

**SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Policy Committee Meeting held on 20 October 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 18 August 2009, having been previously circulated were taken as read and approved.
3. **Chairman's Announcements.** The chairman reported on the PACT meeting where the issue of black smoke bonfires was again raised and we are advised that such fires should be notified to Bridport Police Station at the time they are taking place. Pressure will also be placed on the Environmental Agency. It was agreed that local MP be advised of the current and ongoing concerns.  
Concerns over the increased amount of fly-tipping were expressed.  
Driving speeds in the vicinity of the school have been noticeably higher of late and this situation is now being monitored.  
A report on the current flood plan was also given.  
There remains the issue of a vacancy on the council and to date no response has been forthcoming. Members are to make further enquiries to ascertain if there are any volunteers.
4. **Allotments.** DCC have now agreed to the implementation of a twenty year lease and its preparation is now in hand. Funding up to £2500 is to be sought to cover the costs of fencing, pruning and gates. A Holders handbook is currently with the printers and will be available for distribution shortly. A public meeting of holders will be held at the Ichester Arms, Symondsburry on 17.11.09 at 7pm. The rental for land is to be increased from January 2010 and this may call for a revision of rents. Finally an agreement between the council and the holder has now been drawn up and subject to the approval of content will be implemented on 01.05.10.
5. **Pine View.** Dr O Letwin has been instrumental in persuading the Treasury Solicitor to give favourable consideration to change of the designated use of this land to be used for allotments. We await a further response from the Treasury Solicitor.
6. **Wellbeing. On the proposition of Cllr Harp, seconded Cllr Streatfeild it was recommended that;**  
the previously circulated Statement of Intent be approved and implementation of Wellbeing be proceeded with following a resolution at the next PC meeting.  
Implementation of this procedure will the better enable the sourcing of funding for the projects looking to be included in the 2010/11 budget.
7. **Budget.** Discussion of projects to be included in the 2010/11 Budget were discussed and based on this a draft of the proposals will be for discussion and determination of the precept at the council meeting on 10.11.09
8. **Planning** Application 1/D/09/001591, Entry to the Stable at Shear Plot. The proposed path passes closely to the ruins of a historical cattle pound. The site is in need of preservation and possible detrimental effects of the close proximity of vehicles passing should be taken into account No planning other planning objections were raised.
9. **DAPTC AGM 07.11.09.** Concern was expressed over the rising costs of membership with increases over and above the level predicted at respective AGM's. It was agreed that this issue be pursued through DAPTC. Referring to Resolution 5 which calls for the previously levied subscription to be transferred to the general reserve it was recommended that an amendment be proposed by the clerk at the AGM to ensure that this excess is transferred to the benefit of members and not to the general reserve fund.

The date of the next meeting 8 December 2009.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm

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

Chairman

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