

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 8 March 2011 at 7.00pm in the Symondsburry Schoolroom

PRESENT: Cllr A C Streatfeild, P R Smith and S Holmes,
In attendance: Cllr G Brierley DCC, Cllr G Summers WDDC and Mr D N Wragg, Clerk.

Democratic Half Hour. Mr P Whitmarsh, a resident of Pine View, expressed an interest in learning more of the plans for the allotments at Pine View. Since Mr Whitmarsh's property is immediately adjacent to the allotment site he wishes to secure a plot which will enable him to screen his property with fruit trees. He also gave further information regarding access to the site. The land on which the garages stand is a private road owned jointly by the garage owners. The clerk agreed to look into the matter further and ascertain details.

Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors. Cllr Summers reported on the exhibition currently on display at the Salt House of proposals for the enhancement of West Bay. WDDC held their last council meeting of the present session last week when the leader of the council made his budget speech. This included the commendable achievement of confirming the Council Tax rate at £124.80 against a budget of £132 for 2011/12 and the forecast of a £3k reserve is in fact £5k. More importantly there are to be no cuts in services and no cuts to voluntary and community groups, Cllr Brierley advised that there would be no increase in council tax, the cuts had resulted in some 500 reduction in staff including 70 from Highways. The proposed libraries closures had been debated and were now under review of possible alternatives. Losses in policing had been mitigated by not recruiting new officers and savings in the back office through joint working with Wilts, Devon and Somerset forces. Finance,

Community Policing. PC Forshaw had been detained on police business and there was no report under this heading.

- 507 **Apologies** were received from Cllr Harp (holiday) Cllr Costello on family business and Cllr Butcher who was indisposed..
- 508 **Declaration of Interests.** None
- 509 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2011 were approved and signed.
- 510 **Chairman's Announcements.** The chairman reviewed the arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting. The speaker would be Carly Gallagher, Resilience Officer for WDDC. The posters and newsletter would go out by Friday 25 March. Councillors were urged to encourage as many as possible to attend with special emphasis on any potential candidates for the Council seats.
- 511 **A35 and Transport.** Cllr Smith Transport Hubs and Travelling maps had been discussed at WATAG and the continuance of Bus contracts were assured until July 1st. X53 routing signs on the indicator boards were being brought into line with current licensing regulations. It was agreed that the views of WATAG would be ascertained on the Local Transport Plan.
- 512 **Finance.**
a. Bank Balances. Current a/c £ 809 Deposit a/c £ 6339
The deposit account holds £2409 on behalf of the Symene CLT

b. The draft annual accounts were presented, discussed and on the proposition of Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Holmes it was;
Resolved that the draft accounts be approved.
c. The chairman asked the clerk to withdraw for a short time, during which there was discussion of the clerk's salary and on the proposition of Cllr Holmes, seconded by Cllr Smith it was
Resolved that the salary be increased to the current applicable level of £4000 per annum with effect from 01.04.11.
This was acknowledged with thanks by the clerk and duly recorded.
- 513 **Planning Applications** The full listing of Planning Applications had been previously circulated and taken as read. The following applications were considered;
- 1/D/11/000167 Stonehaven, West Cliff. New garage and boat store. Site to be visited.
 - 1/D/11/000318 The Dairy, North End Farm and 1/D/11/000319 The Cider House, North End Farm Listed Building consent for work already done and approved during construction. There were no objections.
 - 1/D/11/000075. Reserved matters on this application were approved.

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515 **Allotments.** Advice on funding is awaited. All legal matters now resolved.

Forthcoming Elections. The calendar and nomination papers were handed to those present, others have been posted. Two proposals had been received from Cllr Harp and a further candidate had come forward from. A West Cliff candidate has come forward but others will be welcome. The deadline for nominations is Monday 4th April at Noon.

516 **Coastal Matters.** Cllr Holmes advised that due to pressure of business he would be unable to continue his duties on the Forum. Mr L Grimshaw will be continuing to represent the council and the clerk will also attend.

517 **Footpaths.** There was no business under this heading.

Policy Committee. The minutes of the meeting held 08.01.11 were approved. On the resolution of Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Holmes it was
518 **RESOLVED** that the minutes be adopted.

519 **DAPTC Matters.** The clerk circulated a report of all meetings which he had attended and these were
520 taken as read

Reports. were submitted covering, Waste Forum, BLAP working Group, AONB, and a verbal report of BLAP Steering Group and PACT. The council was advised that the Pact meetings would in future rotate
521 between venues. All reports were accepted.

Correspondence.

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

The meeting was closed at 8.45pm. after the following dates were confirmed

Date confirmed for the next meeting 10 May 2011.(Council AGM)
Annual Parish Meeting 5 April 2011
Policy Committee 12 April 2011

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

D N Wragg Clerk 24.03.11-min 34-spc.

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