

## SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 7pm by remote means during the COVID-19 Pandemic. **These minutes will be agreed at the March Parish Council Meeting.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs, P Colfox, A Streatfeild, S Ralph, J Roddy, P Allen, S Ainley, P Hartmann and N Mawditt. In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk, Cllrs K Clayton, S Williams, of Dorset Council.

### **Democratic Half Hour during which members of the public are invited to raise matters of interest and Information from DC Councillors and Dorset Police:**

Cllr S Williams reported that Bridport Town Council had undertaken around 4/5 meetings on the Dorset Council Local Plan Consultation and have drafted a response. She also advised of the Dorset Council Free Parking Policy which was on-going. Cllr K Clayton reported that the Climate Emergency Strategy Consultation had now ended; Cllr N Mawditt confirmed that Symondsburry Parish Council had submitted ours (in line with Bridport Town Council's response with additional comments). **VEARSE FARM:** Cllr K Clayton advised that the Clerk, W Austin, Bridport Town Council, took guidance from Dorset Council in view of our request to set up a joint committee for the purposes of considering any planning applications for the development at Vearse Farm. However, he was advised for both councils to comment separately. Cllr P Hartmann provided an excellent synopsis of the development of Vearse Farm as it stands presently. He advised that there is not a lot we can do until we know the detail. The Dorset Local Plan stipulates additional houses at the development. One of the most difficult parts to do is how you link the typology of Bridport, link it the rural area and into the neighbourhood scene; we can impact this using the Neighbourhood Plan and influence the design code. He also advised that as the Neighbourhood Plan is the most recent adopted documented plan then this sets the precedence. Cllr N Mawditt asked what part the JCC plays in this development; they make comments based on the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan taking into account the views of all five of the councils represented on the JCC. **COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW:** Cllr K Clayton advised that this was an initiative originally proposed by Bridport Town Council to WDDC in 2018, but was held in abeyance until the new Unitary Council was formed.

**0128 To receive and approve apologies for absence:** None.

**0129 To receive Declarations of Interest:** Cllr P Colfox offered his declarations of interest to item 140 Vearse Farm and to item 131 Planning application WD/D/21/000131 at Symondsburry House. Cllr A Streatfeild offered her declaration of interest to item 133 Broadoak Village Hall.

**0130 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021:** The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were approved and signed on camera in front of the clerk.

### **0131 Planning Applications and to consider any other planning/enforcement issues:**

**Cllr S Ralph chaired this item.**

**WD/D/21/000131 SYMONDSBURY HOUSE, DUCK STREET, SYMONDSBURY, BRIDPORT, DT6 6HB Proposal:T1 Copper Beech - Reduce whole canopy by 2.5m & prune back to smaller secondary branches T2 Catalpa – Fell. No objections.**

Cllr P Hartmann had previously circulated a draft letter to the Head of Planning, Mike Garrity. In addition Cllr P Hartmann had produced a proforma to be used with planning applications as an easy way for planners to read, prepare their decisions. **Proposed by Cllr P Hartmann and seconded by Cllr P Allen, all in favour, it was agreed for the Clerk to send the letter and to use the proforma.**

**0132 Proposed Cycle Path:** No new information had been received.

**0133 Finance:** a) **Bank Balances:** Current account: £8,124.45 Deposit: £25,578.91

b) **Payments of Account for approval:** i) Clerk's Salary ii) CB Reid Payroll £31.20 iii) Dorset Council (Grit bins/salt) £81.12 iv) Bridport Leisure Centre (an amount of £5,000 had been agreed previously once satisfied with the accounts) **Proposed by Cllr P Allen and seconded by Cllr S Ralph, all in favour.**

v) Broadoak Village Hall – an urgent grant request had been received to repair the kitchen roof before any more damage from bad weather. 3 quotes had been received and it was agreed to pay 50% towards the costs of £4,500 at £2,250. **Proposed by Cllr S Ralph and seconded by Cllr S Ainley, all in favour.**

**0134 Dorset Local Plan Consultation:** Cllr P Hartmann will prepare a response and will be tabled at our next meeting.

**0135 Potential Boundary Changes (Community Governance Review):** To await the new proposal.

**0136 Community Infrastructure Levy:** The Clerk had produced a policy for SPC to adopt. **Proposed by Cllr A Streatfeild, seconded by Cllr S Ralph, all in favour.** The clerk will place a copy on the website. The clerk will ask Dorset Council for a breakdown of the monies due of £1,609 (recently advised by Dorset Council at SPC request) and how it was calculated. In addition SPC are expecting a significant amount which has not yet been advised.

**0137 Voluntary Run Bar Proposal within Symondsbury:** Cllr S Ainley spoke of an idea to have a volunteer run bar event within Symondsbury in the Summer so people have something to look forward to in these times and thus rebuilding social networks, especially important for some. Cllr S Ainley will speak with the local cricket club to see if it is something they would like to get involved with. The Symondsbury Estate will also consider the idea.

**0138 Relocation of a Bin at Symondsbury:** It was agreed to relocate the bin presently situated by the noticeboard to a slightly different location.

**0139 Projects: Defibrillator at Eype Beach:** Nothing new to report. **Footpath from Dolton House:** Cllr S Ralph has set up a meeting with the lengthsman at the site. An earlier report was circulated.

**0140 Reports from lead members had been circulated prior to the meeting and taken as read although the following amendments were agreed: Resilience and Digital Connectivity:** Cllr P Allen had previously circulated a report and advised that he is trying to engage with Openreach to discuss the implications of the voucher scheme closing date being brought forward, thereby to precluding an application by Symondsbury. Openreach have approached a resident in Broadoak with a different scheme, which may or may not be generally helpful. **Lengthsman Link:** The Clerk reported that a new contract for the Lengthsman Link scheme had been provided by Bridport Town Council; 100 hours at £2,250 per annum (an increase of £250) for the period 2021-2024. **Proposed by Cllr S Ralph, seconded by Cllr J Roddy, all in favour. The Clerk will sign the contract. Symene Voice:** Articles required from Councillors together with up to date photos - required by the end of February 2021. **Vearse Farm:** Cllr P Hartman will put together a strategy to discuss potential issues and who we need to contact.

**0141 Items for our next meeting in March:** The Dorset Council Local Plan, Voluntary run bar within Symondsbury, Right to Regenerate Consultation.

**0142 To confirm date of next meeting** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 7pm. **Meeting closed at 20:42 pm.**

