

## SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Eype Church. **These minutes will be agreed at the May Parish Council Meeting. PRESENT:** Cllrs – S Ralph, A Streatfeild, P Allen, S Ainley, P Hartmann and J Roddy. In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk and Dorset Cllr K Clayton and two 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:**

Concerns were raised about the A35 following the horrific accident that happened earlier today at Miles Cross. The stretch of the A35 is particularly dangerous from the Crown roundabout to Miles Cross with vehicles accelerating along the straighter sections. Vehicles can legally travel at 50mph, however some go way beyond this. It was asked whether an average speed check area could be operated in the area. Cllr Roddy added that a roundabout at Miles Cross had been requested for many years and there are plans to build one (subject to modification) due to the Vearse Farm development. It will be discussed at the next A35 meeting (Will Austin, Bridport Town Clerk, is pressing for a further meeting of this Working Group). Cllr P Hartmann added that the design of the roundabout is known, however there are issues over safety and are awaiting details from the developers consultants.

Cllr Kelvin Clayton said that there is little to report. The Bus Back Better failed in Dorset, although in desperate need of bus services and he is awaiting the report. He was asked whether the two roundabouts leading into Bridport could be complimented with foliage/plants to look more attractive and asked whether Groves Nursery situated by the Crown Roundabout would like to get involved?

Cllr S Ainey arrived at 19.10pm.

**1. To receive and approve apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllrs P Colfox and N Mawditt which were both 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: Received from Cllr A Streatfeild regarding item 9.

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

**a. To review and approve** Parish Council Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022: The Minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.

**b. To note** Planning Committee Meetings 22<sup>nd</sup> March and 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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

a) Clerk's salary b) PAYE £29.60 c) Bridport Town Council (BLAP) £104.81 d) Bridport Town Council (lengthsman service) £1,350.00 e) Eype school room £9.00

Transfer of £1,500 from Deposit account to Current account.

To **note** bank balances: Current £1,364.03 Deposit £27,674.94

**Proposed by Cllr P Allen, seconded by Cllr J Roddy, all in favour.**

**5. Citizens Advice Bridport and District – Grant request:** The Clerk had received a request from Citizens Advice Bridport and District for funding and advised that in 2021/2022 we granted £500. She added that 33 people within our parish had used the service in 2021/2022. It was **proposed to grant £600.00 by Cllr P Hartmann, seconded by Cllr S Ainley, All in favour.**

**6. Bridleway 28 and Footpaths 19 and 89, West Cliff, Symondsburry:** Cllr P Hartmann reported that the DMMO application is progressing, with the goodwill from some of the residents of Brit View, it is near ready for submission. Cllr P Hartmann will submit this, which has already been perused by Cllr P Allen. Cllr K Clayton requested that he is kept informed of developments.

**7. Annual Meeting Date and Guest Speaker:** The Annual Meeting date has been set for Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022. Guest speakers are from Dorset Climate Action Network; Andrew Carey, Liz Bawden and Julie Leach. A small

amount of refreshments will be provided afterwards. The Clerk will check that there will be no artists work within the body of the church as an art exhibition is also taking place.

**8. Community Governance Review:** SPC will be making a submission and Cllr P Hartmann will check with Will Austin, Bridport Town Clerk, that everything is in order beforehand.

**9. Commemoration of the Platinum Jubilee Update:** The Clerk advised that the commemorative mugs had been received. SPC are awaiting the choice of tree we have offered to Symondsbury Primary school. A grant request for £600.00 had been received from Symondsbury Parochial Church Council (SPCC) to lead a celebration within Symondsbury for HM The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee which will consist of Martin Maudsley, renowned Story Teller and Poet, and also an exhibition in the church celebrating 70 years of memories in the village. Monetary offers from two other sources had been offered. The event will take place at the end of June and it is hoped that the event will bring Symondsbury and the surrounding villages together. **Proposed by Cllr P Hartmann, seconded by Cllr J Roddy, all in favour.** Cllr A Streatfeild will advise the clerk of the payment information.

**10. Eype Down Road:** Cllr S Ralph had previously circulated a report regarding the use of this single track road, with very few passing places, and the gridlock that vehicles from both directions can cause. Added to this when the A35 is closed due to accidents it can cause extra havoc on this road as a way of bypassing the A35. With the unfortunate events that happened on the A35 just this morning has to be raised in order that we do not see a repeat. The Clerk to correspond SPC fears with Highways England and The Police.

Cllr K Clayton left the meeting at 19.45pm

**11. Reports from Lead Members:**

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

**Allotments:** Cllr S Ainley advised that an allotment at West Road may becoming available. The Clerk advised that whilst there is a waiting list; some live outside of the parish. SPC offers allotments to its parish residents as priority. All new tenants of allotments who live outside of the parish will be offered a three year period if they reside outside of the parish if no residents within the parish can be found.

**Lengthsman:** Cllr S Ralph will ask the lengthsman if he can clean the brown signs on the turning into Eype. The clerk to ask ex Cllr Selwyn Holmes if he can make a footpath to direct to Watton off Broad Lane.

**Police:** The Clerk to ask PCSO Alex Bishop if he can attend a ‘surgery’ for questions/answers for three parishioners.

**Thanks:** Cllr S Ralph offered thanks on behalf of SPC to Cllr P Allen for his hard work and dedication over the past two years and wished him the very best to his pastures new.

**12. Items for future Agenda**

To **raise** items for inclusion on a future Agenda: May – Bridleway 28 and Footpaths 19 and 89, West Cliff, Community Governance Review, Climate Change, Queens Platinum Jubilee.

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

**14. Date of next meeting**

To **note** that the next scheduled meeting of Symondsbury Parish Council will take place on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7.00pm, **Eype Church**. The Annual meeting will take place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2022, 7pm at Eype Church, this follows the Planning Committee Meeting at 6pm.

Meeting closed at 20.05pm.