SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsbury Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th October 2020 at 7pm by remote means during the COVID-19 Pandemic. **These minutes will be ratified at the November 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 K Clayton (Dorset Council) and two members of the public.

Democratic Half Hour during which members of the public are invited to raise matters of interest: Concerns were raised regarding the access road in/out of Eype, particularly the stretch of road from the Church to the New Inn pub. The bank is becoming more and more unstable as months/years pass and thus makes the road narrower. Clerk to make contact with the Highways Engineer for their perusal and advice.

Information from DC Councillors and Dorset Police: Cllr Clayton advised that The Dorset Council draft Climate Change paper will be going to consultation at the end of this month. He added that responses to the Planning future White Paper are due by 29th October 2020 and there was a feeling of concern about the potential loss of democracy within it. He reported that Dorset Council currently have a £43 million current year loss due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

0070 To receive and approve apologies for absence: No apologies for absence had been received.

0071 To receive Declarations of Interest: Cllr P Colfox offered his declaration of interest to item 79 Vearse Farm.

0072 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2020: The minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2020 were approved and signed.

0073 Finance: a) **Bank Balances**: Current account: £14,276.85 Deposit: £25,525.59

b) **Payments of Account for approval**: i) Clerk's Salary ii) DAPTC Good Councillor Guide £18.50 iii) Lengthsman Link £1,200.00 iv) Clerk Expenses £25.99 v) Dorset Council Allotment Rent £235.00 vi) Jurassic Design £399.40 vii) PAYE £17.40 **Proposed by Clir Allen and seconded by Clir Roddy, all in favour.**

0074 Planning Applications and to consider any other planning/enforcement issues:

WD/D/20/001610 Land West of Watton House Farm, Watton Lane, Bridport – erect two dwellings with vehicular access. Some history to the development site was provided. The access road, being particularly narrow and current road structure was of concern. The site will be overdeveloped. **Objection.**

0075 Plastic Free Community Project: Cllr Streatfeild had previously circulated a report but provided a quick synopsis: It was considered insensitive to contact local businesses at the present time with many businesses struggling to survive through the COVID 19 Pandemic. Ideas for the project were raised and Cllr Streatfeild will consider and welcome further suggestions going forward.

0076 Electronic Contact with all Parishioners: Cllr Allen had previously circulated his report.

0077 Cycle Lane (Chideock/Bridport): Winston Maskell was invited to speak regarding his proposed scheme: an all-weather/all-purpose link running parallel to the North side of the A35. Support is required from two land owners of two fields in the section of road from Quarr Lane to the Old London Inn. Mr Maskell was asked about the finance for the scheme and he confirmed that a plan for finance was not yet in place. **Symondsbury Parish Council Agreed to support his scheme in principle.** Cllrs Ralph and Mawditt will lead this project.

0078 Projects: Defibrillator at Eype Beach Nothing new to report. **Water Supply at Pine View** New Quotation expected imminently. **Fence at West Road** S Lee has advised that work will commence very soon. **Footpath from Dolton House** Cllr Ralph reported that it was on hold until the new purchasers of the Vearse Farm development were known.

0079 Reports from lead members had been circulated prior to the meeting and taken as read although the following amendments were agreed: Neighbourhood Plan - Cllr Allen reported that he is now the Vice Chair for the Neighbourhood Plan JCC. Cllr Allen asked whether Symondsbury Parish Council could have a deputy to assist when required; Cllr Streatfeild kindly accepted the position. He proposed that a response to the Planning the Future White Paper 2020 by Symondsbury Parish Council should be undertaken. Cllr Allen will put together a response. Cllr Allen has advised the Council that a payment of £264.40 (for 2020) is due to the JCC as our proportionate payment together with other local councils. Community Governance Review/Vearse Farm - (this part of the meeting was chaired by Cllr Ralph) -Cllr Allen reported that Bridport Town Council wishes to issue a joint press release with Symondsbury Parish Council which the Bridport Town Clerk is working on. Discussions took place around the work involved, legal implications, how it will change the existing nature of the parish, how the development is managed, boundary changes, roundabout at Miles Cross and the possibility of a new developer not being found. On a proposal from CIIr Allen and agreed unanimously it was agreed to write to Dorset Council to ask for meeting with Dorset Council and Bridport Town Council to discuss the options for monitoring the development which will need to involve our Parish Council and Bridport Town Council. Coastal Matters - Cllr Mawditt provided an update on the wall at Fishermans Green at Eype. As the wall is on private land it was agreed to write to the owners to advise that Symondsbury Parish Council were unable to assist.

0081 Correspondence and information for distribution per attached listing (September/October): The list for September/October had previously been circulated. Correspondence had been received from Selwyn Holmes requesting that he wished for his reasons for resigning from Symondsbury Parish Council to be minuted; it was agreed that he would need to attend a meeting to discuss his reasons as they cannot form part of a record of a previous meeting.

0082 Items for our next meeting in November: High Sheriffs Community Award, Community Bins, Power of Wellbeing.

0083 To confirm date of next meeting Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 7pm. **Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.**