

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 11 May 2010 at 7.00pm in the Symondsburry Schoolroom

PRESENT: Cllr A C Streatfeild, P R Smith, S Holmes, A Harrison, C Norman, M Costello and G Butcher.

In attendance: Cllrs G Brierley, DCC, K Wallace, DCC, G Summers, WDDC and 18 members of the public whose names are recorded, and Mr D N Wragg, Clerk.

- 431 **Election of Chairman.** The V Chairman, Cllr P Smith opened the meeting and called for nomination for the position of chairman for the coming year. Cllr Streatfeild indicated her willingness to continue in this role and on the proposition of Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Holmes and carried unanimously it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr A C Streatfeild be appointed Chairman for the coming year. Cllr Streatfeild took the chair and thanked the council for their support.

Democratic Half Hour. There were 18 members of the public present to seek information regarding the assessment being carried out to determine a suitable site for a Waste Transfer Station.

Summary of Public Comments.

The concerns of the community were summarised by Dr S. Rossiter who sought the assurance of the Parish Council that they would resist any attempts to develop the suggested Greenfield sites and additionally the stance of the County and District Councils on the proposed sites.

Cllr. Wallace advised the meeting that Gore Cross remained the preferred site. The sites within the parish would require an amount of hard construction and funding for this purpose was simply not available. Cllr Wallace also drew attention to the questionable methods of site selection in respect to the Lilac Farm site, now added into the equation.

Cllr Brierley advised that he was no longer a member of the DCC Cabinet and would therefore not be a party to the final decision. He explained that the Highways Agency (HA) had no fundamental objection to entry or exit from any site onto the A35 but all sites would require expensive hard construction work which would not be funded by HA.

Cllr Summers felt the Stoney Head site offered the best potential since it would minimise heavy lorry traffic both on the ring road as well as through the town. It is envisaged that two 16 wheel vehicles initially planned for the site would have to make repeated journeys to move collected waste. Outlining the procedures envisaged the Information Days at the Bridport Town Hall on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd May will provide the opportunity to express the public's preferred site. Based on this information the DCC cabinet will make their decision. The next stage will be a Planning Application, again with full public consultation. It is at this point that the first indication of size and height will be realistically provided.

Questions from the floor were answered by the Councillors who advised that;

- Beaminster had not had a major problem with their commercial skip transfer site traffic.
- That any development at Broomhills could lead to further expansion of the site.
- The meeting was assured that no money had been spent on any of the sites other than at Gore Cross.
- It was considered that all original sites should be re assessed and the meeting could ask for re consideration be given to all potential sites.
- Miles Cross 2 site would be highly visible.
- Planning permission on the South Street site was due to expire in August 2010 and it was considered highly unlikely that any further extension of the usage will not be permitted.
- The chosen site was likely to be smaller due to lack of funding. Cllr Summers indicated that there was no longer the need to park vehicles overnight since the West Bay depot had received costly improvements to accommodate them.
- Since the chosen site will be cleared of waste daily infestation by vermin was considered unlikely.

Mr Martin Cox gave a brief summary of the problems being encountered on FP 22 and FP14 and received assurance from Cllr Brierley that he would look into the matter and provide a response.

Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors. Cllr Brierley, DCC advised that the Road

Safety campaign was being very successful with some 5400 offences having been dealt with across the county since January 2010. Road repairs are continuing with all speed and the surface damage has been such that there has been the need to re build the road in places. Cllr Summers reported on the progress of the Manor Farm planning application and of reductions in the business rate applied in some areas. There were no other matters under this heading.

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Community Policing. Nothing was reported under this heading

433 **Apologies.** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr C Harp who was engaged on Church Business which was accepted and approved.

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Declaration of Interests. No interests were declared.

435 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2010 were amended to include at the end of minute 426 'and Lower West Cliff' and approved and signed.

436 **Appointment of Vice Chairman.** Having indicated his willingness to stand and on the proposition of Cllr Norman, seconded Cllr Harrison and with unanimous support it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr P R Smith be elected Vice Chairman for the coming year.

437 **Adoption of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.** On the proposition of Cllr Smith, it was **RESOLVED** that the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be adopted.

Appointments. On the proposition of Cllr Holmes it was **RESOLVED** that the following appointments be made.

- a) Footpaths Liaison Officer Cllr M Costello
- b) Footpaths Officer Mrs Carol Alner.
- c) Ancient Monuments Officer Cllr S Holmes.
- d) Allotments Cllr C Harp.
- e) Coastal Committee Representatives Cllr S Holmes.
- f) Roads, A35 and WATAG Cllr P Smith.
- g) DAPTC Cllr C Norman and Mr D Wragg.
- h) BLAP Cllr A Streatfeild and Mr D Wragg.
- 438 i) Flood and Emergency Warden (Community Resilience) Cllr P Smith and G Butcher
- j) Tree Warden Cllr S Holmes.

Chairman's Announcements. Following the public concerns regarding the possible locating of a Waste Transfer Station in the parish and a discussion of the issues raised it was **RESOLVED** that any site within the parish would be objected to on the grounds of

- Any development is outside of the permitted development boundaries.
- Such development will be highly visible within the AONB.
- Entry or exit onto the A35 will create the risk of multiple collisions.
- Tailbacks on the A35 particularly in the summer months will create congestion and reduce traffic flow.
- Road schemes to handle local traffic will bring accident risk.
- Noise and traffic will disturb the peace and tranquillity of a rural area.
- Tourism in the area which is a gateway to the Heritage Coast will be reduced.

439 It is expected that there will be further grounds for objection when planning details become available.

440 **A35 and Transport.** WATAG now have the Travel Map out for consultation. First impressions were favourable. The inclusion of Footpath numbers was to be sought.

Finance.

a. Bank Balances.	Current a/c £ 4065	Deposit a/c £ 3891
b. Accounts for payment.	CPRE Membership	£ 29.00

Annual Insurance	£ 220.17
Clerks Salary & Exp	£1240.92
DAPTC	£ 48.00
Symondsburry School	£ 99.60
DCC Lease legal fee	£ 500.00

On the proposition of Cllr Norman, seconded Cllr Harrison it was

Resolved that the above accounts be paid.

c. The Annual Accounts were presented and on the proposition of Cllr Norman, seconded Cllr Costello it was

Resolved that the Annual Accounts be adopted and signed.

d. The Annual Return was presented, discussed and approved and on the proposition of Cllr Norman, seconded Cllr Costello it was

441 **Resolved** that the Annual Return be adopted and signed.

442 **Planning Applications.** Current position on planning applications is as listed. There were no further additions except that 1/D/10/0448 had now been approved.

443 **Policy Committee.** The minutes of the meeting held 13.04.10 were adjourned for adoption at the next meeting.

444 **Allotments.** The transition has proceeded smoothly one tenancy agreement awaiting signature with three vacant plots.

445 **Litter.** This matter was discussed briefly and having regard to the varied aspects of the issue was adjourned to the next Policy meeting on 08.06.10.

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Coastal Matters. There was nothing to report under this heading.

447 **Footpaths.** The issues of FP22. And 14 had already been discussed and a response from Cllr Brierley is awaited. Reports of the ploughing in of FP 19 and 18 have been passed to DCC and the officer is to visit in near future.

448 **DAPTC.** The meeting was advised that Mr D Wragg had been elected to the DAPTC Executive Committee and also that he now represented DAPTC on the AONB board.

Reports. The clerk presented the following reports.

449 a) A report of Community Planning.
The report was adopted.

Correspondence.

1. As per circulated list. 5 Additional items were presented in detail. Of note is the receipt of application CA/10/00108 for the pruning of a beech tree at 1 Mill Lane, Symondsburry. There were no objections to this application.

2. From WDDC details of the public consultation for the extension of conservation area including a group of older properties in the parish. Information day on 04.06.10 at the Bridport Arts Centre.

3. Dorset Direct contact cards were distributed.

4. From the Planning Inspectorate the decision on the appeal by Golden Acre Holiday site. Cottages will be allowed to stay open until mid November with an additional two weeks at Christmas and from Valentines week end. WDDC were awarded costs.

The meeting was closed at 9.05pm. after the following dates were confirmed

Date confirmed for the next meeting 13 July 2010.

Policy Committee 8 June 2010

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

D N Wragg Clerk 17.05.10-min 30-spc.

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