

**SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Policy Committee Meeting held on 8 December 2009 at Symondsburry School at 7pm.

**Present:** Cllrs A Streatfeild, P Smith, C Harp, S Holmes and C Norman.

**In attendance:** Mr D Wragg.

1. **Apologies** were received from Cllr Harrison who had a business engagement.
2. **The minutes** of the meeting held on 20 October 2009, having been previously circulated were taken as read and approved.
3. **Chairman's Announcements.** The chairman reported on the introduction of the Eype Taxi service from Feb 2009. Final details are awaited.  
Also reported was the meeting with MP Dr O Letwin arranged to bring awareness of current issues to his notice. Concerns were duly noted and Dr Letwin will now be consulting with involved parties.
4. **Allotments.** The meeting in November with ploholders and interested community members was considered to have been successful with almost 100% attendance . The proposed changes were well received, questions and suggestions were dealt with and a consensus of agreement reached. A site visit was planned for the following week to establish sizes and assess the extent of fencing and hedgerow clearance required.
5. **Pine View.** Further details have been provided to the Treasury Solicitor and we are now awaiting a response.
6. **DAPTC** A report of the Area meeting had been previously circulated. The Executive Committee discussed in detail the ramifications of the resolution from the AGM requiring excess funds accumulated from 2007/8 fees be restored to the membership . This will be implemented by a reduction of the 2010/11 fee by an amount proportionate to the overcharge of 2007/8.  
The overcharges made in subsequent years were acknowledged, but it was agreed that any refunds for that period would have an unacceptable affect on the DAPTC finances. The new fee system details currently being finalised for circulation to members for approval will contain an apology for the overcharge as well as an assurance that the there will be no further recurrence.
7. **British Red Cross Rediplan.** Discussion indicated support for the possible introduction of the plan and it was agreed that the Red Cross organiser be invited to the Annual Parish Meeting to speak on the scheme.
8. **Planning Obligations.** The consultation has now been returned to WDDC with only two questions. Firstly would the proposed charges apply to self build and affordable homes and secondly would the charges be applied to homes built for agricultural workers on private land. The definitive answer has been received and is YES in both cases, though both may be eligible for some relief.
9. **Area Partnerships.** Both the V.Chairman and the clerk recently attended a one day seminar on the subject and its place in the national scene. This subject is a wide ranging one and was set aside to allow further discussion and consideration of opportunities which it offered at a later date.
10. **Planning** A further appeal in respect of Chalet 21, Golden Acre Holiday Park, Eype, and it was agreed that the council object to any changes being made in the opening periods for the chalet, in line with the council's previous objections in respect of chalets 1 to 20.  
A new adjoining parish consultation had been received no. 1/D/09/1889, in respect of a proposed development at 101/108 West Bay Road, who wish to change a stable block for a dwelling. The committee could see no planning grounds on which to object but had great reservations about development on a flood plain.
11. **Consideration** was given to the possible hire of a mobile skate from DCC. In view of the location, staffing, and safety risks it was decided that this offer should not be taken up.

The date of the next meeting 9 February 2010.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm

Signed.....date.....  
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