

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th September 2021 at Eype Church. **These minutes will be agreed at the October Parish Council Meeting. PRESENT:** Cllrs - S Ralph, P Colfox, P Allen, A Streatfeild and P Hartmann. In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk.

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

The clerk read out a report on behalf of Councillor S Williams advising of the following:

- There should be a third round meeting regarding the Bus Back Better towards the end of September.
- Dorset Council are asking parishioners not to contact them regarding delayed planning applications and land searches on property searches as this adding to the delay in getting through the backlog.
- The waste collection service has a shortage of drivers presently which is having an impact on some rounds. Please continue to report missed collections and overflowing public bins. Some garden waste collections have been suspended or delayed.

51. To receive and approve apologies for absence: Apologies for absence had previously been advised from Councillors, J Roddy, S Ainley and N Mawditt and in addition from Dorset Councillors K Clayton and S Williams which were all accepted.

52. Disclosures of interests and dispensations

To **receive** disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from councillors and employees on matters to be considered at the meeting: Received from Cllr P Colfox regarding item 60 Vearse Farm.

53. Minutes of the last meeting:

a. To review and approve Parish Council Meeting 13th July 2021: The Minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.

b. To note Planning Committee Meetings 13th July 2021 and 6th September 2021 : The Planning Committee Meeting Minutes for both meetings were received and noted.

54. Payments and Receipts: To resolve to approve payments and receipts for the month of September 2021:

a) clerk's salary b) clerk's expenses £59.98 c) CB Reid Payroll £31.20 d) Bridport Town Council (noticeboard/pathway repairs) £482.16. **Proposed by Cllr P Hartmann, seconded by Cllr P Allen, all in favour.** To **note** bank balances: Current £2,658.00 Deposit £27,626.81.

Cllr P Colfox joined the meeting at 7:08pm

55. Community Governance Review Consultation

To **consider** the proposed CGR consultation to formulate a corporate response. The submission deadline is on 28th October 2021. Bridport Town Council have made public their intentions advising of three possible options, which will be considered by their full council on 21st September. Option 1 (Their preferred option) would create a 'Greater Bridport' parish boundary comprising the majority of the existing Allington, Bothenhampton and Walditch, Bradpole and Bridport parishes. It would also include the Foundry Lea (formerly Vearse Farm) development land, West Cliff estate, Watton Park, Magdalen Lane and Pine View currently within the parish of Symondsburry. Symondsburry parish would gain Pymore village and the rural area currently within the parish of Allington, thereby remaining a rural parish. Option 2 would retain the parishes of Bradpole, Bothenhampton and Walditch with smaller areas of these parishes being transferred to Bridport Town Council. Allington parish would cease to exist, with its built up areas becoming part of Bridport and its rural part becoming part of Symondsburry (as with Option 1). Symondsburry would lose the same areas to Bridport as proposed in Option 1. Option 3 would see the Foundry Lea (formerly Vearse Farm) development land, Pine View, Magdalen Lane and Watton Park (but not West Cliff) transferred to Bridport Town Council without any compensating land coming to Symondsburry from Allington. Concerns were raised about the actual proposed boundary lines on the map. Symondsburry parish currently has 871 electors and Bridport

Town Council estimate that the proposed changes in Options 1 or 2 would decrease the number of electors in Symondsbury by around 150. Bridport Town Council would like us to be ‘on side’ and would like us to accept their proposals. Councillor S Ralph raised concerns about the consequence of not gaining Pymore if Allington parish resisted the proposals? Cllr P Hartmann added that it would not make any difference to Bridport Town Council’s dealings with Dorset Council or nationally whether they had 15,000 or 8,000 residents? He also added that Bridport Town Council will still be a thriving town whether all the changes are made or not but understood the rationale regarding the Foundry Lea (Vearse Farm) proposal. Cllr Streatfeild felt that the proposals seemed logical and felt they were well conceived. Chideock parish requested that they had minor boundary changes to propose with Symondsbury and the clerk will check Cllr P Colfox is attending the next parish meeting of Netherbury on 28th September to discuss their boundary change. Cllr P Hartmann wished to maintain a ‘buffer’ zone between the land at Vearse Farm and the A35 and also wished to retain Watton Park. It was also felt that it would not matter whether Bridport Leisure Centre was within Symondsbury or Bridport. Cllr S Ralph raised the point that any grant requests to our parish are dealt with relatively quickly. Cllr P Hartmann added that we should discuss the boundaries with care and accept in principle but he wished to discuss the boundary and ensure it is placed in precisely the right place.

A meeting will take place at Eype Church on Tuesday 5th October at 7pm to present the proposed boundary changes to our parishioners, although anyone is welcome. The clerk will produce a flyer and liaise with the ECV editor, Janet Lack, for including and distributing ahead of the evening. The clerk will advise the local parishes to remove our name from the ‘Alert’ flyer that they have produced due to the delicate negotiations that we are currently having with Bridport Town Council and our view that it is appropriate to engage at this time.

56. Dorset Council – consultation on proposed car park charges

To **consider** the proposed charging strategy to formulate a corporate response. It was felt that Live, Work and Play Car Park permit seemed excessive for workers and the clerk will respond accordingly.

57. Application for a Definitive Map Modification Order – T619 – Symondsbury

To **consider** an application to modify the definitive map: To pursue an application to get T619 recorded as a bridlepath.

58. Application for a Definitive Map Modification Order – T620 – Symondsbury

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59. Eype Down Road

Cllr S Ralph advised that when the A35 is particularly slow or at a standstill vehicles (delivery trucks, caravans being towed) turn into Eype Down Road either because their SATNAV has directed them or their own decision. This has made the road become a ‘rabbit run’ at times and thus becomes gridlocked and concerns were raised that someone could get seriously hurt on the blind bend and steep hill on the A35 should you attempt to pull out from Quarr Cross. A map was produced showing the trigger points. It can be a long drawn out process asking for a Traffic Regulation Order. Cllr S Ralph has already written to TOMTOM to make them aware but as yet nothing has been done. Symondsbury Parish Council will **support** this and look at the lobbying for a roundabout at Miles Cross.

60. Reports from Lead Members: Reports had already been received and circulated regarding: footpaths, A35 (cyclepath), lengthsman, DAPTC and Vearse Farm

a) Footpaths	SR	b) A35	JR	c) Transport	NM
d) Allotments	SA	e) Resilience	PA	f) Coastal Matters	NM
g) DAPTC Matters	PC	h) BLAP Report	AS	i) Lengthsman Link	SR
j) Tree Officer/Ancient Monuments	PC	k) Symene Voice	MS	l) Neighbourhood Plan	PH
m) Symene CLT	AS	n) Community Governance Review	PC	o) Climate Emergency	NM
p) Vearse Farm	PH				

Vearse Farm: Cllr P Allen reported that delays were starting to be seen.

61. Items for future Agenda

To **raise** items for inclusion on a future Agenda: defibrillator, Community Governance Review

62. Correspondence: The correspondence list had been previously circulated. The clerk advised that the Symondsbury PCC had requested a grant of £750 towards the maintenance of the Eype and Symondsbury churchyards. **Proposed by Cllr P Hartmann, seconded by Cllr P Colfox, all in favour.** The clerk advised that Dorset Council will be increasing the rental of Symondsbury Allotments (West Road) from £235 to £260 pa from September 2022. The clerk advised that a four bedroom property at Edwards Close, Bridport has become available. The Clerk had received a response from Citizens Advice Bureau apologising that they had missed us off their list of supporters within their latest report. They are correcting this and will show the amendment on their website. Correspondence had been received from George Streafeild inviting parishioners to a meeting at Symondsbury Parish church on Wednesday 29th September at 6pm to discuss both the structural repairs identified in a recent survey and how we can make improvements to enable it to be an asset for all of the community.

63. Date of next meeting

To **note** the next scheduled meeting of Symondsbury Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 7.00pm, Eype Church. A Planning Committee Meeting will take place via Zoom at 4pm on Monday 20th September and a further planning meeting will take place at Eype Church on Tuesday 5th October at 4pm. In addition a meeting to discuss the proposed boundary changes will take place on Tuesday 5th October at 7pm at Eype Church.

Meeting closed at 8.42pm.