

## SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7pm at Symondsburry School. **These minutes will be ratified at the October Parish Council Meeting.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Sir Philip Colfox, S Holmes, A Streatfeild, J Tinker, S Ainley, S Ralph and J Roddy. In attendance: Cllrs D Bolwell and S Williams (Dorset Council) and Marilyn Stone, Clerk. 10 members of the public were present. All names were recorded in the Attendance book.

**Democratic Half Hour during which members of the public are invited to raise matters of interest:**

Concerns were raised previously over the disappearance of a footpath alongside the A35 and it was asked whether a footpath could be re-instated from Dolton House to opposite to where the pavement starts outside Post Box House. The clerk to chase Balfour Beatty to do more than that offered.

It was asked whether a 'no through road' sign could be placed on the road to Eype. It is a narrow lane which is used more when an accident occurs on the A35. Cllr Williams added that whilst a Highways Action Group had been set up in order to redirect traffic, for legal reasons could not proceed.

Concerns were raised regarding the steps on a footpath at Eype to Highlands End which required urgent attention. A handrail had been put in place but was not known by whom.

Concerns were raised regarding the hedges along Watton Lane and it was confirmed that the responsibility for cutting them was that of the landowner on each side of the lane. It was added that the lane should be a 10mph and not a 30mph.

Several concerns were made regarding the planning application for four dwellings on the land West of Watton Farm. Initially the application had been approved for one dwelling. The concerns were:

- Too many vehicles for the site/lane and no thoughts of visitors. No car parking.
- The proposed development would overcrowd the entire pretty area.
- No provided space to reverse cars into spaces.
- The application shows incorrect boundaries
- The proposed development takes around 70% of a neighbouring access.
- Access to the communication mast at the bottom of the lane would be compromised.
- Lane not fit for purpose, no pull-ins or lay-bys. Dangerous to reverse vehicles up the hill or down the hill.
- Density concerns.
- Flooding.

**Information from DC Councillors and Dorset Police:** Dorset Councillor, Dave Bolwell, provided some information regarding the recent planning training. It is vitally important to refer and quote from the National Planning Policy Framework using planning reasons from the policy.

PCSO Alex Bishop provided a report which the clerk read out. The main points being:

Motorcyclists are using private lanes/tracks/footpaths for 'off road' use through the village of Symondsburry. Police action is limited if on private land but welcome any reports if it takes place on

public land. The community Speed Watch have received their kit and are undertaking training. Telephone scams are decreasing, however they do change over time so be aware and remain safe.

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

**909 To receive Declarations of interest:** Cllrs Sir Philip Colfox and Cllr Streatfeild offered their declarations of interest to item 914 (TPO at Vearse Farm).

**910 To approve the Minutes of last meeting:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th July 2019 were approved and signed.

**911 Chairman's Announcements:** Cllr Colfox asked that we consider any projects at this meeting and prioritise accordingly.

**912 Clerks Report:** The clerk reported that she had annual leave for a couple of weeks during August, but continued to forward urgent emails that required attention.

**913 Finance:** a) **Bank Balances:** Current account: £8,087.05                      Deposit: £20,302.02

b) **Payments of Account for approval:** i) Clerk's Salary ii) CPRE membership £36.00 iii) Community First Insurance £186.47. On the proposition of Cllr Ainley, seconded by Cllr Ralph, it was **Resolved** that the above accounts be paid.

#### **914 Planning Applications:**

**WD/D/19/001553 Land West of Watton Farm** Erection of 4 dwellings with associated parking – earlier comments were taken into consideration. The clerk to draft an objection to the proposed application referring to the National Planning Policy Framework in conjunction with Cllr Ainley.

**WD/D/19/001892 Bridport Leisure Centre, Skilling Hill Road, Bridport, DT6 5LN** – form 2 No. electric vehicle charging bays and install associated equipment – Support.

**WD/D/19/001958 Rectory Cottage, Mill Lane to Miles Cross, Symondsburry, Bridport, DT6 6HD** – Internal and external alterations to include replacing flat roof with pitch roof, replacement windows and rendering – No objection.

**WD/D/19/001957 Rectory Cottage, Mill Lane to Miles Cross, Symondsburry, Bridport, DT6 6HD** – External alterations to include replacing flat roof with pitch roof – No objection.

**WD/D/19/002172 – Land South Of Watton Park** - Amendment to planning permission WD/D/18/001399 - amendment to house-type 16, rear elevation altered through the inclusion of french doors to access rear garden. Height, foot-print, palette of materials etc remain unchanged from approved. No objection.

Councillors Sir Philip Colfox and A Streatfeild left the room for the next item:

**TPO - Vearse Farm** – The map of the land was shown with the tree positions highlighted. A rely was only required if we felt there should be any alterations. There was no further action on this matter.

**915 New Projects (prioritise)** – A35 Underpass, Planning Protocol (engaging earlier), New website and use of social media.

**916 New Bin within Symondsburry:** The clerk to write to Nick Follett to thank him for making two new bins which have placed in the Symondsburry Village.

**917 River Brit Corridor Study** - Not required at this stage.

**918 Water Supply to Pine View/West Road Allotments:** The Clerk to ask The Walbridge Trust direct if they would consider paying any invoices direct.

**919 Reports from lead members:**

- a) Footpaths – Clerk to contact Highlands End regarding the dangerous steps on the footpath at Eype. Also it was felt that it would be courteous for Dorset Council to contact the Council regarding any footpath work.
- b) A35 – Cllr Roddy will be attending the next meeting on 26<sup>th</sup>
- c) Transport – Nothing new to report.
- d) Allotments – Already covered previously.
- e) Resilience – Nothing new to report.
- f) Coastal Matters – Nothing new to report.
- g) DAPTC – Nothing new to report.
- h) BLAP Report - Cllr Streatfeild will be attending the next meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2019.
- i) Lengthsman Link – Cllr Ralph has had a recent meeting with the Lengthsman.
- j) Tree Officer – Nothing new to report.
- k) Ancient Monuments – Cllr Holmes reported that a raised pavement had been hit by passing traffic several times but is not adequately repaired. The Clerk to get in touch with Dorset Council to ask that they re-look at the materials being used and the inadequate repairs being undertaken.
- l) Symene Voice – Nothing new to report.
- m) Neighbourhood Plan – Approved at the meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> August. The next meeting of the JCC should be taking place shortly.
- n) Finger Posts – Possible new sign at Quarr Lane.
- o) Symene CLT – Want to make sure we have representation for Vearse Farm.
- p) Community Governance Review – It was suggested that we start to think about our defences on it.

**920 Correspondence List:** The list for August/September had been previously circulated.

**921 Items for inclusion at our next meeting October:** New projects, Allotment Grant, Grant Requests: Symondsburry PCC, Axe Valley and West Dorset Ring and Ride.

**922 Confidential Item – Clerk discussed privately.**

**923 To confirm date of next meeting:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at Symondsburry School at 7pm.

**Meeting closed at 9.15pm**

Signed.....

**Councillor Sir Philip Colfox**

Date.....