**SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsbury Parish Council held on Thursday 8 December at 7pm at Symondsbury School. **These minutes will be agreed at the January Parish Council Meeting.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs – S Ralph, P Hartmann, P Colfox, S Evans, S Ainley. In attendance: Natalie Bealing, Clerk and on 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:**

Concerns were raised regarding how long it might take for the footpath close to West Bay to be adopted. Currently there are ‘barring signs’ in two places and the request way made for the Parish Council to arrange for these to be removed whilst the case is processed. Cllr Hartmann confirmed that he had previously asked for the signage to be remove and will do so again.

The devastation of the hedgerows and trees around the Vearse Farm construction site was raised and a request was made for the Parish Council to write to Dorset Council and the developers.

It was highlighted that the original fingerpost pointing to Watton was no longer in place as it had been damaged by Dorset Council contractors during some maintenance work in the area. The Parish Council were asked about arranging a replacement fingerpost.

The police report was read out and noted.

**0001 To receive and approve apologies** **for absence:**  Apologies was received from Cllrs Mawditt and Streatfeild which were accepted.

**0002 Disclosures of Interests and Dispensations:** To **receive** disclosures of personal and prejudicial interest from Councillors and employees on matters to be considered at the meeting**:** Cllr Colfox declared an interest in the recently felled trees and shrubs near the Vearse Farm development, in case the subject was due to be discussed at the meeting.

**0003 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2022:**  The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.

**0004**  To **resolve** payments and receipts for November 2022: a) Clerks salary b) Training course (DAPTC)

**0005 Budget:** A draft budget had been circulated by the Clerk but Cllr Streatfeild had requested that the agenda item be left for the January meeting to allow for more consideration to be given.

**0006 20mph zones:** A short discussion about where 20mph zones would be helpful took place. There was support for new speed-reducing projects, and a number of roads where 20mph limits could be applied were discussed. Cllr Ralph took an action to produce a map showing the roads and this will be taken to the BLAP meeting in January where 20mph zones are to be discussed

**0007 Community Drop In event with PCSO Alex Bishop:** The event, to be held at Symondsbury Kitchen from 10.30am on 9 December, was discussed. It had been widely advertised on social media, the newsletter and via the Parish website. A number of Councillors planned to attend.

**0008 Appointment of new Councillor:** The Clerk advised the Councillors that the vacancy created by Cllr Roddy standing down this month had been advertised via noticeboards and would stay live until 23 December, after which Electoral Services would be in touch to advise of next steps.

**0009 Reports:**

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| 1. **Footpaths SR** | 1. **A35 JR** | 1. **DAPTC PC** |
| 1. **BLAP Steering Group AS** | 1. **BLAP Parish Liaison NDB** | 1. **Bridport Area N’hood Plan Steering Group PH** |
| 1. **Tree Officer/Ancient Monuments PC/SE** | 1. **Community Governance Review PH** | 1. **Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan – JCC PH** |
| 1. **Symene CLT AS** | 1. **Symene Voice NDB** | 1. **Coastal Matters NM** |
| 1. **Allotments SA** | 1. **Lengthsman Link SR** | 1. **Climate Emergency SE** |
| 1. **Foundry Lea/Vearse PH** | 1. **Resilience SA** |  |

SR – Cllr S Ralph, SA – Cllr S Ainley, AS – Cllr A Streatfeild, , PC – Cllr P Colfox, PH – Cllr P Hartmann, JR – Cllr J Roddy, NM – Cllr N Mawditt, SE – Cllr S Evans, NDB – Natalie Bealing.

Short updates were given at the meeting as follows

f. Neighbourhood plan – Cllr Hartmann confirmed that the plan had been updated but was impacted by the town plan.

g. Tree Officer – Developers are planning to plant mature trees to replace those lost on the land next to the Vearse Farm development. An update about the remediation activity to date was given –most of the detailed discussion had taken place in the Planning Meeting earlier in the evening.

A fingerpost had been requested to sit alongside the Parish Noticeboard at Eype, highlighting one of the roads that currently doesn’t have any street furniture.

The request (and the one for a fingerpost at Watton) were approved by Cllr Evans and seconded by Cllr Hartmann.

Clerk to write to Dorset Council regarding the cost of getting the Watton sign replaced.

**0010 Items for our next meeting in January:** Coronation plans; Budget

**0012 Correspondence List** The Clerk had previously circulated the correspondence list.

**0013 To confirm date of next meeting** Thursday 12 January at 7pm, Symondsbury School. The next Planning Committee Meeting will take place on the same day, prior to the main Council meeting.

As this was Cllr Roddy’s last meeting, the Chair thanked her for her hard work and dedication over the last 8 years and wished her well in the future.

**Meeting finished at 8.40pm**