

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th
February 2013 at 7.00pm in Symondsburry School

PRESENT: Cllrs P Smith, S Holmes, M Costello, S Ralph, M Leighton, D Wragg and B Baker.
In attendance: Cllr Brierley, DCC; Mrs C Evans, Clerk together with 3 member of the public whose names are recorded in the attendance record.

DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR – information requested concerning the next steps for the issues raised about the speed limits on the A35 following the Bridport public meeting. Oliver Letwin MP has formed a local ‘working party’ (invitation only) to consider a range of options to make the road safer around the Symondsburry/Bridport section.

Information from DCC, WDDC Councillors, and Police –

DCC - Brierley reported that DCC was steadily receiving the monies held in the failed Icelandic Banks and was on track to recover over 90% of their investment.

- He had approached the police to challenge the length of time the road was closed following a recent accident at Chideock, and the lack of diversion signs.
- The Dorset Police Authority is recruiting Police Officers and Special Constables.
- The funding for the Lengthsman Scheme is being dramatically reduced.
- The committee stage of consideration of the Broomhills Waste Transfer Planning has yet to be set.
- The issue of the West Bay road works was raised and complaints of poor communication from the Highways Authority were made.

Police – via the Clerk, fed in that although crime figures remain relatively low residents are urged to remove all valuables from vehicles as during the recent adverse weather conditions a number of vehicles were broken into. Report any suspicious incidents to Dorset Police on 101.

1. **Apologies for absence** – apologies were received from Cllr Streatfeild who was on holiday were accepted and approved.
2. **Consider Grant of Dispensations** – none raised.
3. **Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2013 were approved and signed.
4. **Chairman’s Announcements** - Still no applications for the Clerk position. **Resolved** to advertise further.

5. Finance.

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| a). Bank Balances. | Current a/c £4,005 | Deposit a/c £5,101 |
| b).Accounts for payment. | Clerk’s Salary & Expenses | £ 609.36 |
| | HMRC | £ 115.20 |

Resolved that the above accounts be paid

- c). Budget proposals from Councillors – Cllr Wragg supported the recently received CAB donation request and proposed when it is formally considered to raise the amount to £100.

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6. **Planning Applications**
Downhouse Farm appeal to the Secretary of State against an Enforcement Notice issued by West Dorset District Council alleging the following breach of planning control: Without planning permission, change of use of the land: **resolved** not to add to the previous comments already presented for the original consideration.
Symondsburry House, Duck Street, Symondsburry CA/13/00031 to: T1 Copper Beech - reduce all over by 1.5-2.0m; T2 Lawsons Cypress - reduce by 30-50%; T3 Cherry - clear BT lines; T4 Cherry - clear BT lines: **resolved**
Eastern boundary of Mounts Lane, Eype CA/13/00033 to: Hazel, Ash, Sycamore, Blackthorn, Whitethorn - coppice all trees on high banks: **resolved** to support.
Western boundary of Mounts Lane, Eype CA/13/00032 to: Hazel, Ash, Sycamore, Blackthorn, Whitethorn - coppice all trees on high banks: **resolved** to support.
7. **WDDC Local Plan consultation** – further comment to be presented to WDDC regarding continuing concerns over the Vearse Farm proposal; incomplete town boundary change proposals; and a fundamentally flawed consultation process that did not allow cross referencing between the working groups set up to consider the detail of the Plan on specific topic areas. **Resolved** that Cllr Wragg should invite Cllrs to a meeting to formulate a full response.
8. **Government's Red Tape challenge** – Cllr Smith drew attention to the proposals to streamline the Planning process contained in the latest round of proposals.
9. **DCC Statement of Community Involvement Consultation** – agreed to submit a response welcoming the current references to Parish engagement and proposing further opportunities.
10. **Consideration of supporting a proposal to bid for funds through the Bridport Area Community Fund to erect bollards in front of Symondsburry School** – **resolved** to support any CLT bid to further this.
11. **AONB Management Plan**: Cllrs Costello and Holmes to represent SPC at the forthcoming meeting.
12. **Update on Lengthsman Scheme** – Still no formal communication regarding next year's funding arrangements. In the meantime Clerk asked to explore both the Bridport and Marshwood Vale future arrangements to assess best value.
13. **Proposal to enter Best Kept Village Competition**: After discussion decided Symondsburry should be proposed and the Clerk to approach Mr and Mrs Colfox to seek support.
14. **A35 speed limit** – following the Bridport public meeting Oliver Letwin MP is arranging a working party to consider options to improve the safety of the A35 from Chideock to the Crown Roundabout. Cllr Wragg volunteered to be the Symondsburry Parish Council representative and accepted a letter from a member of the public that he agreed to consider when presenting the Symondsburry views (note inaugural meeting was due to have met on 18th Feb but has been postponed – Clerk to keep interested parties abreast of developments).

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15. Reports from lead Members (by exception only):

- (a) Footpaths – following a site visit to the footpaths around Highlands End with one of the objectors (proposed changes published end of last year) modifications to the proposals have been made.
- (b) WATAG report – X53 service is being removed from subsidy as now commercially viable.
- (c) DAPTC – WDDC is currently in the early stages of an Electoral Review; potential for greater levels of joint ventures by Parishes being explored; Parish boundary reviews considered in next year, no increase in council tax or car-park fees next year; benefit changes for tenants; Magna not building any new houses next year; permission to retain South Street waste site for a further period has been applied for; information on dog wardens, pest control and private water supplies is being formulated.
- (d) Flood and Emergency Officer – meeting to discuss the Parish Resilience Plan arranged for 25th February at Highlands End at 6.00.
- (e) Community Land Trust – Planning Application has been submitted but awaiting a Flood Risk Assessment before it can proceed any further.

16. **Reports** - None received.

17. **Correspondence** – list circulated

18. **Next Parish Council meeting** - 12th March 2013 in Symondsbury School.

The meeting was closed at 9.06. pm

Signed.....Date

Cllr P R Smith, Chairman

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