**SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsbury Parish Council held on Thursday 13 April at 7pm at Symondsbury School. **These minutes will be agreed at the May Parish Council Meeting.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs – S Ralph, S Evans, A Streatfeild. P Hartmann, P Colfox. 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:**

There were two members of the public in attendance. They asked for an update on the 20mph zones which were being reviewed across the local area. They were keen to know whether extra lighting would be introduced as part of any traffic calming. Cllr Ralph confirmed that he didn’t believe lighting was part of the package – which the local residents were comforted by. Cllr Streatfeild asked if Broad Lane could be reviewed and Cllr Evans took an action to speak to Dorset Council about Broad Lane to Eype Down. Cllr Hartmann added that Broad Lane is considered an ‘unsafe route’ for school children. The Clerk agreed to send Tony Burden ( Road Safety Manager, DC) contact details to Cllr Evans.

There was nothing particular to note from the police report this month.

**0001 To receive and approve apologies** **for absence:**  None received - all Cllrs were present at the meeting.

**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 9 March 2023:**  The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.

**0004 To** **resolve** payments and receipts for March 2023: a) Clerk’s salary, b) DAPTC training invoice.

**To** **update** onbank signatories and online banking: Current account £10, 381.31

Cllr Streatfeild requested a donation towards the new fire door at Broadoak village hall. The Council were all in favour and agreed on £1000.

**0005 Symene Voice:** Articles and contributions to the next edition of the Symene Voice were discussed. Several new articles were identified and authors confirmed.

**0006 Coronation Plans:** The Council reviewed the options for some memorial benches. And agreed to purchase three benches in ‘Concept 2’, each 6ft long. The three benches will be made locally, using local wood.

**0007 Annual Meeting Planning:**  The Clerk confirmed that Chris Loder MP cannot make the new date of Thursday 11 May. It was agreed that the Council would launch an initiative – SPC Community Awards 2023 - to coincide with the upcoming meeting, to honour local ‘unsung heroes’ who help people in our parish. Cllr Evans to work with the Clerk to advertise the initiative.

**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** | 1. **Lengthsman Link SR** | 1. **Climate Emergency SE** |
| 1. **Foundry Lea/Vearse PH** | 1. **Resilience** |  |

SR – Cllr S Ralph, 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 back on discussions he had had with Winston Maskell regarding a Cycle path from Quarr Lane to Symondsbury. Cllr Colfox agreed to review and update the Council once he had done this.
2. Cllr Hartmann confirmed that he would contact National Highways again regarding the safety audit on the Miles Cross roundabout /junction.

m) Allotments: There was a discussion regarding the allotments, in relation to the upcoming boundary changes. Clerk to find a copy of the deeds for West Road.

n) Cllr Streatfeild acknowledged the quick action of the Lengthsman in relation to a recent issue in Broadoak.

**0009 DAPTC Western Area Committee Councils - DAPTC Representative(s):** The Council asked for this agenda item to be added to the April agenda so that they had time to review the paperwork

**0010 Items for our next meeting in April:** Coronation plans; Annual Meeting (11 May); EV points; Planning minutes; DAPTC.

**0011 Correspondence List** The Clerk had previously circulated the correspondence list.

**0012 To confirm date of next meeting** Thursday 13 April at 7pm, Symondsbury School.

**Meeting finished at 8.35pm**