

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th November 2021 at Eype Church. **These minutes will be agreed at the December Parish Council Meeting. PRESENT:** Cllrs – A Streatfeild, P Colfox, P Allen, J Roddy, S Ainley, N Mawditt and P Hartmann. In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk, Dorset Cllr K Clayton and four 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:

Cllr K Clayton advised that, going forward, councillors could direct any matters arising from the Dorset Council regular weekly bulletin to him to follow up should they affect Symondsburry Parish Council. The Clerk will ensure that such bulletins are distributed to all councillors.

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence: Apologies for absence had previously been advised from Councillor; S Ralph who has covid. His apologies was accepted. The councillors sent Cllr S Ralph best wishes for a swift recovery.

2. 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 N Mawditt regarding item 6 Bridleway 28 and Footpaths 19 and 89, West Cliff, Symondsburry

3. Minutes of the last meeting:

a. To review and approve Parish Council Meeting 12th October 2021: The Minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.

b. To note Planning Committee Meetings 2nd November 2021: Cllr P Colfox advised that he disagreed with the Planning Committee's decision of objection to both the planning applications P/FUL/2021/03942 and P/FUL/2021/03943 (roof mounted solar photovoltaic arrays at Symondsburry Primary School). He disagreed that the proposals will result in a negative impact or 'harm' to the qualities of public realm (policy HT2). Cllr P Hartmann explained that the Planning Committee felt that there would be more than moderate 'harm' and considered that it was all being 'rushed' to meet a deadline for installation by the end of February 2022 to benefit from a time-limited grant. The Planning Committee suggested that ground level arrays could be considered an alternative to mounting arrays on the south facing pitched roofs, which would be less visually intrusive, cheaper, and easier to maintain. Cllr P Hartmann added that there is time for the school to put in a further planning application with the adjustments outlined at the planning meeting. During the discussion Cllr P Colfox advised the Council that he owns the school playing field, and immediately declared an interest. The ground level arrays suggested by the Planning Committee would therefore be on his land. The Planning Committee Meeting Minutes were **received** and **noted**.

4. Payments and Receipts: To resolve to approve payments and receipts for the month of November 2021: a) clerk's salary b) CPRE membership £36.00 c) BLAP £104.81 for year 2022/2023 d) CB Reid Payroll £31.20 e) Website Jurassic Design £285.00 f) Neighbourhood Plan (Bridport Town Council) £525.10 g) Symondsburry PCC £50.00 to cover both meetings of Full Council and Planning Committee. **Proposed by Cllr P Allen, seconded by Cllr J Roddy, all in favour.**

In addition it was also agreed to set up the new website with Vision ICT, cost £650.00, training £75.00, annual fee £175.00. In addition a new email address will be set up for the clerk and existing emails re-directed at £135.00 for the first two years reducing to £65.00 for every 2 years thereafter. All subject to VAT. The Clerk will investigate setting up PCC email accounts for all councillors. **Proposed by Cllr P Colfox, seconded by Cllr P Hartmann, all in favour.**

To **note** bank balances: Current £5,949.46 Deposit £27,640.65.

5. To note Community Governance Review submission 29th October 2021: A joint meeting had taken place between Bridport Town Council and Cllrs S Ralph, P Allen and P Hartmann to confirm boundaries and maintain simplicity as much as possible. Cllr P Hartmann forwarded the submission on behalf of the Clerk to Dorset

Council on 29th October 2021. The Clerk communicated with Dorset Council to advise of it being sent by Cllr P Hartmann and a confirmation email from Dorset Council had been received to advise of its receipt.

6. Bridleway 28 and Footpaths 19 and 89, West Cliff, Symondsbury: Cllr N Mawditt moved himself to the public area of the meeting. Cllr P Allen provided a synopsis of the history surrounding these footpaths and bridleway. Points made were:

- The clerk read out a letter received from a resident of West Cliff and ad previously circulated a letter received from K Rogers
- The Stopping Order put in place in 1961 never became a Full Order
- Developers built over the bridleway and the route was never subsequently extinguished or realigned
- Some householders may have these footpaths through their properties
- The Public are, in practice, using a bridleway and pathways that they are not entitled to use
- Two possible actions: realign them or extinguish them
- West Cliff House Owners' Association had provided a letter to SPC which had been circulated to all councillors. SPC were informed by WCHOA that the majority of homeowners had objected to re-alignment.
- WCHOA have indicated that they have no intention of stopping walkers using the bridleway and pathways but there is a potential risk in the future of WCHOA changing their mind and putting gates across
- Some locals believe that the bridleway is an 'ancient' Right of Way

Cllr P Hartmann advised (and the Council accepted) that more factual information is required and offered to research the legal issues and provide a transparent document which can be shared with anybody who wishes to see it. Proposed by Cllr P Colfox and seconded by Cllr J Roddy, all in favour.

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

To **consider** an application to modify the definitive map: It was agreed at a previous meeting that the Council would pursue an application to get T619 recorded as a bridlepath. No further consideration is required at this time.

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

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9. Defibrillator project: Cllr N Mawditt is putting together a location map of the defibrillators in the area to highlight gaps. It was suggested that new defibrillators could be located at Broadoak and a location in Lower Eype. It was noted that the defibrillator in Symondsbury Villagewas potentially needed and was brought to the scene and the one in Highlands End, Eype had been used twice in the last three months, once successfully saving a life, and once unsuccessfully. Cllr S Ainley offered to share details of an App which gives the location of all installed defibrillators nationwide.

10. To consider Dorset's EV Chargepoint Installation Programme to formulate a corporate response: The Clerk will respond asking the bigger question of what electricity supply infrastructure is in place within the rural parish and how it will cope with the increase demand arising from electric vehicles and heat pumps? It was noted that the development at Foundary Lea had already run into difficulties regarding the electric supply network which will cause lots of disruption to get sorted.

11. Reports from Lead Members: A report from Cllr S Ralph had already been received and circulated regarding: footpaths and in particular regarding the footpath affected by development at Gatesmead in Eype.

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				

A35: Cllr J Roddy advised that there had been no meetings for some time. The Clerk will liaise with Chris Loder, MP to arrange an 'A35' meeting in anticipation of issues with the forthcoming (but now delayed) roundabout at Miles Cross.

DAPTC: Cllr P Colfox reported that the DAPTC have written a letter to Matt Prosser, Dorset Council, regarding the changes to certain procedures in the Planning Team (failures to inform neighbours and erect signs about planning applications) that have caused issues to the Parish Councils which the response from Dorset Council did not adequately address the issue.

Vearse Farm: Cllr P Allen reported on a useful exchange of emails with National Highways clarifying responsibilities for the Miles Cross roundabout, which confirmed that there is still a lot of work to be done before construction of the roundabout can start. The original start date of January 2022 will have to be put back, probably by at least a year. A further meeting of the Stakeholder Working Group for Foundry Lea/Vearse Farm is being arranged.

12. Items for future Agenda

To **raise** items for inclusion on a future Agenda: Budget/Precept 2021/2022, Speed monitoring report in Symondsburry Village.

13. Correspondence: The correspondence list had been previously circulated.

14. Date of next meeting

To **note** the next scheduled meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 14th December 2021 at 7.00pm, Eype Church. A Planning Committee Meeting will take place on Tuesday 7th December at 7.00pm at Eype Church.

Meeting closed at 20:17pm.