

# SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

## MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 9 March 2010 at 7.00pm in the Symondsburry Schoolroom

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

**Democratic Half Hour.** Under this heading no members of the public were present.

**Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors.** Cllr Brierley gave an updated report on potholes throughout the county and particularly those in the parish. Also parking at Eypesmouth, followed by the current road safety campaign which is proving to be highly successful. Due to the extra gritting and repairs necessary following the winter Highways are showing around £.8m overspend and at the cabinet meeting around the 23<sup>rd</sup> March they will be seeking a further £1m to cover the deficit.

A further meeting is scheduled for the 10 March to discuss the waste station site. Cllr Brierley emphasised that Gore Cross was still the preferred site.

The footpath from Chideock to Eype was still an ongoing issue.

At this point the Highways Agency proposal to implement a 40mph speed restriction from Chideock to Miles Cross was discussed and it was agreed that this further change of speed limits on a road with too many variations already in place could lead to driver confusion. It was also considered a danger the speed to go from 40 to 50 mph through the Miles Cross junction. In the opinion of the council the 40mph limit should be applied to a point East of the Eype Junction. The clerk was asked to convey the council's views to the HA.

**Community Policing.** There was no business under this heading.

414 **Apologies** were received from Cllr Karl Wallace, Cllr Harrison who had a business engagement and from Cllr Norman who would be a late arrival due to business commitments

415 **Declaration of Interests.** Cllrs Streatfeild and Harp expressed a financial interest in © of the Finance section 'request for donation by Symondsburry PCC'.

416 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2010 were approved and signed.

417 **Co-option of Dr Mary Costello.** Following a preliminary selection meeting and introduction to the councillors and on the proposition of Cllr Holmes, seconded Cllr Smith it was unanimously **RESOLVED** that Dr Mary Costello be appointed Councillor and after signing the acceptance of office Cllr Costello joined the meeting.

418 **Chairman's Announcements.** The council was reminded of the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting to take place at the school on 6 April 2010 at 7.30pm. A publicity poster will be prepared by the chairman.

The Annual BLAP Assembly is to take place on 25 March 2010.

Symondsburry Estates revealed plans of their proposed Marriage Centre located at Manor Farm and associated developments at Crepe Farm. The changes could be beneficial to the community and assurances were obtained that the function rooms would be available for the use of members of the community.

*Cllr Norman joined the meeting at this point.*

An email from Mr Murphy has indicated his concerns at the seeming lack of action re the Barn roof and it's covering of tarpaulins. The clerk was asked to pursue the matter with the Estate and ascertain what action is being taken.

419 **A35 and Transport.** Cllr Smith advised the meeting of the WATAG meeting and reported that FP and Cycle Way maps are in hand. Some further movement is expected on the proposals for the SW Quadrant. The Eype Taxi service is away to a slow start but will pick up.

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**Finance.**

a. Bank Balances. Current a/c £ 885 Deposit a/c £ 6336

The deposit account holds £2445 on behalf of the Symene CLT

b. Accounts for payment. DAPTC £ 20.00

On the proposition of Cllr Norman, it was;

**Resolved** that the above accounts be paid.

c. A donation toward the cost of graveyard maintenance was received from the Symondsburry PCC in the sum of £600 and on the proposition of Cllr Smith it was

**Resolved** that this amount be paid

d. It was confirmed that the new Allotment Gardens Lease had now been received checked and signed by the Chairman and V Chairman and returned to DCC for processing.

e. The clerk confirmed that a review of the risk assessment had taken place and found to be effective.

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This confirmation is required to be minuted for the purpose of audit.

f. The clerk confirmed that a review of the effectiveness the internal audit had been carried out and found to be satisfactory. This confirmation is required to be minuted for the purpose of audit.

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**Planning Applications.** No. 1/D/10/000160, the council response made at the Policy Committee meeting was approved.

No. 1/D/10/00325 was presented for information.

The date for the Golden Acre Planning Appeal has been notified as 20 April 2010.

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**Allotments.**

The fencing work has been completed. Request for payment of AONB grant has been made. The lease has been signed. Plot marking is in hand. New interested plottolders have been notified.

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**Coastal Matters.** Cllr Butcher suggested that a warning of dangerous cliffs sign be placed at Eype.

Agreed that the clerk should arrange for this to be done.

The vexing question of litter on both beach and paths was raised with a request that this be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

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**Footpaths.** DCC have advised that the application for diversion and extinguishment will commence in about two years time. In the meantime the introduction of permissive paths is suggested. Landowners are naturally reluctant to consider this without some assurance that their present situation will not change in the event that for any reason the application fails.

The following resolution was tabled;

The use of the permissive path is for the duration of the process of diversion and extinguishment application and its ongoing usage beyond that period of time is wholly conditional on the diversion and extinguishment being granted.

The wording suggested for path signs is;-

“PERMISSIVE PATH: temporary alternative route avoiding main road crossing (pending diversion)”

The landowners are to be made aware that users of the permissive paths are visitors for the purpose of the Occupiers’ Liability Acts 1957 and 1984 and will be owed a duty of care by the occupier.

**The resolution was put and carried unanimously.**

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**Symene Community Land Trust.** The land trust is giving consideration to merging with the Bridport Co-Housing Community. Its merger or retention of independent status both have merits. At this time no clear proposal has come forward and recent changes in circumstances are being given time to crystallise.

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**Undergrounding of Power Lines.** AONB have requested notification of areas where the undergrounding of power lines would be desirable. The clerk was asked to confirm the interest of the council in respect of Eype, Symondsbury and Broadoak.

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**Policy Committee.** The minutes of the meeting held 10.02.10 were approved. On the resolution of Cllr Holmes, seconded Cllr Harp it was

**RESOLVED** that the minutes be adopted.

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**DAPTC Matters.** A report of the Area Meeting on 25.02.10 had been circulated. From the Executive meeting information regarding the NALC consultation document upon which individual responses will be welcome.

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**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 Parking restrictions at Eypes Mouth.

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

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**Correspondence.** Information had been previously circulated, 3 newly received items were reported.

The meeting was closed at 8.52pm. after the following dates were confirmed

Date confirmed for the next meeting 11 May 2010 (AGM)

6 April 2010 Annual Parish Meeting

13 April 2010 Policy Committee

Signed.....Date .....

Cllr A. C. Streatfeild, Chairman

D N Wragg Clerk 18.03.10-min 29-spc.

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