



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SWIMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER  
2008 at 7.00 PM IN THE JUBILEE HALL, SWIMBRIDGE**

**Guest Speakers – Mr J Deasey**

Mr Deasey was asked to address several issues of concern in the village, including the state of the hedges and grass verges, the standard of work carried out recently and the 30mph sign on Kerscott Hill. Mr Deasey's response was that we was glad to hear that the Parish Council was supporting walking to school, and was happy to try to help. He would make a polite request (initially) to officers at DCC, but initially he would try to find out why Mr Sables has not taken this further. Concerning the verge cutting, Mr Deasey's response was that he would take the matter up with Mr Sables, but that there was a limited budget and the Council's priority was enabling highway visibility. The 30mph sign was not straight forward. A traffic order would be required, this had a set procedure and legal costs would be incurred, but he will follow this up. Cllr Luggar asked if it would be possible to improve the grass verges to a paved path to allow walking and cycling access. Mr Deasey said that the Government had instructed County Councils to focus on towns, and it would be very difficult to make a case for long lengths of footpaths in rural areas.

Public Session

- 2008.100      **Apologies received and members present** – apologies received from Cllr Crumpton
- 2008.101      **Declarations of interest** – Cllr Comerford in item 106(b)
- 2008.102      Minutes of the previous meeting – there was one amendment to the declarations of interest made, with this amendment the minutes were approved and signed
- 2008.103      Clerks Report**
- a) Reply from Mr R Chaafe – Mr Chaafe had sent an unsatisfactory reply to the letter concerning the access at 4 High Cross. The clerk will follow up with a strong letter.
- 2008.104      Correspondence**
- a) North Devon Council's response to Boundary Committee - noted
- b) NDDC – Polling Station at Stowford – clerk will write to NDDC suggesting that they ask parishioners of Chittlehampton as they are keen to become part of that Parish.
- c) Road Closure - A399 North Molton - noted
- d) DCC – Changes to Bus Service 7 – discussed and noted
- 2008.105      Planning Decisions**
- a) 46967 – Outline application for erection of ag. workers dwelling, Bydown Cross, Bydown Farm – **REFUSED**
- b) 47145 – erection of garage, Mill Court - **APPROVED**
- c) 47146 – Listed building consent as above – **APPROVED**
- 2008.106      Planning Applications**
- a) 47389 – Extension and alterations 7 Oakdale Ave, Swimbridge – no objections
- b) 47327 – Listed Building application installation of woodburning stove and flue, Barn Cottage, Hurscott – no objections
- 2008.107      Any additional planning applications received after publication of agenda
- 2008.108      Planning Matters in the Parish**
- a) Playing Field – Pearce Construction will be re-submitting the plans shortly with some of the required alterations.

**2008.109**

**Accounts for Approval**

a) Clerks Salary	£103.14
b) Grant Payment to Church	£375
c) Grant payment to Jubilee Hall	£200
All agreed	

**2008.110**

**Matters raised by Councillors -**

1. The possibility of requesting a 20mph speed limit on Station Hill
2. The Square
3. Bus Shelter

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