

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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

PRESENT: Cllrs - P Colfox, A Streatfeild, S Ralph, J Roddy, P Allen, S Ainley and P Hartmann. In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk, Cllrs K Clayton, S Williams, D Bolwell of Dorset Council and 10 members of the public.

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

Concerns from the public were raised following a new planning application at Lower Eype Farmhouse: it is a large and isolated feature that detracts from the views from Thorncombe Beacon and Colmers Hill, situated on an exposed piece of land and the proposed new building is closer to the village than the previous refused application. A parishioner added that a way forward amicably by both sides would be beneficial. A photomontage was shown to the councillors. The planning applicant confirmed that the feedback from the previous application had been taken on board and addressed accordingly.

Cllr Bolwell reported that he had asked Dorset Council for further information regarding a potential motorhome site within West Bay. Cllr Williams reported that notices were going on display to advise of the change in car parking charges (Phase 1) for both Bridport and in West Bay. The new charges will commence on 1st April 2021. Phase 2 will include Lyme Regis and it is hoped that motor homes will be included. In addition phase 2 will include parking permits and discounts for business owners will be discussed. It was noted that Bridport Town Council have placed their reply to the Dorset Local Plan onto their website. Census Day is on 21st March 2021 and can be completed online, by post or by telephone; information is on the Dorset Council website. Cllr Clayton reported that he had attended a recent meeting on working with Parish and Town Councils which had representation from the DAPTC and a Community Engagement Officer. He felt that the DAPTC will be much better run going forward.

0143 To receive and approve apologies for absence: Apologies of absence had been received from Cllr N Mawditt which had been accepted.

0144 To receive Declarations of Interest: Cllr P Colfox offered his declarations of interest to item 146 Vearse Farm, specifically the design code, the Landscape Environment Management Plan (LEMP) and reserved matters (only in so far as they affect the employment land which has been bought. The rest of the permitted land has been sold to the builder).

0145 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2021: The minutes of the meeting held on 9th February 2021 were approved and signed on camera in front of the clerk.

0146 Planning Applications and to consider any other planning/enforcement issues:

Items **WD/D/20/002953** - Moorbath Cottages Moorbath, Bridport, Dorset and **WD/D/20/003193** - Quarr Cottage, Quarr Lane, Symondsburry, Bridport, DT6 6AQ will be taken later during this meeting.

WD/D/20/003219 - Lower Eype Farmhouse Barton Lane, Eype, Dorset. DT6 6AW - Erection of agricultural barn.

The site had been visited by 3 SPC councillors together with the planning applicant. The proposed new build is an average size barn that will sit comfortable in its new position. The proposed barn on the previous application, that got refused, was to sit on a ridge and was not the best location. Cllr Hartmann had viewed the proposed site from all key vantage points. In particular it addresses ECON 9, SUS 2 and ENV 4 together with all the listed policies of the new Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan. It is within an agricultural small holding. **Cllr Ralph proposed that we should recommend approval the application, and seconded by Cllr Allen, All in favour.**

Vearse Farm: Cllr Hartmann had prepared a strategy paper on planning matters - Cllr Allen reported that this is primarily driven by Vearse Farm and that we have to be listened to by Dorset Council. We want to be assured that the development is done properly to the benefit of both Bridport and Symondsburry. Cllr Bolwell felt that SPC were perfectly capable of dealing with Vearse Farm going forward; a single point of contact is needed. The clerk will contact the Clerk at BTC to set up an informal meeting between councillors to discuss the way forward. In addition it was **proposed by Cllr Hartmann and seconded by Cllr Allen** for SPC to set up a separate Planning Committee to discuss larger planning applications such as this one going forward. **All in favour.**

0147 Finance: a) **Bank Balances:** Current account: £337.13 Deposit: £25,589.61

b) **Payments of Account for approval:** i) Clerk's Salary ii) Clerks expenses £100.30 iii) DAPTC Training £39.00 (planning – NM) iv) DAPTC Training (planning – PA v) Neighbourhood Plan £264.40 **Proposed by Cllr P Allen and seconded by Cllr J Roddy, all in favour.**

0148 Dorset Local Plan Consultation: Cllr Hartmann was thanked for all his hard work on this consultation. His draft reply had previously been circulated to all councillors. He reported that he had queried and replied to issues affecting the area of Dorset as a whole and not just the immediate local areas as transport links, infrastructure etc within Dorset will affect us; reference The White Paper – if other areas do not undertake sufficient actions then other areas may suffer. The JCC reply does not cover the whole of Dorset within their reply. Exceptionally permission was given by the chair to Cllr Williams to state that the reply can be submitted by email. A small amount of changes were noted and it was felt that a further meeting on Friday 12th March would be advisable to discuss, amend and send to the clerk for emailing to Dorset Council with proposed amendments to be forwarded to Cllr Hartmann beforehand. **Proposed by Cllr Colfox, seconded by Cllr Allen, all in favour.**

0146 Planning Applications and to consider any other planning/enforcement issues:

WD/D/20/002953 - Moorbath Cottages Moorbath, Bridport, Dorset
Alterations to convert single dwelling to two dwellings and erection of extension.
This will benefit 2 families potentially. Designs look reasonable. It was agreed to delay for a further discussion between councillors on Friday 12th March 2021 and a decision will be submitted to the clerk.
All in favour.

WD/D/20/003193 - Quarr Cottage, Quarr Lane, Symondsburry, Bridport, DT6 6AQ
Erection of a garage with pitched roof link.

No objection.

0149 Right to Regenerate Consultation: No public land in Symondsburry. No further action required.

0150 Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority – Consultation of draft Community Safety Plan 2021-24:
Cllr Hartmann will investigate further and discussion was postponed until our meeting in April.

0151 Grant Request – Eype School Room and Community Trust (renewal defibrillator contract): A request had been received to assist payment of £1,800 plus VAT to cover the renewal of the existing package. Cllr Allen will contact them for further information (cost of a new one) and this will be discussed again at a later date.

0151 Voluntary Run Bar Proposal within Symondsburry: Cllr Ainley reported that Palmers had potentially secured a new landlady for the Ilchester Arms in Symondsburry. It was felt at this stage best not to impact on the potential re-opening of the existing pub.

0152 Annual/Monthly Meeting – May: The clerk proposed that we cancel the Annual Meeting due to the current COVID 19 pandemic restrictions and bring forward the usual monthly meeting to the 4th May 2021 due to the current arrangements regarding on-line meetings. **All in favour.**

0153 Projects: Cllr Streatfeild expressed thanks, in addition to correspondence received, on behalf of the Broadoak Village Hall for the recent grant. **Water at Allotments:** Cllr Streatfeild had sought a water trough for West Road allotments and is seeking a further one for the allotments at Pine View.

0154 Reports from lead members had been circulated prior to the meeting and taken as read although the following amendments were agreed: Community Governance Review: The clerk to investigate the previous CGR in 2002 which we believe involved Chideock. Cllr Allen will identify key issues and report to SPC at the next meeting. **Symene CLT:** The clerk read out correspondence received from the Hastoe Group informing that a new tenant is being sought within the parish to take over the letting of a 2 bedroomed property at Edward Close, Bridport. **Footpaths:** ‘No public access’ signs had been found around the West Cliff Estate. It was noted that Karl Rogers, a member of the public who has made a claim for new footpaths, was gathering information regarding the bridleway and footpaths.

0155 Items for our next meeting in March: Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority – Consultation of draft Community Safety Plan 2021-24 and Community Governance Review.

0156 To confirm date of next meeting Tuesday 13th April 2021 at 7pm. **Meeting finished at 20:42pm and was adjourned to Friday 12th March 2021 at 7.15pm**

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PRESENT: Cllrs, P Colfox, S Ralph, J Roddy, P Allen, and P Hartmann. **Apologies:** Cllr A Streatfeild, Cllr S Ainley.

Declaration of Interest: Cllr P Colfox declared an interest to item 159 Moorbath Cottages, as he is the owner of the property next door.

0157 Planning Strategy – Vearse Farm: Cllr P Hartmann reported that he had amended the draft Planning Strategy to reflect the issues raised by councillors previously by email and advised that it now reads better.

0158 Dorset Local Plan Consultation (continued): Cllr P Hartmann reported that he and Cllr P Allen went through the response from the JCC to which formed the basis to the response from SPC. The JCC response did not cover the whole of Dorset and their response was limited to the local area. It was felt that, as planning issues for the whole of Dorset can affect us locally, for example, how the Dorset area deals with housing, transport, infrastructure, it seemed more beneficial to look at the Dorset area as a whole. If one area within Dorset (eg Christchurch, Bournemouth and Poole) do not meet their targets then it could be passed to other areas, although once this Local Plan becomes Law this will not be allowable. Reports from councillors had been passed to Cllr P Hartmann ahead of this meeting specifically:

Exception site at Sprakes Corner – not rural and outside of the development boundary and was taken out of the green gap. It has 11 units on it and has some form of contamination.

Sea defence at Eype – There is current erosion at Eype Mouth due to lack of sea defences. Provision to protect the car park is too late. Foundations have been made for re-location of the white building, and the car park is

privately owned. There are additional parking facilities nearby. SPC to include protecting of public access to the water front at Eype in our submission.

Car Parking, Bridport - To be made clear that no reduction in car parking should happen in Bridport.

Additional comments were incorporated into the SPC response regarding climate change and environmental control.

Cllr Allen reported that an earlier meeting of the BLAP Parish Liaison Meeting, at which Chris Loder MP was present, Mr Loder had advised that in his view the Dorset Local Plan had been with the proposed National Park firmly in mind and felt that this had influenced the Council's way of thinking.

It was agreed unanimously to make these amendments and for the Clerk to email the response and send a paper copy by Recorded Delivery on Monday 15th March 2021.

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It was agreed for the Clerk to make submission based on Cllr Streatfeild's response to this planning application.

Meeting closed at 20:09 pm