



**MEETING OF SWIMBRIDGE PARISH COUNCIL
10^h DECEMBER 2008 at 7.30 PM
THE JUBILEE HALL, SWIMBRIDGE
AGENDA
PRESS AND PUBLIC WELCOME**

Guest Speakers

Cllr Luggar reported that the pavement petition was now in the Post Office, and urged everyone to sign. Cllr Tucker reported that the recommendation from the Boundary Commission had been extended to 13th February, with the decision being made towards the end of March. Cllr Tucker also reported that the surface dressing programme had not been completed this year due to wet weather, and was now postponed until next year. The grass verges have now been cut and Mr Deasey will see if the foot traffic is sufficient to allow the path to be kept up to standard. Landowners should be advised that mud on the roads is dangerous, and that it should be reported. Cllr Tucker warned that pyramid selling and various other scams were being used in the area, and advised that Trading Standards should be alerted.

Public Session

Speed limits were discussed, Cllr Liverton is suggesting that there should be a standard speed limit of 30 mph, rather than chopping and changing between 30 and 40. It was generally agreed that there should be a rational approach to speed.

- 2008.128 Apologies received and members present** – Apologies received from Cllr Singh – those present were Cllrs Liverton, King, Comerford, Crompton, Rogers, Dennis and Clarke
- 2008.129 Declarations of interest** - none
- 2008.130 Minutes of the previous meeting** – the minutes were agreed as a true record and signed accordingly.
- 2008.131 Clerks Report**
- Sign post at Gunn – it has been reported to Highways who have replied that they have ordered a new sign to be made.
 - Freedom of Information Act – obligation to disclose information – the clerk will deal with this.
- 2008.132 Correspondence**
- DCC – Road Closure notification – information passed on to Cllrs.
 - DCC – Country Mile Project – information passed on to Cllrs.
- 2008.133 Planning Decisions** - none
- 2008.134 Planning Applications**
47691 – Notification of works to trees Franda Cottage, Swimbridge – no objections
- 2008.135 Any additional planning applications received after publication of agenda**
- 2008.136 Planning Matters in the Parish**
- Bollard in High Street – the clerk reported that the bollard had been erected at the request of Mr Willis, to avoid high lorries hitting the top of his house due to the camber of the road.
 - Village sign - Cllr Liverton and King have investigated – Swimbridge is a heritage village due to Parson Jack Russell, and so are proposing a sign which reads : ‘Swimbridge – Heritage Village – Home of Parson Jack Russell’. Cost estimates will be obtained from the sign shop in Braunton.
 - Cllr Liverton is concerned about the delay in the Glebe Field application. He had been informed by Jean Watkins that the earliest it would be heard is January. He proposed that a letter should be written to the Planning Manager detailing SPC’s dissatisfaction with the service provided. Cllr Tucker suggested sending a copy to Steve Pitcher (acting Chief Executive)

2008.137

Accounts for Approval

Clerks Salary £109.60

J J Bins £17.33

All approved

2008.138

Matters raised by Councillors

Bollards on road opposite school to prevent cars parking on verges.

Page 2 Signed _____