

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL
POLICY COMMITTEE.

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Minutes of a Policy Committee Meeting held on 14th February 2012 at Symondsburry School at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs A Streatfeild, P Smith, S Holmes, M Costello, S Ralph, B Baker
In attendance: Ms Cathy Evans, Clerk, Cllr Summers together with 1 member of the public whose name is recorded in the attendance record.

Apologies – Cllr M Leighton.

1. **Democratic session** - members of the public expressed their views of the application for Manor Farm Change of Use from disused cow sheds into a cafe, as felt to be counter to several Policies in the WDDC Local Plan, in particular ET5, Retention of Industrial and Commercial Sites, which prioritises light industrial units in light of the shortage of such sites within the District. Copies of the letter to WDDC in response to 1/D/10/000404 and 405 (original Planning Applications, now withdrawn) were left with the Clerk, as comments made still largely applicable.
Cllr Summers urged Symondsburry to work with Chideock to support the Olympic Torch Relay.
2. **The minutes** of the meeting held on 13th December 2011 having been previously circulated were taken as read and were approved.
3. **Chairman's Remarks** - The proposed Cllr 'surgery' to be arranged, Cllr Summers offered to join this exercise as WDDC representative and suggested inviting Cllr Brierley. Discussed the Best Village Competition (invitation to participate circulated), agreed to promote Symondsburry for next year.
4. **Declaration of Interests.** None noted
5. **Planning** –
1/D/12/00004, Ilchester Arms – no objections, subject to WDDC Listed Building Officer's views.
1/D/12/00040, and 1/D/12/00046, New House Farm – Support as contributes to WDDC Plan Policy ET5 (Farm Diversification).
1/D/11/002109 and 1/D/11/002110, Manor Farm, Symondsburry; Change of Use and Listed Building Consent to Convert disused cow sheds into a cafe – discussed at length (further comments from Member of the Public were heard). These are the second Planning Application proposals for this site (conversion of the Barn to B&B units were discussed at 10th January meeting) and there is a suggestion a further Application is pending. It was resolved to hold a site visit at Manor Farm to understand the full extent of the proposed development and then consider against the relevant policies..
1/D/12/000124, Colston, West Cliff, Extension of time limit for implementation of planning permission - discussed, but resolution delayed pending receipt of comments from the local Cllr.
6. **Confirm Risk assessment and review Finance Regulations** - reviewed the Risk Assessment for April 2012 that reflected the ageing of the IT equipment and the increase of assets in the shape of 5 Grit bins. Resolved to accept the proposed Statement dated 3rd February 2012. The Clerk reminded Cllrs of the contents of the Financial Regulations as adopted on 12th July 2005; no amendments were proposed. **Agreed**
7. **Review of the future of the Policy Committee** - discussed at length, clarity of arrangements for members of the public ; yet maintaining space for discussion of 'big' issues were the key considerations raised. Resolved to maintain current arrangements and reconsider later in the year.
8. **Donation Requests – Agreed** to donate £600 as a contribution towards the upkeep of the local Churchyards.
9. **Jubilee Celebrations update** – Broadoak is organising a bonfire and BBQ on the Monday.
10. **Reports** – briefly discussed the Gypsy, Traveller and Showpeople Consultation, Clerk asked to re-circulate her summary and highlight the key policies that would impact the most within the Parish; Police Enquiry Desk Review and the Neighbourhood Police meeting.
11. **Newsletter** – agreed to plan for 3 this year, the first being the invitation to the Annual Parish Meeting.

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12. **Correspondence to date:** - Clerk asked to re-circulate the Dorset Waste Partnership News.

13. **Annual Parish meeting** – 3rd April in Symondsburry School; format will be a joint session with neighbouring Parishes invited for a presentation on 'Localism' by Dr David Evans, Director of Environment, WDDC; followed by a forum just for Symondsburry Parish, in the usual format, to consider the past year and discuss matters for the coming year.

14. Date of the next SPC meeting 13th March 2012
Date of Annual Parish Meeting 3rd April 2012
Date of the next Policy Committee meeting 10th April 2012

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.58pm.

Signed.....date.....
Chairman

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