SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Symondsbury Parish Council held on Tuesday 11 January 2011 at 7.00pm in the Symondsbury Schoolroom

PRESENT: Cllr A C Streatfeild, P R Smith, S Holmes, G Butcher, M Costello and C. Harp.
In attendance: Cllr G Brierley DCC, Cllr G Summers WDDC, PC C.Forshaw Dorset Police, Mr B G Baker and Mr D N Wragg, Clerk.

Democratic Half Hour. There was no business under this heading.

Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors. Cllr Brierley advised that following the query from the last meeting he had explored the shortcomings of the County planning applications of the Dorset for You web site and the situation was now under review to ensure that full data will be included.
The 'no excuse' road safety programme was to be continued for another year. The results to date had been found highly satisfactory.
The winter road gritting campaign was reviewed and the shortcomings had been noted but it was agreed that once the major roads were treated there had been a good response on the side roads in built up areas. Councillors are advised to consider further grit bins which can be filled and also the availability of Dumpy bags of grit for storage under cover for use if the occasion arises.
Cllr Brierley advised that it was in order to use red diesel in farm vehicles engaged in snow/ice clearance on public roads.
Finance, the cut backs required by government were being worked on and will be put before the county council in early February.
Cllr Summers reported on Localism and the need for Neighbourhood Plans and also the current proposed asset sale by WDDC. It was agreed that the council will pursue the sale of Eype Beach and Great Piece.

Community Policing. PC Chris Forshaw reported that local crime figures were down on the previous year possibly due to larger police activity.
Asked for his views on the use of a bridleway to access Downhouse Café he confirmed that vehicles had no rights on the route and the use of private access permits the introduction of a no entry sign. If an entrance is being used as a passing place then regular use can be assumed.
Chideock Speedwatch is working well at this time. Bridport Station has received an award and PC Forshaw the Community Safety Award.

493 **Apologies** were received from Cllr Chris Norman who has a business engagement.

494 **Declaration of Interests.** None

495 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2010 were approved and signed.

496 **Chairman's Announcements.** The chairman welcomed Mr Brian G Baker of Rose Cottage, West Road, as a candidate for co-option to the council. On the proposition of Cllr Harp, seconded Cllr Costello it was unanimously ;
Resolved that Mr Baker be elected after which Mr Baker signed the declaration of acceptance of office and took his seat on the council
The chairman reported on the first mediation meeting on the continuance of the operation of a garden café at Down House Farm when all the objections and comments of both parties had been noted. For the second meeting it was proposed to reduce the number of participating attendees to a maximum of 3 on each side and the number of council representatives to 2 and to have a more structured meeting in an attempt to resolve some of the problems.
The chairman expressed the view that it was important to recognise that there would be one or two vacancies on the council at the forthcoming election and asked all councillors to provide 3 names of persons considered interested in serving the community in the capacity of councillor.

497 **A35 and Transport.** Cllr Smith advised the meeting of the proposals for the future of Concessionary Fares and urged all holders to record their views on the questionnaire now on the dorsetforyou web site.
Also raised was the failure of the Highways Agency to ensure the safety of road users by gritting the A35 and to ascertain their views on future plans to avoid a similar situation in the future.

498 **Finance.**

a. Bank Balances. Current a/c £ 3480 Deposit a/c £ 63383891
The deposit account holds £2409 on behalf of the Symene CLT

b. Accounts for payment.

Clerk salary & exp	£1127.70
DAPTC	£ 285.41
Treasury Solicitor	£ 612.50

On the proposition of Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Holmes it was;

Resolved that these sums be paid.

Also paid from CLT Funds Chris Reynolds £ 45.70

c. A request for financial support in the sum of £600.00 had been received from Symondsbury PCC to assist with mowing of graveyards and on the proposition of Cllr Holmes, seconded Cllr Costello it was;
Resolved that this amount be paid.

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Planning Applications The full listing of Planning Applications had been previously circulated and taken as read. The following applications were considered;

- 1/D/10/001972 Rosebrook, Meadway, West Cliff. This application was objected to.
- 1/D/10/001996 5 Brit View Road, West Cliff. This application was objected to.
- 1/D/10/002042 Highlands Point, Eype. There were no objections to this application.

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Allotments. A new holder has taken over a plot at West Road. The matter of Pine View is proceeding and finalisation is expected early February.

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Coastal Matters. WDDC has proposed the sale of Eype Beach for consideration by the District Council. The clerk was instructed to express the interest of the parish council in the event that this sale goes forward.

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Footpaths. A number of complaints had been received regarding neglect of footpaths by landowners and the clerk was asked to contact them with a view to resolving the problems.

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Policy Committee. The minutes of the meeting held 14.12.10 were approved. On the resolution of Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Harp it was
RESOLVED that the minutes be adopted.

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DAPTC Matters. The clerk reported on the DAPTC Meeting of 25.11.10. Ms Carly Galloway WDDC Emergency Planning Officer gave an excellent presentation on the subject of Community Resilience Planning which highlighted the wide range of events that could affect a community.
Mr David Evans, Director of Planning WDDC spoke of the Government's spending review and expressed the view that the District Council was in a good position to operate without any reduction in frontline services. The effects of the Localism Bill due to go to Parliament in December has the support of the council and the groundwork preparing for the bill was well in hand. Thoughts on local planning areas were being developed.
The protocol for the distribution of funds secured from the Planning Obligations was now available for consultation. Questioned on the success of this measure Mr Evans indicated that whilst a number of appeals had been made against the charge none had been successful due to the robust Local Planning Laws which are in place.
There was considerable interest in the subject of Localism and the difficulties being encountered by the smaller parishes in getting people to join PC's. The greater demands on councillors being envisaged to preserve services will reduce the availability of candidates at the forthcoming elections and so it was agreed that there would be no speaker at the next meeting to allow a full discussion on this important subject.

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Reports. There were no further reports.

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

The meeting was closed at 8.50pm. after the following dates were confirmed

Date confirmed for the next meeting 8 March 2011.
Policy Committee 8 February 2011.

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

D N Wragg Clerk 25.01.11-min 33-spc.

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