

## SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at Eype Church. **These minutes will be agreed at the November Parish Council Meeting.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs – S Ralph, S Ainley, P Allen, P Hartmann, J Roddy, A Streatfeild.

1. **To receive and approve apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence had previously been advised from Cllrs P Colfox and N Mawditt, from Dorset Cllrs D Bolwell, K Clayton and S Williams, and from the Clerk, Mrs Marilyn Stone, who has Covid. All the apologies were accepted. The Cllrs present sent the Clerk their best wishes for a swift recovery.
2. **Disclosures of interests and dispensations.** None declared.
3. **Minutes of the last meeting:**
  - a. The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were approved and signed.
  - b. The minutes of the Community Governance Review Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were noted.
  - c. The minutes of the Extraordinary Planning Committee held over Zoom on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2021 were noted.
  - d. The minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 were noted.
4. **Payments and Receipts:** To resolve to approve payment of:
  - a. The Clerk's salary
  - b. £235 to Dorset Council re West Road Allotments
  - c. At the suggestion of Cllr S Ralph, a payment to St Peter's Church Eype for the use of the church for Council meetings, at the rate of £25 per meeting.

**Proposed by Cllr S Ralph, seconded by Cllr P Hartman, all in favour.**
5. **Community Governance Review** – Cllrs discussed the proposals that have been made by Bridport Town Council, the detailed maps provided in support of these proposals and the views expressed at the Review Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> October. Cllrs are broadly supportive of these proposals because they respect the continuing status of Symondsburry as a rural parish, not dominated by a large influx of new residents of Vearse Farm/Foundry Lea, and should strengthen the town of Bridport thereby better serving residents of not only the expanded town of Bridport but also residents of the surrounding parishes (including Symondsburry) and visitors to West Dorset. However, Cllrs believe that it is essential that the proposed boundary changes are considered carefully. Specifically, Cllrs would like to see:
  - a. West Cliff becoming part of Bridport, on the basis that residents of West Cliff consider themselves to be part of the West Bay community, and have no road links directly to Symondsburry.
  - b. Watton Park remaining part of Symondsburry, on the basis of the direct connection to the hamlet of Watton.

- c. The majority of the area of new housing in Vearse Farm/Foundry Lea becoming part of Bridport, because the new residents will look to Bridport for their services.
- d. Pine View and Magdalen Lane becoming part of Bridport, since this area is an extension of Skilling, and will be entirely surrounded by properties in Bridport.
- e. The area within the development area of Vearse Farm/Foundry Lea bounded by the A35, West Road and Broad Lane which is allocated for employment land, as green space surrounding the site and as the less dense residential area on the west of the main site, remaining part of Symondsburry to provide a degree of separation from Bridport and increase future scrutiny of any possible proposals to extend the built up area westwards.
- f. The area north of the river Simene between the bridge under West Road and Edwards Close/De Legh Grove up to Allington Hill, currently mainly in Allington Parish, becoming part of Symondsburry. This would maintain a logical boundary between Bridport and Symondsburry on West Road, and bring the Symondsburry Community Land Trust houses into Symondsburry Parish.
- g. The rural area of Allington Parish, excluding Allington Hill, the Hospital Lane estate (including the land approved for development west of the Hospital) and Pymore Village, becoming part of Symondsburry.

In addition, there may be very minor boundary adjustments with Chideock Parish and Netherbury Parish, to align parish boundaries with local community boundaries. Cllr P Hartmann undertook to produce a map of the boundaries that Symondsburry Council would like to see, and Cllr S Ralph will arrange a meeting with representatives of Bridport Town Council to discuss and agree a common view on the precise boundary that is proposed between Symondsburry and Bridport.

**Proposed, that Cllrs S Ralph, P Allen and P Hartmann be delegated responsibility to negotiate with Bridport Town Council on the basis set out above, and to draft a formal response to the Community Governance Review consultation by 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021 that is acceptable to Symondsburry Parish Council and compatible with the consultation response that will be submitted by Bridport Town Council – all in favour.**

- 6. **Dorset Rights of Way Improvement Plan 2022-2032 Consultation** – Cllr S Ralph explained the background to this consultation, and will draw up a response with input from Cllr P Hartmann re Watton and Cllr A Streatfeild re Broadoak.
- 7. **Application for a Definitive Map Modification Order – T619 – Symondsburry.** It was agreed at the 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 – Symondsburry.** It was agreed at the previous meeting that the Council would pursue an application to get T620 recorded as a bridlepath. No further consideration is required at this time.

9. **Defibrillator** - Cllr S Ralph explained that although it had been agreed that Cllr N Mawditt would be reviewing defibrillator provision across the Parish later in the year, there was an urgent need to consider whether the Council would support the renewal of the three year contract for a defibrillator at Eype. The original contract for this was organised by the Eype Schoolroom and Community Trust, and paid for by residents of Eype. The Trust has asked the Council to pay for the renewal, which would cost £1,000 for three years. After discussion, and in light of:
- a. The likely reduction in annual income of the Council as a consequence of the Community Governance Review,
  - b. The uncertain cost of other defibrillators that may be needed across the Parish by areas without established community groups and potentially less able to meet most or all of the cost themselves,
- it was proposed that the Council should offer a contribution of £250 towards the cost of the renewal in Eype – all in favour.**

10. **Reports from Lead Members:**

- e) **Resilience** - Cllr P Allen reported that a meeting of Area Coordinators had been held over Zoom on 21<sup>st</sup> September. There are no issues currently of particular concern, but another Cllr will need to take over responsibility for this area when he moves away.
- l) **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr P Allen will continue as Chair of the Joint Council Committee until the spring, when Cllr J Basker of Bothenhampton & Walditch will take over. Cllr P Hartmann volunteered to represent Symondsburry on the Joint Council Committee thereafter.
- m) **Symene CLT** – Cllr A Streatfeild reported that the trustees met on 27<sup>th</sup> September via Zoom. The concern at the moment is to ensure that the allocation of vacant housing is prioritised for residents of Symondsburry Parish or those with close connections to the Parish. A request was also made to the Parish Council to follow up with the developers of Palmers Meadow on the progress of the social housing in the new estate. The AGM will be held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00 p.m. in Broadoak Village Hall.

11. **Items for future Agenda** – Defibrillators

12. **Correspondence** – Cllr S Ralph reported on his correspondence concerning Eype Down Road. It is unfortunately clear that the process of getting a Traffic Regulation Order to make part of the road one way would take at least 2-3 years. It was agreed that this process should be started by the Clerk. In the meantime, Cllr P Allen will contact the person at Highways England dealing with traffic management for the Miles Cross roundabout construction to try to ensure that we are consulted properly and can represent the concerns of local residents.

13. **Date of next meeting** – to note the next scheduled meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021 at 7pm in Eype Church.

Meeting closed at 8:00pm.