

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Policy Committee Meeting held on 9 June 2009 at Symondsbury School at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs A Streatfeild, P Smith, H Harrison, S Holmes, G Butcher, J Nolting-May,
C Harp and C Norman.

In attendance: Mr D Wragg.

1. **Apologies** There were no apologies, the full council being present.
2. **The minutes** of the meeting held on 14 April 2009, having been previously circulated were taken as read and approved.
3. **Chairman's Announcements.** The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Mr John Parker, Chief Executive DAPTC who would conduct a training course in the Power of Well-being which the council will undertake to implement upon completion of the training.
4. **John Parker** defined the 'power of well-being' as the informal name given to the statutory power 'enabling a local authority to do anything which it considers likely to achieve the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of their area.' A council meeting the conditions of eligibility will find itself released from many of the constraints of s137 expenditure. The power does not allow the council to do anything prohibited or restricted by other legislation, nor to raise money simply to spend it. Where a statutory power exists it must be used. The eligibility of the council has already been established and this training session will enable the council to prepare and publish a statement of intent for community engagement
The training course contained group participation, with discussion and question and answer sessions and with participation from all councillors.
5. In conclusion the chairman thanked John Parker for his time and the information imparted.
6. **The date of the next meeting** was agreed for 11 August 2009.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm

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

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