

SYMONDSBURY PARISH CCOUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 13 November 2012 at 7.00pm in the Village Hall, Broadoak.

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

In attendance: Cllr Summer and Mrs C Evans, Clerk, together with 5 members of the public whose names are recorded in the attendance record.

Democratic Half Hour: Members of the public expressed their views of the negative response to the approach to the Highways Agency with regards to implementing a lower speed limit on the A35 from Miles Cross to Chideock. The Clerk agreed to provide information to explain the objections presented in 2010 when it was last formally considered; also to approach the Highways Agency and Oliver Letwin MP to seek a meeting to discuss the matter further.

Concerns were raised over the lack of a Winter Maintenance Plan at this stage of the year. The Clerk committed to circulating a draft for the local communities to complete with the very local arrangements (via their Councillors) as the County funded work is very limited.

Concerns over the visual impact for Watton and Skilling Hill properties of the proposed Broomhills Waste Transfer site; continuing very strong concerns over the apparent lack of traffic-flow modelling to understand the effect on the movement of traffic, and the resulting impact on tourism further along the coast. A call was made for the Parish Council to make early representation.

Blocked drains in Broadoak are continuing to cause localised flooding. The issue was raised during the annual Dorset County Council:Symondsburry Parish Council Highways tour. Issue requires a more substantial response than just clearing them. The poor surface of Denhay Lane was also raised and Cllr Smith agreed to include this in next year's tour.

Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors:

Cllr Summers:

- ✓ Reported that 109 points were raised during the recent Broomhills 'consultation'. She advised that the Planning Committee is the next point at which local people can influence the outcome and suggested if individuals and the Parish Council had strong views to speak at it (3 minutes allowed per speaker, but no limit on the number of speakers as long as request made prior to the meeting). Cllr Summer's main concern is the potential impact on air quality and no contingency plans in the event it becomes unacceptably poor; as well as the traffic issues.
- ✓ Following a national change in the administration of the Bus Concessionary Fares, Dorset County Council is now asking for WDDC to fund the costs of using the passes before 9.30. Negotiations continue between the 2 parties.
- ✓ WDDC has a responsibility to inspect all Private Water Supplies (arising from the Private Water Supplies Regulations 2009) and charges £500. They only notify the applicant of the result if there are problems.

Community Policing:

- ✓ PCSO Miners could not attend but asked the Clerk to remind people that it is an offence to place anything on the road that may cause harm to another user and this includes mud. Farmers are responsible for clearing the mud during the day, and if drivers feel the road is left in a dangerous condition they should dial 101, for the Police to enforce the clearance. A question was raised about who should enforce speed limits on unadopted roads (appears to be no-one as long as below the national speed limit).
1. **Apologies:** Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Brierley.
 2. **To consider Grant of Dispensations:** Cllrs Streatfeild, Leighton and Wragg provided applications for Dispensation to consider the setting of the Precept level. These were accepted.
 3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2012 were approved and signed.

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4. **Chairman's Announcements:** announced the resignation of the Clerk; asked for a Cllr to accompany Julia Colfox in looking for an alternative site for the positioning of the Symondsbury village notice board, for which Cllr Wragg volunteered.
5. **Update on the Broomhills Waste Management Centre:** general discussion following councillors' attendance at the recent consultation events. Many concerns continue, including access arrangements; lack of traffic modelling that includes the other planned developments in the next 20 years (such as the Vearse Farm development of up to 800 houses); impact on surrounding small roads; fly-tipping resulting from people fed up with the queuing; refuse lorries adding to the traffic pressure; proximity to the flood plain and lack of clarity on arrangements under consideration. Cllr Summers reported that the Highways Agency had proposed to site temporary traffic lights as a dummy run to test the arrangements (but probably not at a busy time).

Agreed to formulise the Symondsbury Parish Council response at the December meeting.

6. **Parish Planning Update:** A Parish Planning meeting was held recently attended by councillors and some members of the public. Minutes were previously circulated. The stage of the Local Plan and the, as yet unclear, Neighbourhood Planning policy constrained progressing the Plan arrangements. Agreement to meet again in January to consider what the best routes are for taking things forward most effectively.

7. **Finance**

- a). Bank Balances. Current a/c £9,067 Deposit a/c £3,920
- b). Accounts for payment.

Clerk's salary	£ 524.76
HMRC PAYE	£ 115.20
Bridport Town Council	£ 900.00
BDO (audit)	£ 198.00
Greenbarnes Ltd (notice board)	£1,137.22
Bopper Bus Service for YP	£ 100.00
Glasdon (grit/salt bin)	£ 152.34
PC World (printer)	£ 49.10
Axe Valley Ring & Ride	£ 50.00

Resolved to pay the above accounts.

- c). BDO external audit annual account was presented. One comment had been made with the recommendation that the accounting statements shall be approved, and signed as approved, by the 30 June immediately following the end of the year. The Public Notice of Conclusion of Audit to be put on the Notice Boards.
- d). Confirm and approve Budget for 2013/14: the budget was discussed as presented and circulated and on the proposition of Cllr Streatfeild, seconded by Cllr Leighton **the Council was minded** to agree the 5% precept increase option, pending further consideration at a future meeting following receipt of guidance from national Government concerning the rules on 'Excessive Council Tax increases' in the Local Government Finance Report and receipt of the Tax Base figures from WDDC.
- e). Confirm and approve the Precept for 2013/14: On the proposition of Cllr Wragg and seconded by Cllr Streatfeild, **the Council was minded that** the Precept for 2013/14 be approved and set at £11,340, pending further consideration at a future meeting following receipt of guidance from national Government concerning the rules on 'Excessive Council Tax increases' in the Local Government Finance Report and receipt of the Tax Base figures from WDDC.

8. **Planning Applications:**

1/D/12/001413 Yeldon, Higher Eype Road, Higher Eype, Bridport, DT6 6AT. **Resolved** to submit no objections.

1/D/12/001449 Eype House Caravan Park, Mount Lane, Eype, Bridport DT6 6AL. Required a site visit to be established later in the week. Subsequently proposed to submit no

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objections, but draw to the attention of the Planners the issue of the increase in the height of the washrooms and subsequent impact on other properties in the area facing the sea; also some disappointment in the missed opportunity to build in more sympathetic materials in this highly sensitive AONB.

1/D/12/001492 (Listed Building Consent only) Cliff Cottage, West Cliff, West Bay, DT6 4HS.
Resolved to submit no objections.

- 9. Consider proposed diversion of Footpaths 22 (part), Footpath 23 (part); and bridleway 28 (part). Extinguishment of Footpath 26 and Bridleway 29; and creation of new Footpath at Highlands End Holiday Park:** Martin Cox of Highlands End Holiday Park gave a brief explanation of the proposal. Following discussion about the benefits and one comment from a member of the public, concerning the difficulties of the steps at the bottom of Footpath26 (which WDDC have since sought to address) the Parish Council re-approved this final Plan and recommends it to Dorset County Council for due process. _

10. Reports from lead Members (by exception):

- i. Footpaths – DCC have repaired 2 stiles on Footpath16
- ii. A35 and Transport - .the X53 bus is ceasing at Christmas time unless DCC can allocate additional funds to subsidise it. Undertook the annual Highways tour of Symondsburry with a little progress on issues noted the previous year. Agreed to include Denhay Lane in the tour next year.
- iii. Allotments – Clerk to investigate ownership of the south hedge at Pine View plot to allow access for the machinery to clear the site. Also to cost responses to the issues raised by the London Road Allotment Holders.
- iv. Coastal Matters – request to amend the notes of the Parish Planning meeting to reflect the very high levels of ground water.
- v. DAPTC Reps. (2) - none
- vi. BLAP Rep - none
- vii. Flood & Emergency Officer – attended the Flood Seminar held by DCC but of little interest to Symondsburry.
- viii. Lengthsman Link - tour to be organised to review routine tasks. Clerk to investigate the appropriateness of utilising the Lengthsman, which is subsidised by DCC, on unadopted roads.

11. Reports. To receive and adopt.

DAPTC AGM 03/11/12
Floods seminar
DCC Highways Annual SPC Tour

12. Correspondence and information for distribution per attached listing.

The meeting was closed at 9.30pm after confirming the next Council Meeting on 11/12/2012

Signed.....Date

Cllr P R Smith, Chairman

Cathy Evans Clerk 20/11/2012