**SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsbury Parish Council held on Thursday 13 July at 7.05pm at Symondsbury School.

**0001: To receive and approve apologies** **for absence:**  **PRESENT:** Cllrs – S Ralph, S Evans, A Streatfeild. P Hartmann, T Cox and V Kavanagh. In attendance: Natalie Bealing, Clerk and one member of the public. Cllr Colfox sent his apologies.

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

Mr Holmes highlighted the problem with the ancient pavement in Eype, which had been severely damaged (again) by a large vehicle travelling through Eype. The stones have been removed for now but need to be replaced where they were and re-anchored. The Clerk to write to Dorset Highways to highlight the problem (Mr Holmes had already registered the issue but no action to date). Cllr Cox offered to put some traffic cones around the affected area to make locals aware of the hazard. The Clerk was asked to explore/support any requests for width restrictions in that area.

The police report was read out and noted. The Council requested that PC Bishop be contacted to arrange another community meeting event.

**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 June 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 June 2023: a) Clerk’s salary, b) HMRC; c} Community Awards vouchers and gifts; d) CiLCA books; e) DAPTC training f) DeFib replacement payment The Clerk explained that SWAST had not received the original cheque, sent to them back in March. The cheque had now been cancelled by the Clark (confirmed by the Bank) and payment would now be made by bank transfer. **To** **update** onbank signatories and online banking: Current account £6,530.23; Savings £26,383.60

A request for a donation had been received from the Citizens Advice Bureau. The Council agreed to donate £750 – proposed by Cllr Streatfeild, seconded by Cllr Hartmann.

**0005:** To **discuss** discretionary payments. The Clerk explained some of the rules around a ‘Chair’s Fund’ and how such a fund could be used and how it would operate. Clerk to add to the September Agenda.

**0006:** **Speed limits :** The Clerk confirmed that she had spoken to Dorset Council about restricting speed limits in Eype (the current speed is the national speed limit). The request was supported in principle and a formal request, together with some funding for the necessary speed surveys, would be the next step. Ideally the Council would prefer the speed to be 20mph but this would reviewed once the new signage is in place (review six months after installation).

**0007: Update on SPC Community Awards 2023** : The award winners have been contacted and all are able to make an award ceremony at the Church Fete on Saturday. Gifts had been bought and photos to mark the occasion arranged.

**0008: Reports from Lead Councillors**

Local Reports

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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** |  |  |

1. **FOOTPATHS –** Cllr Ralph has reported several footpaths to Russell Goff head Ranger including:-**Footpath W18/16** Watton where there is a fallen tree.  
   **Footpath W1/30** through Skilling where the rain has washed out the center of the path making it dangerous.  
   **Footpath W18/42** Eype Down Road to Downhouse farm where the Eype Down Road end is completely overgrown and has completely closed up.

**g) TREE AND ANCIENT MONUMENTS** – As identified in the minutes, an ancient raised pavement in front of Cottages in Eype had significant damage done to it by a wide heavy vehicle possibly a Council contractor's tractor or a skip wagon, (too wide for the Road) taking off some of the surface stones. No one witnessed what happened but Eype residents have asked Dorset Council to put up width restriction signs on Mount Lane and asked us to back their request, which we have.

**n) LENGHTHSMAN -** Ed has his annual jobs plus is ready to cut back hedges now the birds are fledging.

**0009: Items for future meetings**: Discretionary payments

**0010: To confirm date of next meeting** Thursday 14 September, Symondsbury School, preceded by the Planning Meeting.

**Meeting finished at 8.15pm**