

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 10 May 2011 at 7.00pm in the Symondsburry Schoolroom

PRESENT: Cllr P R Smith, S Holmes, M Costello, B Baker, M Leighton and S Ralph.
In attendance: Cllr G Brierley, DCC, and Mr D N Wragg, Clerk.

- 522 **Election of Chairman.** The Clerk opened the meeting and called for nominations for the position of chairman for the coming year. Cllr Smith indicated his willingness to undertake this role and on the proposition of Cllr Holmes it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr P R Smith be appointed Chairman for the coming year. Cllr Smith took the chair and thanked the council for their support. The chairman then welcomed two new members to the council, Cllrs M Leighton and S Ralph and congratulated them on their election and wished them every success in their new role.

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

Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors. Cllr Brierley, DCC advised that the re-organisation of the area community policing was imminent and that details of the changes would be presented to the parish councils by the local Police Inspector at a meeting to be arranged.

The Lengthsman scheme was gathering impetus with the appointment of a further operative in Marshwood Vale. DCC were giving consideration to the training of Lengthsman on the filling of potholes in their respective parishes..

Libraries – In their re-assessment of the future of libraries it has been realised that the cost of book purchase in Poole was some 50% cheaper than that charged to libraries in the rest of Dorset. Had the same price been available to Dorset libraries it would have covered the cost saving looked for to keep the libraries going.

No news on Broomfield site for the waste station. The issue is moving slowly at this time.

Community Policing. Nothing was reported under this heading

- 523 **Apologies.** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A Streatfeild who was on holiday which was accepted and approved.
- 524 **Declaration of Interests.** Cllr Leighton declared an interest in agenda item 11c. The clerk explained the nature and reasons for the agenda item and ruled that in this instance the declaration was unnecessary.
- 525 **Minutes.** The minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2011 were approved and signed.
- 526 **Appointment of Vice Chairman.** Having indicated his willingness to stand and on the proposition of Cllr Baker and with unanimous support it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr S L Holmes be elected Vice Chairman for the coming year.
- 527 **Appointment of Footpaths Officer.** On the proposal of Cllr Holmes and with unanimous agreement it was;
RESOLVED that Cllr M Costello be appointed Footpaths Liaison Officer for the coming year.
- 528 **Adoption of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.** On the proposition of Cllr Costello and with unanimous agreement t was **RESOLVED** that the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations be adopted.
- 529 **Appointments.** On the proposition of Cllr Holmes it was **RESOLVED** that the following appointments be made.
- a) Ancient Monuments Officer Cllr S Holmes.
 - b) Allotments Cllr B Baker.
 - c) Coastal Committee Representatives Cllr M Leighton.
 - d) Roads, A35 and WATAG Cllr P Smith.
 - e) DAPTC Cllr S Ralph and Mr D Wragg.

- f) BLAP Cllr A Streatfeild and Mr D Wragg.
- g) Flood and Emergency Warden (Community Resilience) Cllr P Smith
- h) Tree Warden Cllr S Holmes.

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Chairman's Announcements. The Parish Council wish to place on record their appreciation of all the work done by Cllr Amanda Streatfeild during her 6 years of chairmanship. Her dedication and efforts have developed the standing of the council throughout the parish and in the wider community. Her continuance as a councillor will provide opportunities for councillors and the public to draw on her advice and wisdom for some time to come. The chairman advised that he would like to introduce the practise of a full council meeting every month in order to cover the workload adequately. This matter will pursued at a later meeting.

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A35 and Transport. DCC are still seeking to appoint a contractor for running the bus services following the expiry of the present contract in July 2011.

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Finance.

a. Bank Balances.	Current a/c £ 5609	Deposit a/c £ 7079
	The deposit account includes £3149 held on behalf of Symene CLT.	
b. Accounts for payment.	CPRE Membership	£ 29.00
	Annual Insurance I	£ 212.21
	Clerks Salary & Exp	£1366.55
	DAPTC	£ 30.00
	Symondsburry School	£ 99.60
	Bridport TC Lengthsman	£ 900.00
	Creeds Printers	£ 136.00

On the proposition of Cllr Holmes and supported unanimously it was

Resolved that the above accounts be paid.

c. The Annual Accounts were presented for signature having been previously approved and it was

Resolved that the Annual Accounts be adopted and signed.

d. A request for funding had been received from West Cliff Home Owners Association for the provision of a new notice board. The clerk was asked enquire the sum of money involved.

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Planning Applications. Current position on planning applications is as listed. There were no further additions.

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Policy Committee. The minutes of the meeting held 12.04.11 having been previously circulated were taken as read and on the proposition of Cllr Holmes and supported unanimously it was

Resolved that the minutes be adopted.

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Code of Conduct. The clerk advised on the subject of the Code as per the information received from the Monitoring Officer. Although the Code is to be abolished the final bill will not receive Royal assent for some months and for the immediate future still applies. Emphasis was laid on the need for confidentiality of council business, which if not maintained could result in the misinterpretation of discussions and a reluctance to have frank opinions at meetings.

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Allotments. Of the 9 invoices rendered three remain unpaid.

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

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Footpaths. The fencing issues at Watton are to be referred to the Highways Agency and a site meeting sought to clarify the responsibility for implementation.

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DAPTC. A chart showing the Management Structure of the shared services partnership (WDDC and Weymouth & Portland) was distributed for information.

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Reports. The clerk presented the following reports.

- a) SLCC AGM
- b) Dorset Direct Visit
- c) Coastal Committee report
- d) DCC Vegetation Management
- e) Localism update
- f) DCLG report on Local Audits

The reports were adopted.

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Correspondence.

- 1. As per circulated list. 2 Additional items were presented in detail. Of note is the receipt of application CA/11/00147 for the removal of a pear tree at Symondsbury School. There were no objections to this application.
- 2. From WDDC 1/D/11/000257 further reserved matters, details of the hedgerow.
- 3. From WDDC Details of the Parish/Town Survey

Date confirmed for the next meeting 12 July 2011.

Policy Committee

7 June 2011 Note date change

Signed.....Date

Cllr P R Smith, Chairman

D N Wragg Clerk 16.05.11-min 31-spc.

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