

## SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at Eype Church. **These minutes will be agreed at the January Parish Council Meeting. PRESENT:** Cllrs – S Ralph, A Streatfeild, P Colfox, P Allen, J Roddy, S Ainley, and P Hartmann. In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk, and one member 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:**Karl Rogers spoke regarding the Bridleway 28 and Footpaths 19 and 89 at West Cliff, making the following points:

- A ‘Stopping Order’ was placed on these routes in 1961 to safeguard the public while the final parts of West Cliff Estate were developed including Upper West Walks and Brit View Road. This stopping order should have been revoked on completion of the development but was overlooked. Part of the development of Brit View Road saw some houses and gardens incorrectly built over the existing bridleway route. The West Cliff House Owners Association (WCHOA) are resisting the designation of replacement paths through the estate.
- Dorset Council do not have the funds to pursue the matter of having the routes included on the Definitive Map.
- The current legal status leaves the bridleway from Highlands End (Donkey Lane – the oldest bridleway within Dorset) leading down to a dead end at the top of Brit View Road with an undesignated route through the estate that has been used for more than five decades. Also from the Esplanade the same bridleway leads up to a dead end in Lower West Walks. The footpath 18/19 leads to a dead end at Upper West Walks but the developers left access which is indicative that they knew it was a footpath. The use of the bridleway route has continued unchallenged along Brit View road and Upper West Walks linking the dead ends.
- Although WCHOA have indicated that they have no intention of restricting access, they could ‘gate’ the routes at any time.

Mr Rogers asked whether Symondsburry Parish Council would support a Definitive Map Modification Order (DMMO). The Council discussed the request under Agenda item 6.

**Dorset Police** – The Clerk read out a communication received from the police regarding the recent complaints received in relation to the racing of motorbikes/scramblers without silencers that took place at Robinswell in Higher Eype.

**1. To receive and approve apologies for absence:** Apologies for absence had previously been advised from Cllr N Mawditt. His apologies were accepted.

**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: None.

**3. Minutes of the last meeting:**

**a.** To **review and approve** Parish Council Meeting 9<sup>th</sup> November 2021: The Minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.

**b.** To **note** Planning Committee Meetings 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021: Cllr P Colfox advised that he wished for certain planning items to go to full Council meetings for ratification. However, it was felt by the Council that the Planning Committee is working well and resulting in a much stronger position on planning than previously. Timescales are adhered to and extensions to deadlines are less frequently requested. Cllr P Allen (as Chair of the Planning Committee) confirmed that all councillors receive notice of all planning applications, any councillor can attend or make representations to the Planning Committee, and the Planning Committee can

refer planning application decisions to full Council if the Committee considers this appropriate. The Council confirmed that it is content for the present arrangements to continue.

**4. Payments and Receipts:** To resolve to approve payments and receipts for the month of December 2021: a) Clerk's salary b) Symondsburry PCC £50.00 to cover two meetings of Full Council and Planning Committee in Eype Church.

To note bank balances: Current £4,617.36 Deposit £27,654.50. **Proposed by Cllr P Hartmann, seconded by Cllr S Ainley, all in favour.**

To review and approve Budget and Precept 2022/2023: The Clerk proposed that the precept should remain the same at £14,910.00 for the year 2022/2023 with no increase in view of the Covid19 pandemic and the financial hardship that some parishioners may be facing. This will result in a budget shortfall of circa £5,497 which can be met out of existing fund. **Proposed by Cllr P Allen, seconded by Cllr A Streatfeild, all in favour.**

**5. Speedwatch Report:** The Clerk read out the report received from Mr N Follett: The highest speed seen in Symondsburry Village has been 34mph and a speed needs to exceed 36mph to be recorded. It was also reported that one driver appears not to be wearing a seatbelt when dropping the children off at school.

**6. Bridleway 28 and Footpaths 19 and 89, West Cliff, Symondsburry:**

Cllr P Hartmann advised that he had been researching the historical mapping using maps from the 1960's and earlier. He has a meeting with Kerry Smyth, Definitive Map Technical Officer of Dorset Council to discuss further. Cllr P Hartmann will present all the facts at our meeting in February 2022. The Council agreed to defer a decision about supporting a DMMO until Cllr Hartmann has reported.

**7. To consider** Dorset Council's Proposed Public Spaces Orders (PSPO's) Consultation in order to formulate a corporate response: The areas being considered are not within Symondsburry and it was felt that it was not relevant to our Parish. The Clerk to respond to this effect.

**8. Community Governance Review – Verbal Presentation to the Dorset Council Working Group:** Cllr P Hartmann and Cllr P Allen will attend an on-line meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and put forward the comments set out in the briefing note previously circulated to all councillors.

**9. Bridport Energy Champions Initiative:** Bridport Town Council have budgeted £10,000 into this and is asking for volunteers from the adjoining parishes to work as champions to encourage efficient use of energy efficient means. The Clerk to promote this on Facebook and on our website. If any Symondsburry residents come forward the Council will need to consider making a financial contribution.

**10. Defibrillator project:** Cllr P Colfox will provide the latest usage report of the defibrillator at Symondsburry to the Clerk for forwarding to the South Western Ambulance Service. Cllr A Streatfeild attended a BLAP Steering Group recently who are promoting various 'apps' to help save a life using defibrillators.

**11. Climate Change – The Way Forward:** Councillors to think about what can be done in readiness for a full discussion at our next meeting in January 2022, led by Cllr N Mawditt.

**12. Reports from Lead Members:**

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 read out a letter received from Chris Loder - MP, and it was felt that his reply was dismissive of our request regarding the roundabout at Miles Cross. The Clerk to reply to request details of the new meetings that have been set up and what their aims are.

**BLAP Report:** Cllr A Streatfeild reported that a nurse is currently going around the Bridport area to check the health and wellbeing of the homeless.

**DAPTC:** Cllr P Colfox reported the idea of planting trees for the Queens Platinum Jubilee in 2022. The Clerk suggested that commemorative mugs could be issued to the children within the parish. This will be discussed further at our meeting in January.

**Vearse Farm:** Cllr P Allen reported that the Stakeholder Working Group for Foundry Lea/Vearse Farm had met on 8<sup>TH</sup> December and that the engagement and discussion was positive. He advised that the construction of the roundabout at Miles Cross would take place at the same time as the first phase of the housing development but no dates have been provided yet. Traffic Management Plans do not include closing the A35 which is good news. 10% on-site electricity generation is being incorporated within the development. The developers advised that their consultants have confirmed that there is sufficient electricity supply and foul drainage capacity for the development. Drainage was discussed with water being held on site until existing services can take the flow into the river using hydrobrake technology. Affordable housing is proposed to be in blocks rather than pepper potted, as was originally proposed.

**Asset Transfer Meeting:** Both Cllr A Streatfeild and Cllr P Colfox will attend.

### **13. Items for future Agenda**

To **raise** items for inclusion on a future Agenda: January – Jubilee Commemoration - Trees/Mugs. February – Climate Change, Defibrillators, Footpaths at West Cliff.

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

### **14. Date of next meeting**

To **note** the next scheduled meeting of Symondsbury Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.00pm, Broadoak Village Hall. The meeting in February will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022. A Planning Committee Meeting will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.00pm, venue to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 20:15pm.