

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Policy Committee Meeting held on 10 February 2009 at Symondsburry School at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs A Streatfeild, P Smith, C Harp, H Harrison, S Holmes.

In attendance: Mr D Wragg.

1. **Apologies.** There were no apologies.
2. **The minutes** of the meeting held on 9 December 2008, having been previously circulated were taken as read and approved.
3. **Chairman's Announcements.** Members were reminded of the date of the Annual Parish Meeting on Tuesday 7 April 2009 and suggestions were invited as to the format of the evening. Cllr Holmes agreed to approach Paul Atterbury to ascertain his availability. Alternatively an approach would be made to the local history centre.
4. **Parish Plan Action Plan.** Submissions from members provided a basis for discussion and from the conclusions reached it was agreed that a draft could be drawn up and an action derived by the next meeting.
5. **Stop the Drop.** An outline plan was discussed timed to coincide with the annual spring clean starting 01.04.09. The school involvement is in the hands of Cllr Smith who is arranging a speaker from CPRE along the same time schedule.
6. **Planning Applications Procedure.** The procedure previously circulated to all councillors was approved and standing orders are to be amended accordingly.
7. **Planning Applications.** The following applications were considered.
1/D/08/ 2342. Colmers View, Atrim Lane, Broadoak. No objections
1/D/08/2372. St Christophers, Skilling Hill. Bridport. Adjoining parish consultation. No objections.
1/D/09 0083. Four Foot House, Eype. Objections were raised against development of an adjacent field without permission for change of use. The application was on the wrong form and considered to set a precedent for the inclusion of adjacent fields into the cartilage of the house. Stabling is already available on site. Highly visible from adjacent high ground.
The council response to the consultation of the above applications will be conveyed to the District Council. Since this practise will now fall to the Policy Committee on a regular basis the committee
Recommends that authority to decide the council's response to planning application consultations be vested in the committee and such responses be recorded in the next subsequent full council minutes.
8. **Highways.** The clerk reported that following previous discussions on the subject of employing a lengthsman he had a preliminary discussion with the Town Clerk of Bridport on the question of possible clustering and the benefits to be derived. The proposal was received with some enthusiasm and in order to bring the matter into the public domain it was agreed the matter be fully aired at the forthcoming BLAP meeting on 12 February. The committee approved the actions being taken.
9. **Revised Publication Scheme.** The scheme required by statute was drawn up and circulated to all councillors. No objections had been received and the proposed scheme was approved. This has now been posted on the web site and will be displayed on Notice Boards.
10. **Newsletter.** The later publication of the newsletter is due to the lack of material and councillors were urged to seek matters of interest to the community as a whole.
11. **Other Matters.**

- The councillors were reminded of the vacancy for a councillor.
- A complaint had been received of the abuse of Shutes Lane, Quarr Lane, Hells Lane and Axen Ridge by 4x4 drivers damaging the road surface and the hedgerows and verges. Highways are looking into the matter.
- The committee agreed to take up the free offer of the Rural Services Network who provide both a rural viewpoint in government and a newsletter to inform of matters affecting the rural communities.
- Information from Highways rules out any early implementation of speed limits in the parish.
- The Symondsburry Notice board will be delivered 24 February 2009. Cllr Harp is to confirm site of the board.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.35pm

12. The date of the next meeting was agreed for 14 April 2009

Signed.....date.....
Chairman

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