

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th March 2022 at Broadoak Village Hall. **These minutes will be agreed at the April Parish Council Meeting. PRESENT:** Cllrs – S Ralph, A Streatfeild, P Allen, P Hartmann, J Roddy, S Ainley and P Colfox. In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk, Dorset Council Cllr D Bolwell and two members of the public.

A minute's silence was observed for the people of Ukraine.

Democratic Half Hour during which members of the public are invited to raise matters of interest and Information from DC Councillors and Dorset Police:

A parishioner spoke on behalf of most people residing on the northern side of West Cliff who felt that the bridlepath/Donkey Lane issue has become a big misunderstanding and stated that the majority of West Cliff residents directly affected do not mind that the bridleway runs through the middle of West Cliff.

DC Cllr D Bolwell advised that the DC Cllrs will be taking turns to attend Symondsburry Parish Council meetings as much as possible. He advised of a new School Transport Consultation and said that Dorset Council have to bear in mind what is right for the child. He advised that 'flexi permits' are becoming available from 1st April 2022 which allow unlimited parking at any Dorset Council carparks 7 days a week taking on a 'live, work and play' emphasis (can pay monthly, in instalments or all at once and can request it for a minimum of 6 months).

Having attended a recent Dorset Council Planning Committee meeting Cllr P Hartmann said that he is very concerned of the differences between Planning Officers and the Dorset Councillors. He added that there are various plots of land around being used as waste storage and he gets the impression that the Enforcement Department are not doing their job in this regard for example we do not receive replies to the information requests that we have forwarded. Cllr D Bolwell advised that Darren Rogers oversees Enforcement and will forward his contact details to the Clerk.

The police forwarded an earlier report which the Clerk read:

Nothing to report specifically for Symondsburry Parish but urges residents to be vigilant and report any suspicious activity, call 101 or report it online at www.dorset.police.uk Call 999 if you think an incident is in progress. Crime prevention methods can be found on the Neighbourhood Watch website <https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/thinkwiden> Bridport Police also have their own Facebook page.

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cllr N Mawditt for the March and April meetings which were accepted. However, it is noted that West Cliff will have reduced representation in the interim.

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 received.

3. Minutes of the last meeting:

a. To **review and approve** Parish Council Meeting 1st February 2022: The Minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.

b. To **note** Planning Committee Meeting on 1st March 2022

4. Payments and Receipts: To **resolve to approve** payments and receipts for the month of March 2022:

a) Clerk's salary b) Clerks expenses £131.85 c) Insignia (Commemorative mugs) £456.72 d) Eype School Room and Community Trust £6.00

To **note** bank balances: Current £1,957.60 Deposit £27,668.58

The Clerk advised that the VAT return had been completed with £460.32 due.

Proposed by Cllr P Hartmann, seconded by Cllr S Ainley, all in favour.

5. To consider Dorset Council Parking Order (Off Street Parking Places) in order to formulate a corporate response: It was considered how the charges at West Bay will affect parking in Eype. Cllr D Bolwell informed SPC that the consultation was to provide standardisation across Dorset and considered that £10 per day was cheap. He pointed out his earlier remarks regarding the 'flexi car parking permit' which will help to alleviate this. It was agreed not to make a corporate response.

6. Bridleway 28 and Footpaths 19 and 89, West Cliff, Symondsburry: The public routes affected are Bridleway W18/28 (from Mount Lane Eype to West Bay), Public Footpath W18/19 (from Watton Lane, under the A35, to

West Cliff at West Walk joining Bridleway 28 and then onto West Bay. Cllr P Hartmann has made enquiries to the following organisations in relation to documentation relating to the above public routes.

- 1) Bridport Town Council: Will Austin of Bridport confirmed that there was no documentation within their current files and archives that relate to the above. He suggested that the information may be stored in the Dorset Council Archives.
- 2) Dorset Council Archives: The archives section commented that they would require a formal application together with a fee for identifying documentation on the footpaths if indeed any was located in the archives. (The Definitive Map department of Dorset Council have commented that they had looked at the catalogue of the Archive Centre and could not detect any further information regarding the routes post the issue of the statutory instrument). Cllr P Hartmann commented that he would make a further attempt to see if any information was available without paying a fee, however if a fee was required he would request permission from the Clerk and fellow councillors before going further.
- 3) Dorset Council: Cllr P Hartmann contacted the Definitive Map section of the Council, who were extremely helpful. They provided detailed information including a copy of the original Statutory Instrument for the stopping up of public routes affected by the development at Westcliff, including plans and DMMO forms for future use.
- 4) Department of Transport: Cllr P Hartmann has informally contacted the Department of Transport who should hold all the necessary information regarding the stopping up of the public routes, the requirements for the alternative routes and the as built solutions including legal agreements. It is understood that this information will take some time to identify with an initial response not expected until after 20 days.

In addition to the above Cllr P Hartmann has met with Rosalyn Grimstone who is a resident of West Cliff and is directly affected by the public routes which still feature in the deeds to her property and the deeds of neighbouring properties. It is clear from this meeting that a large number of residents wish to have the matter of the public routes fully resolved. The current route of the Bridleway W18/28 using Brit View is accepted as appropriate by a large number of Brit View residents. The route of Public Footpath W18/19 will also need to be agreed. Notwithstanding the information currently being sourced it had been agreed with Rosalyn Grimstone that a joint DMMO should be applied for to regularise the agreed routes together with on-going discussions with residents of West Cliff. Cllr P Hartmann will start preparing the DMMO.

7. Annual Meeting 3rd May 2022 Guest Speaker: The Clerk confirmed that she had secured three Guest Speakers for the Annual meeting: Belinda Bawden, Julie Leah and Andrew Carey all from Dorset Climate Action Network.

8. Community Governance Review Consultation 28th February to 23rd May 2022: Cllr P Allen advised that correction of an error in the first version of the final consultation document had been made with no problems. All of the recommendations made by SPC have been accepted by Dorset Council and been incorporated in the final consultation. He asked that due to his imminent departure from SPC another Cllr takes responsibility of making sure that the Council formally responds to the consultation before the end date. Cllr P Hartmann agreed to do this.

9. Commemoration Platinum Jubilee Update: The Clerk confirmed that 110 mugs had been ordered for the presentation at Symondsburry School. Cllr A Streatfeild has the planting of the tree at Symondsburry School in hand. It was noted that various events will be taking place for the Commemoration: Broadoak – Street Party, an event at Manor Yard at Symondsburry Estate, a cultural event at Symondsburry Church with Martin Mawdsley (story teller), designing a parish map, street party in Symondsburry, a Tea on Sunday 5th June. SPC will sympathetically consider grant requests in this connection.

10. Climate Change – The Way Forward: Cllr N Mawditt is the lead, however, in light of his absence this could not be discussed fully. Our speakers at our Annual Meeting will be helpful to this area.

11. Dorset Deserves Better Campaign for Dorset Council to Re-think the Local Plan: Cllr P Hartmann advised that the Bridport Neighbourhood Plan is not as strong as you would think and does not tie up with the Local Plan. It was agreed to support this Campaign **Proposed by Cllr P Hartmann, seconded by Cllr S Ainley, five in favour.**

12. Reports from Lead Members:

i) Re-allocation of responsibility areas (Resilience, Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan JCC, Vearse Farm, CGR, Planning): Cllr S Ainley will take forward the Resilience, Cllr P Hartmann will take on the responsibilities of Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan JCC, Vearse Farm, CGR and Planning. Cllr A Streatfeild will become the deputy lead for Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan JCC.

a) Footpaths SR	b) A35 JR	c) DAPTC PC
d) BLAP Steering Group AS	e) BLAP Parish Liaison MS	f) Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan – JCC PA
g) Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan – Steering Group	h) Lengthsman Link SR	

Reports had previously been circulated to all councillors but the following were discussed further:

- a) Cllr S Ainley reported that the entrance into the West Road allotments is in a terrible state of repair with various big potholes with rainfall not helping the situation. The residents are in the process of requesting three quotes to repair the road and SPC will consider the possibility of providing a grant to cover the cost.
- b) A35 – signage at the current entrance to the picnic area at Eype currently says WC which european drivers of lorries that park in the lay-by may not understand. The Clerk will investigate the possibility of having a sign that says TOILET.
- c) Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan JCC – Cllr P Allen reported that we currently have a strong relationship with Bridport Town Council. A Streetscape and Interpretation Study is currently being undertaken to review the functionality of the current streetscape/public realm and audit heritage interpretation. Cllr P Allen suggested that we should offer a degree of support and interest and it would be good to be seen to be supporting the local area. Cllr S Ainley advised that there have been various shop closures within Bridport and felt that people should be encouraged to shop locally. The Clerk said that she recalled there being a logo to shop local and would research it to place on the Facebook page, on the website and on the front page of the next edition of the Symene Voice.
- d) Cllr P Hartmann commented that following the last meeting and discussions with Cllr P Allen the lead planner on Vearse Farm, James Lytton-Trevers had been approached for information on the progress of the information on the roundabout. Mr Lytton-Trevers responded promptly and advised that National Highways were the lead on this matter and he was waiting for design information to be produced. He had forwarded Cllr P Hartmann’s email to National Highways who also responded promptly. The planning officer from National Highways commented that the detailed design of the roundabout is yet to be completed and the developer will need to apply for a departure from highway standards as part of that process. This is therefore likely to take some time. In the meantime, they are also revisiting the Walking, Cycling and Horseriding Assessment and Review which will include consideration of the footpaths and cycle routes across the A35 as part of the roundabout scheme.
- e) BLAP Parish Liaison – The Clerk attended a recent meeting at which Chris Loder, MP was present. Mr Loder spoke about the situation in Ukraine and on behalf of the Ukrainian Ambassador passed on his thanks for all the work being done within local Dorset communities to support the people of Ukraine. He said that host families for refugees will probably be sought within Dorset. He advised that the A35 will be closed in places to undertake vital safety work which started this week and will continue for around two months. He advised that there will be action at the Symondsburry turn off but not yet. Weight

restrictions through the village of Chideock were presently being considered. National Highways have been asked to undertake a study at the Crown Roundabout as the area is causing congestion difficulties.

- f) Defibrillators – The Clerk advised that a list of defibrillators within the DT6 area had been provided to Cllr N Mawditt. The Clerk will place the list on to the website.
- g) BLAP Steering Group: Cllr A Streatfeild reported that only six councils were represented although thirteen members had agreed to contribute towards BLAP running costs for 2022/23. Several other groups were represented. **Homelessness:** There is a project to create temporary accommodation for local street homeless people in conjunction with Magna Housing and Homes England. The future of the **Health and Wellbeing** group was being considered due to lack of attendees. The **Parish Liaison** Group had met with Laura Miller, Portfolio holder for Customer and Community Services.

BLAP Protocol: This is being reviewed to allow more input from community groups. It also updates the membership which currently includes groups no longer in existence, and requests that each organisation has a named representative.

Updates from Community Groups: The Mayor of Bridport, Ian Bark, has created a volunteer recruitment hub to give opportunities to aid the public, following the huge success of the Covid Support Groups. 50 groups so far contacted. There were also reports from Bob Driscoll from WATAG, and a warning about services being cut in Bridport Library.

- h) Updates from Parish Councils:
- Tree planting scheme (Netherbury)
 - Planning issues (non-notification of planning results)
 - Charmouth had its Parish Plan adopted
 - Funding from CIL not being received (Burton Bradstock)

13. Items for future Agenda

To **raise** items for inclusion on a future Agenda: April – Bridleway 28 and Footpaths 19 and 89, West Cliff, Community Governance Review, Annual Meeting, Commemorative Jubilee Celebrations, Eype Down Road.

13. Correspondence: The correspondence list has been circulated by the Clerk.

14. Date of next meeting

To **note that** the next scheduled meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 12th April 2022 at 7.00pm, Eype Church. A Planning Committee Meeting will take place on 22nd March 2022, 7pm at Eype Schoolroom with a further Planning Committee Meeting on 5th April 2022. The Planning Meeting on 5th April 2022 at Eype Church at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 20.25pm.