**SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsbury Parish Council held on Thursday 12 January at 7pm at Symondsbury School. **These minutes will be agreed at the February Parish Council Meeting.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs – S Ralph, S Evans, S Ainley. A Streatfeild.. In attendance: Natalie Bealing, 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:**

There was a short discussion about the newly-commissioned fingerposts (for Watton and Eype).

The police report was read out and noted.

**0001 To receive and approve apologies** **for absence:**  Apologies was received from Cllr P Hartmann which were accepted. Cllr P Colfox sent his apologies retrospectively.

**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**:**  None received.

**0003 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2022:**  The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.

**0004**  To **resolve** payments and receipts for December 2022: a) Clerks salary, b) Tax bill c) Chair’s expenses, d) Drop-in expenses

**0005 Budget:** A draft budget had been previously circulated by the Clerk. The Council discussed the budget and agreed to keep the Precept the same as the previous year (£14,910.00). Several possible grants were discussed (submission and discussion around approval to happen at a future meeting/via email). A discussion about Councillor training also ensued. Clerk to send around a list of opportunities.

**0006 Coronation Plans:** Ideas for how to mark the upcoming Coronation by the Parish were discussed, Ideas ranged from an Afternoon Tea, to a community craft project and a fund for special events. Clerk to discuss at the upcoming BLAP meeting and topic to be added as an agenda item for follow up next month.

**0007 Fostering talk:** The Parish Council had been approached regarding promoting fostering opportunities. The Council agreed to keep the details on file in case there were any queries about the service in the future and the Clerk to write back to Dorset Council to decline a specific meeting at this time.

**0008 Reports:**

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| 1. **Footpaths SR** | 1. **A35** | 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, NM – Cllr N Mawditt, SE – Cllr S Evans, NDB – Natalie Bealing.

The Council had received a further resignation since the last meeting. Cllr Mawditt’s vacancy has been advertised via noticeboards and will stay live until 2 February. Clerk to use social media and website to advise of vacancies.

Short updates were given at the meeting as follows

J} Symene CLT: Cllr Streatfeild confirmed that she would be staying on as rep. Jenifer Roddy would also continue to attend, in a personal capacity. Cllr Hartmann would continue to update on all things Foundry Lea.

k) New edition of Symene Voice is due to be produced, Clerk to contact Councillors for content.

l) Coastal Matters: Cllr Evans agreed to replace Nigel Mawditt as rep for coastal matters. Clerk to contact Nigel Mawditt for a handover.

m} Allotments: Cllr Ainley commented that the residents keeping chickens at the allotments were not covering them to help prevent wild birds entering the plots during this heightened period of avian flu. Clerk to contact each allotment holder to highlight the latest regulations.

p} Foundry Lea: Cllr Streatfeild offered to replace Jenifer Roddy as rep. on the Working Group. Clerk to advise Bridport TC.

Cllr Evans reported back on a meeting he had attended of the local rivers working group, recently renamed CROWD. The meeting was attended by Chris Loder MP and each Councillor in attendance was representing a different river/waterway – Cllr Evans is representing the Simene. A discussion around water run off on farms and where local water sources start and end.

**0009 Items for our next meeting in February:** Coronation plans; AGM (Wednesday 3 May); Symene Voice

**0010 Correspondence List** The Clerk had previously circulated the correspondence list. Chris Loder MP had written asking if he could attend the SPC AGM – the date was set at the meeting and the Clerk will write to Mr Loder to confirm. Winston Maskell had also written to the Council asking for help with some local land ownership. Unfortunately, Councillors had previously advised Mr Maskell that they did not know who the landowners were – Clerk to write to Mr Maskell confirming no change.

**0011 To confirm date of next meeting** Thursday 9 February at 7pm, Symondsbury School.

**Meeting finished at 8.45pm**