA now approved and amended plan submitted. Noted

- 450 **Policy Committee.** The minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held on 20.10.09 having been previously circulated and on the proposition of Cllr Holmes, seconded by Cllr Smith it was;  
**RESOLVED** that the minutes were approved and adopted.

Consequent on this approval confirmation of the Sustainable Community Strategy draft was sought and in this matter on the resolution of Cllr Holmes, seconded Cllr Smith it was;  
**RESOLVED** that the draft policy be approved and implemented.

451 **Allotments.** A meeting of ploholders has been arranged for 17.11.09 where future planning of allotments will be discussed and consulted on.

452 **Coastal Matters.** Nothing to report.

453 **Footpaths.** No further matter were reported.

454 **DAPTC Matters.** The clerk advised of the Executive meeting on 12.09.09 where an increase in affiliation fees of 3% on 2009/10 fees would be applied for 2010/11. Essentially this decision authorises a continuance of the overcharges made in previous years. Furthermore the surplus attained in 2007/8 was being proposed for transfer to the general reserve at the AGM. The clerk as the voting representative at the AGM 07.11.09 was asked to put forward a suitable amendment proposing that the surplus be placed in the membership affiliation fund. This amendment was carried at the AGM and the AGM chair gave assurance that the increase would be re considered at the next Executive meeting.

The next area committee meeting is on 26.11.09.

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**Reports.** Councillor meeting dates had been circulated.

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**Correspondence.** As per circulated list. Items were reported and discussed as necessary. The following additional items had been received and were discussed.

From Sustainable Energy Partnership. An invitation to join.

From SW Ambulance Service seeking support for Trust status. Devon Based.

From British Red Cross seeking to help people to protect themselves and others. This matter was referred to the Policy Committee.

From CPRE Notice of AGM on Saturday 21.11.09 12 noon.

The meeting was closed at 8.40pm. after the following dates were confirmed

Date confirmed for the next meeting 12 January 2010.

Policy Committee    08 December 2009.

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

D N Wragg Clerk 22.11.2009-min 31-spc.

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