SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsbury Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th September 2020 at 7pm by remote means during the COVID-19 Pandemic. **These minutes will be ratified at the October Parish Council Meeting.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Sir Philip Colfox, A Streatfeild, S Ralph, S Ainley, J Roddy, P Allen and N Mawditt. In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk, Cllr S Williams (Dorset Council), Cllr K Clayton (Dorset Council) and four members of the public.

Democratic Half Hour during which members of the public are invited to raise matters of interest: Three representatives on behalf of Aldi UK advised of their early stage interest in acquiring a piece of land in the Bridport area to build a new store. The land currently being pursued is on Vearse Farm and they confirmed that there is no planning application currently and matters are very much in the early stages. They advised that they prefer sites just outside of a town and generally allocate 100 car park spaces including space for 20 electric cars. They advised that they would contribute to improving the road network either by S106 or S278 contributions.

Emily Bolton, Black Lives Matter, spoke about the recent communication from Dorset Race Equality Council and asked whether we could place a simple statement into the Eggardon and Colmers Hill Magazine to advise that we are against racism. She also asked whether we could place a stone carving into an external wall opposite the Church in Symondsbury.

Information from DC Councillors and Dorset Police: Cllr Clayton advised that Dorset Council met for full council last week and a new cabinet was agreed with some areas merging: Customer and community, Overview Committee and Scrutiny Committee. The current working arrangements within Dorset Council consist of 2,500 staff working from home until March 2021 and meetings are undertaken virtually. Cllr Williams advised that the Reception at Mountfield is closed to the public and all enquiries are being redirected to the Tourist Information Office or telephoning Bridport Town Council. A new white paper has been issued with regards to housing figure amendments. Cllr Williams added that Cllr Penny Canning is leading on The Vearse Farm Working Group and that Hallam Land has put the land out for tender.

0054 To receive and approve apologies for absence: No apologies for absence had been received. A resignation letter had been received from Cllr Holmes. The Chair thanked Selwyn for his hard work over 30 years of dedication to the Parish Council and his knowledge of local affairs of Eype and his environs which has been of huge benefit to the local community.

0055 To receive Declarations of Interest: Cllr P Colfox offered his declaration of interest to item Vearse Farm.

0056 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th **July 2020:** The minutes of the meeting held on 14th **July 2020 were approved and signed.**

0057 Finance: a) **Bank Balances**: Current account: £7,679.11 Deposit: £25,525.59

b) Payments of Account for approval: i) Clerk's Salary ii) CB Reid, Payroll £31.20 Proposed by Cllr Allen and seconded by Cllr Ralph, all in favour.

0058 Planning Applications and to consider any other planning/enforcement issues:

WD/D/20/001611 Saxlingham House, West Road, Bridport -Erect 1 No. Dwelling. (Outline application with all matters reserved matters). – Will enhance what is already there – **Support.**

WD/D/20/001625 Port Cottage, Mount Lane, Bridport- Erection of studio, double garage, two storey side extension, single storey side extension, first floor extension and alterations. No objections.

0059 Plastic Free Community Project: Cllr Streatfeild together with Cllr Colfox will prepare a motion for our next meeting.

0060 General Power of Competence: The Clerk is suitably qualified and therefore it was **proposed by Clir** Streafeild and seconded by Clir Ainley, all in favour to adopt the General Power of Competence.

0061 Devolution Consultation Survey (DAPTC): The clerk had previously circulated the consultation and it was concluded that we would not complete it.

0062 Cycle Lane (Chideock/Bridport): The Clerk to invite Winston Maskell, proposed cycle lane co-ordinator, to our next meeting to hear of his proposals. The Clerk will contact Joel Rose, Dorset Council, to find out what plans are being considered in West Dorset.

0063 Dorset Race Equality Council: Cllr Roddy will write a response to Dorset Race Equality Council stating that Symondsbury Parish Council are against racism **proposed by Cllr Streatfeild and seconded by Cllr Roddy, 5** in favour with **2** councillors abstaining.

O064 Projects: A35 Underpass To be included with Vearse Farm discussions. Defibrillator at Eype Beach
Nothing new to report. Water Supply at Pine View The Clerk has met with both Wessex Water and Guy
Crabbe Plumbing to arrange a new quote for the longer length of pipe work required. Fence at West Road S
Lee has advised that work will commence in the first week of September. Footpath from Dolton House
Nothing new to report. Electronic Contact with Parishioners Councillor Allen has made some initial
investigations and Cllr Ainley will assist in the project. The plan will include approaching our 909 electors
regarding their current internet speed. Cllr Allen will collate this information and send to the Clerk to respond
to Chris Loder, MP.

0065 Reports from lead members had been circulated prior to the meeting and taken as read although the following amendments were agreed: Cllr Streatfeild advised that she wished to transfer the lead responsibility for Neighbourhood Plan to a fellow councillor and it was agreed that Cllr Allen would take this lead on, all in favour. The Clerk will contact Selwyn Holmes regarding the current position in connection with the updating of the finger posts. The Clerk to research the costs involved with emptying the 'dog' bins in Symondsbury.

0066 Strategic matters: The Clerk to advertise the position of a new councillor for the area of Pine View. Recent communication had been received from the Symondsbury Road and Parking Group concerning the resurfacing of the roads in the area. It was agreed to support their request. The clerk to liaise with Cllr Allen regarding the letter to Dorset Council about the esplanade at West Bay.

0067 Correspondence and information for distribution per attached listing (August/September): The list for August/September had previously been circulated.

0068 Items for our next meeting in October: Electronic Contact with all Parishioners. The Plastic Free Community Project.

0069 To confirm date of next meeting Tuesday 13th October 2020 at 7pm. Meeting closed at 8.39pm.