**SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsbury Parish Council held on Thursday 8 June at 7pm at Symondsbury School.

**0001: To receive and approve apologies** **for absence:**  **PRESENT:** Cllrs – S Ralph, S Evans, A Streatfeild. P Hartmann, P Colfox, T Cox and V Kavanagh. In attendance: Natalie Bealing, Clerk and three 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:**

Cllr Clayton talked about the upcoming meeting about Vearse Farm. Cllr Hartmann explained that the attenuation points were not going to be fit for purpose (better suited to green fields/recreation sites). Because of the flood plains, they have had to be dug a lot deeper, creating very deep basins.

There are also issues about storage of flood water at the local pumping station – currently six hours – which is not long enough for a housing estate of the size that is planned. A separate issue, around affordable housing and where it was going to be sited within the estate was also queried. The current plans seem to show affordable housing grouped together in enclaves, rather than integrated across the estate.

The police report was read out and noted.

**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 11 May 2023**: The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed. The minutes of the Planning Committee were noted.

**0004: To** **resolve** payments and receipts for May 2023: a) Clerk’s salary, b) Insurance renewal; c) Audit fees: d) SLCC Cilca enrolment e) Broadoak hall hire

**To** **update** onbank signatories and online banking: Current account £10,597.21; Savings £26,324.08

**0005:** To **discuss** and **approve** the updated **Financial Regulations policy:** Section 2.4 of the policy was highlighted, namely that “The Council shall consider the need for and shall have regard to a three year forecast of Revenue and Capital Receipts and Payments which may be prepared at the same time as the annual Budget”. It was agreed that a review had not routinely been taking place and that it would be useful, particularly in light of the upcoming changes in 2024. There will be around 80 less houses in the parish and this will affect the Precept.

Clerk to add to the October Agenda.

Policy was proposed by Cllr Streatfeild, seconded by Cllr Hartmann.

**0006:** **CIL and ideas for how to spend it :** A discussion around possible uses took place and all were rejected for a variety of reasons. The Clerk reminded Councillors that we had highlighted that money was available for parish projects via Symene Voice recently.- Cllr Evans offered to write a short article to promote funding opportunities. Cllr Streatfeild would speak to the Symondsbury Church team to identify a list of required repairs and renovations, with possible costings for the Council to consider.

Clerk to explore whether any further S106 or CIL money is due.

**0007: Annual Accounts and AGAR:** To **approve** the financial statement for 22/23**.** The Annual Accounts and AGAR were approved and signed.Proposed by Cllr Hartmann, seconded by Cllr Streatfeild.

**0008: Update on SPC Community Awards 2023** : The closing date for nominations had now passed. The Council received three nominations, all of which were well received and worthy of the award. The Council discussed holding an event, possibly to coincide with a planned event on Saturday 15 July. The conversation then turned to the type of items that could be gifted as a keepsake to recognise the award, as well as a gift voucher for the recipients to spend. Cllr Kavanagh offered to contribute towards the cost of a meal in her pub, The New Inn at Eype. The Clerk to ask the Ilchester Arms if they would be willing to reciprocate.

Cllr Evans to prepare an email advising the award winners of the details.

**0009: To agree roles and responsibilities for Councillors for the coming year**

Planning Group – Cllrs Ralph, Hartmann, Evans and Streatfeild agreed to remain on the group. It was also agreed that any other Cllr who was available to attend could do so, on a meeting-by-meeting basis.

Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group = Cllr Hartmann confirmed that he was still happy to be the rep, having been appointed in just the last month or so.

Local Reports – A few changes were made to the leads in some areas. The new list is as follows:

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| 1. **Footpaths SR** | 1. **Resilience AS** | 1. **DAPTC PH** |
| 1. **BLAP Steering Group AS** | 1. **BLAP Parish Liaison NDB** | 1. **Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan – JCC PH** |
| 1. **Tree Officer/Ancient Monuments SR** | 1. **Community Governance Review PH** | 1. **Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan – Steering Group PH** |
| 1. **Symene CLT AS** | 1. **Symene Voice NDB/VH** | 1. **Coastal Matters TC** |
| 1. **Allotments TC** | 1. **Lengthsman Link SR** | 1. **Climate and Waterways SE** |
| 1. **Foundry Lea PH/AS** |  |  |

Cllr Cox agreed to take on responsibility for the Symondsbury Village noticeboard from Jenifer Roddy.

**0010: Reports from Lead Members:** Points arising were the siting of the three Coronation benches – George Streatfeild to meet Russ the following week to review spaces; and the potential for slower speed limits in some areas of the Parish.

**0011: Items for future meetings**: speed limits

**0012: Correspondence**: There were no comments on the previously-circulated list. It was agreed that the Clerk no longer needed to produce the list for future meetings.

**0013: To confirm date of next meeting** Thursday 13 July, Symondsbury School, preceded by the Planning Meeting.

**Meeting finished at 8.40pm**