**SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsbury Parish Council held on Thursday 9 February at 7pm at Symondsbury School. **These minutes will be agreed at the March Parish Council Meeting.**

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

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

The point of note from the police report this month was around the continuation and promotion of the community speed watch programme.

**0001 To receive and approve apologies** **for absence:**  Apologies were received from Cllr S Ainley which were accepted. Cllr P Colfox sent apologies on the night.

**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 12 January 2023:**  The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.

**0004**  To **resolve** payments and receipts for January 2023: a) Clerk’s salary, b) DeFib; c) Grant to Bridport Leisure Centre; d) Grant to Symondsbury School; e} CB Reid costs; f) CPRE renewal; g) Chair’s expenses

**0005 Symene Voice:** Articles and contributions to the next edition of the Symene Voice were discussed. The deadline for content would be three weeks from today. Clerk to send around a list of requests to contributors who were not at the meeting.

**0006 Coronation Plans:** Ideas for how to mark the upcoming Coronation by the Parish were discussed again. The Council heard ideas from other parishes (fed back via the Clerk) and settled on some memorial benches. Clerk to get some quotes.

**0007 Annual Meeting Planning:**  The date on the Annual Meeting was moved due to unavailability of some members of Council and of potential speakers. The new date is Thursday 11 May in the School Hall at Symondsbury School, after the regular parish council meeting which will start early to accommodate both events. Clerk to email Chris Loder MP with new date and book the hall.

**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 SE** |
| 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, SE – Cllr S Evans, NDB – Natalie Bealing.

Short updates were given at the meeting as follows

1. Cllr Ralph reported huge holes and erosion on Donley Lane, which was making the path dangerous for users. Cllr Ralph to send exact co-ordinates and the Clerk to report the issue to Dorset Countryside for action.
2. Cllr Hartmann called National Highways regarding the safety audit on the Miles Cross roundabout /junction - the safety audit is still outstanding together with some design issues.

f) The Neighbourhood Plan meeting has been postponed to June.

h) Governance and boundaries are agreed – plans now going from local to national Government in time for 2024.

l) Coastal Matters: Cllr Evans will follow up with Nigel Mawditt to discuss any ongoing coastal matters’ activity.

m} Allotments: There was a discussion regarding SPC as owner of the West Road allotments versus leasee of Pine View allotments

o) CROWN as a working group has been formally adopted. The next meeting will take place on 14 April – Cllr Streatfeild to attend in Cllr Evans’ place.

p} Foundry Lea: Currently the biggest issue is around site readiness for construction. Trees will be replaced in areas not needed for access to the site.

q) Cllr Streatfeild reminded everyone to be vigilant regarding the potential flood risks at this time of year.

**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.

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

**Meeting finished at 8.50pm**