

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 13 September 2011 at 7.00pm in the Symondsburry Schoolroom

PRESENT: Cllr A C Streatfeild, P R Smith, S Holmes, M Costello, S Ralph, M Leighton and B Baker.

In attendance: Cllr G Brierley DCC, Mrs C Evans and Mr D N Wragg, Clerk together with 8 members of the public whose names are recorded in the attendance record.

Democratic Half Hour. Members of the public expressed their views of the application for a Certificate of Lawfulness in respect of camping at Downhouse Farm (1/D/11/001164). The applicant was in attendance but chose not to comment. Due note was made of the comments from others.

Concerns were expressed on the spreading expanse of Japanese Knotweed at Eype Down. The proposed development at Broomhills was mentioned and it would be further addressed by Cllr Brierley.

The work of the clerk was commended and an appreciation of his contribution to the parish over the past seven years be recorded in the minutes.

Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors. Cllr Brierley advised the decision of cabinet that the development of a waste transfer site was to be taken to the planning stage. Concerns for road safety were expressed at the meeting though this may be overcome by the introduction of traffic lights. HA Planning was being handled by Bristol office, a step inconsistent with past practise.

By a vote of 21 to 20 against it had been decided to close 9 libraries in the county as part of the cost cutting exercise despite fierce opposition from the public.

Finally despite earlier reports to the contrary it was stated that no charge would be made for supplies of grit from the County Council

Community Policing. No further information had been received on the subject of Front Office Manning at local police stations.

Apologies There were no apologies for absence.

Declaration of Interests. None were declared.

Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2011 were approved and signed.

Chairman's Announcements. The chairman confirmed that he had attended the cabinet meeting on the subject of Broomhills and advised that there would be public information days at which views could be lodged when planning application is prepared .

Notice was given of the AGM of the Symene Community Land Trust next Tuesday 20.09.11 at the Symondsburry School at 7pm.

A35 and Transport. Changes in school bus services had resulted in some pupils not getting to school on time and one or two villages losing some services. WATAG were actively pursuing this shortcoming.

A35 road movement figures had been requested and now provided,

Finance.

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| a. Bank Balances. | Current a/c £ 2452 | Deposit a/c £ 9471 |
| The deposit account holds £5524 on behalf of the Symene CLT | | |
| b. Accounts for payment. | Glasdon grit bins | £821.64 Sec 137 |
| | DAPTC training | £ 20.00 |

- c. A request for funding had been received from the Bopper Bus service and On the proposition of Cllr Streatfeild seconded by Cllr Holmes it was

Resolved that the above accounts be paid and that a sum of £100 be paid to the Bopper Bus Service.

- d. Councillors were reminded that they should consider their budget proposals in readiness for preparation in October/November.

Planning Applications.

- a. No. 1/D/11/001303 Highlands End changes to toilet block. The response was confirmed and accepted
- b. No. 1/D/11/000962. Ilchester Arms alterations has now been withdrawn.
- c. No. 1/D/11/001164 Certificate of Lawfulness for camping at Down House Farm was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that this application would not be supported.
- d. Other planning matters. The clerk expressed the need for a clearer appreciation of planning matters and provided two documents which detail planning considerations and emphasised the need to take into account the wider views of the community before reaching a conclusion. This issue was to be an agenda item for the next policy meeting.

HM The Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. Whilst there was agreement that this event should be celebrated the views of the form this will take are to be sought from the community.

Policy Committee. The minutes of the meeting held 09.08.11 were approved. On the resolution of Cllr Streatfeild, seconded Cllr Costello it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes be adopted.

Allotments. A funding decision for Pine View is expected on 29.09.11.

Coastal Matters. Erosion of the armour at West Cliff is suspected and will be raised at the Coastal Forum..

Footpaths. The locked gate on the bridlepath at Lower Eype was discussed and will be further discussed with Countryside Access.

DAPTC Matters. No recent meetings to report

Reports. There were no reports at this time.

Correspondence. As per circulated listing plus letter for funding support from CPRE.

The meeting was closed at 8.40pm. after the following dates were confirmed

Date confirmed for the next meeting 8 November 2011
11 October 2011 Policy Committee

Signed.....Date

Cllr P RSmith , Chairman

D N Wragg Clerk 19 09.11-min 37-spc.

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