

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 12 January 2010 at 7.00pm
in the Symondsburry Schoolroom

PRESENT: Cllr A C Streatfeild, P R Smith, S Holmes, A Harrison, G Butcher, C Norman and C. Harp.
In attendance: Cllr G Brierley DDC, Mrs M Costello and Mr D N Wragg, Clerk.

Democratic Half Hour. Under this heading no members of the public were present but the clerk advised receipt of an email from Mr Thomas Murphy regarding the ongoing position of repairs to Manor Barn. Andrew Dyke has confirmed that a further planning application is in hand re Manor Barn which will be submitted to WDDC by the end of January. He also assures us that there is no question of the delays being delaying tactics but changes have had to be made in the light of the economic downturn and the availability of grants.

The clerk will advise Mr Murphy accordingly.

Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors. Cllr Brierley clarified information reported from the HA at the recent call to account meeting re Waste Station. It had been inferred that the HA supported the locating of a Waste Station on the A35, but the statement from HA confirmed that they would have no objection providing that it did not interfere with traffic flows.

Road works would create street closure of Victoria Grove and consideration was being given to the closure of South Street..

During the cold snap gritting had been carried out on priority roads and a higher usage than that which had been expected had resulted in the procurement of further supplies. Efforts are being made to overcome the problems associated with securing the service of farmers to carry out gritting of rural roads, the main point being the usage of red diesel for the purpose. A solution is being sought.

The accident rate for 2009 was the lowest ever in Dorset and the police will be mounting an 18 month long road safety campaign targeting all motoring offences.

Community Policing. Apologies were received from PC Chris Forshaw who had emailed a report advising that Shutes Lane is still being targeted by off road vehicles. Offending drivers are being issued with the road closure notice warning them of the consequences. This is considered the best way forward until such time as more permanent signage is in place.

Some reports of dark smoke have been received and appreciated.

400 **Apologies** were received from Cllr Gillian Summers, PC Chris Forshaw and Cllr Karl Wallace.

401 **Declaration of Interests.** Cllr Harrison declared a financial interest in the payments of invoices from Creeds and took no part in that discussion.

402 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2009 were approved and signed.

403 **Chairman's Announcements.** The chairman welcomed Mrs Mary Costello, of Woodhayes, West Road, a candidate for co-option to the council, saying that she hoped Mrs Costello would find the evening useful and that it would provide a basis for both herself and councillors to consider her continuance. The chairman advised of a report prepared by the clerk which outlined some of the challenges to be met by the council in forthcoming five years. The clerk was directed to circulate the report to all councillors for discussion at the next Policy Committee meeting on February 9th.

The current parlous state of the roads following the recent bad weather was raised with the view that whilst it was appreciated that the Highways department had a massive task on their hands, she hoped that the public would have patience with the problem whilst everyone concerned did their utmost to retrieve the situation.

404 **A35 and Transport.** Cllr Smith advised the meeting of the WATAG decision to oppose the proposal for the development of the SW Quadrant on the basis that they are looking for something more sensible regarding the bus station.

The meeting was advised on the subject of the Hospital Car Service neither the NHS nor DCC have expressed any interest in supporting this scheme.

The Eype taxi service is on schedule for commencement in mid February and leaflets outlining the scheme are imminent.

405 **Finance.**

a. Bank Balances. Current a/c £ 6802 Deposit a/c £ 3891

The current account holds £2445 on behalf of the Symene CLT and on the proposition of Cllr Harp, seconded Cllr Norman it was **RESOLVED** that this balance be held in the deposit account

b. Accounts for payment.	Clerk salary & exp	£1202.81
	Creeds Print	£ 116.00

Creeds Print £27.93

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

c. Confirmation of the precept was received on 08.01.10.

d. A request for financial funding had been received from Dorset Cruse Bereavement Care together with a statement that they had no direct evidence of supporting anyone in the parish and after discussion the application was refused on the basis that there was no evidence of benefit to the parish

406 **Planning Applications.** No. 1/D/09/001887, Little Down House, Eype, application for ancillary accommodation was presented for confirmation of response. The council view had been that there were no objections but had fulsome support. On the proposition of Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Harp this decision was approved.

1/D/08/001486, Highlands End, Minor changes to approved plans were approved.

407 **Allotments.** A quotation for the necessary fencing work had been received but a reduction in price was being sought and in the event that this was not forthcoming alternatives would be sought. A grant of £500 had been received and the council approved the terms. Timing for the completion of the work is 31.03.10.

408 **Coastal Matters.** Cllr Butcher reported that he would be attending the next meeting of the coastal group on the 18.January 2010 and on that occasion he will be accompanied by Mr Laurie Grimshaw, who it is hoped will agree to his appointment as the representative on the BLAP group for Coastal matters.

409 **Footpaths.** The changes to footpaths at Watton and Highlands End have been submitted and a progress report on the project has been requested from DCC. Clearance of the path to Eype Down was requested and is now being looked into.

410 **Policy Committee.** The minutes of the meeting held 08.12.09 were approved. On the resolution of Cllr Holmes, seconded Cllr Harp it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be adopted.

411 **DAPTC Matters.** It was reported that a new system of membership fee charging would be introduced for the financial year 2011/12 and the fee for 2010/11 will show the refund of the overcharge previously advised.

412 **Reports.** The following reports having been previously circulated were taken as read and adopted. These consisted of a report of the BLAP Steering Group and the Partnerships, Plans and Wellbeing seminar attended by Cllr Smith and the Clerk.

413 **Correspondence.**

As per circulated list. Items were reported and discussed as necessary.

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

Date confirmed for the next meeting 9 March 2010.

Policy Committee 9 February 2010. All councillors are asked to attend.

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

D N Wragg Clerk 29.01.10-min 28-spc.

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