**SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsbury Parish Council held on Thursday 9 November at 7pm at Broadoak Village Hall, Broadoak.

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

The police report was 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 declared.

**0003: To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2023**: The minutes were approved.

The minutes of the Planning Committee for September were noted.

**0004: To** **resolve** payments and receipts for October 2023: a) Clerk’s salary, b) Defibrillator installation; c) Payroll charges; d) Web services

. **To** **update** ononline banking: Current account £5,584.59; Savings £26,470.29

**0005:** **Planning matters:**

* P/HOU/2023/04785 Location: 3 Pump Cottages West Road Bridport Dorset DT6 6AE Description: Retain and alter ancillary building – invitation to speak 16 November.

Decision – It was decided not to speak at the upcoming meeting.

* P/FUL/2023/0549 Higher Eype Land South of New Street Lane Bridport DT6 6AD Proposal: Retain agricultural barn and continue existing track. Amended scheme to P/FUL/2023/00691

Decision: Support (proposed by Cllr Evans, seconded by Cllr Kavanagh).

* P/VOC/2023/06334: Proposal: Construction of 760 dwellings, public open space (including play space and landscape planting), allotments, an orchard, sports pitch provision, with associated changing rooms and car parking, pedestrian, cycle and vehicular links, drainage works and associated infrastructure (Reserved matters application to determine appearance, landscaping, layout and scale following the grant of Outline planning permission number WD/D/17/000986) - Amended scheme (With variation of conditions 1 & 9 to amend drainage arrangement) Location: Land At Vearse Farm (Foundry Lea), West Road, Bridport

Decision: Support (proposed by Cllr Streatfeild, seconded by Cllr Evans).

**0006:** **Budget review and preparation for 2024**:

The agenda item was deferred to next month when Precept figures will be made available. Cllr Hartmann would find out whether any further CIL payments are due.

**0007: Feedback from BLAP and Highways presentation/Q&A**

The Clerk fed back to Council on the recent presentation from Jonny Hill, National Highways. Several questions pre-prepared by Cllrs Ralph and Hartmann were posed to Jonny at the meeting and these were relayed to the Council.

Cllr Hartmann to prepare an email requesting access to the designated funds for pedestrian, equestrian and cycle paths at Miles Cross.

**0008: Grit bins:** The Clerk thanked Councillors who had reviewed bins in their locale. The full list was presented to Council and it was noted that the bin at Eagle’s Nest needed to be re-sited having been moved during tree felling and the bin near Denhay Farm needed to be replaced as it was broken and full of water.

Clerk’s note – The Eagles Nest bin was now back in position and the bin near Denhay will be investigated by Dorset Council as it doesn’t show up on their list of recognised bins. A full survey of the location will need to take place next, to ensure that it is a ‘strategic site’ before permission is granted for a new bin. The old bin will be removed.

**0009: Reports from Lead Councillors**

Local Reports

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| 1. **Footpaths SR**
 | 1. **Resilience AS**
 | 1. **DAPTC PH**
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| 1. **BLAP Steering Group AS**
 | 1. **BLAP Parish Liaison NDB**
 | 1. **Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan – JCC PH**
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| 1. **Tree Officer/Ancient Monuments SR**
 | 1. **Community Governance Review PH**
 | 1. **Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan – Steering Group PH**
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| 1. **Symene CLT AS**
 | 1. **Symene Voice NDB/VH**
 | 1. **Coastal Matters TC**
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| 1. **Allotments TC**
 | 1. **Lengthsman Link SR**
 | 1. **Climate and Waterways SE**
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| 1. **Foundry Lea PH/AS**
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a} Cllr Ralph relayed the latest update on the proposed new cycle path. The application for the new Public Right of Way on Chideock Manor land is now at the ‘Dedication stage’. “Express dedication is when a landowner gives the public the right to use a way over his land, i.e. by dedicating it. The landowner must
be shown to have intended to dedicate the way as a public right of way, and it must have been accepted by the public, i.e. the way must come into actual use. The dedication must be for all members of the
public, and for all time.” This takes the proposed Cycle path from Chideock to Quarr Lane but still no progress from Quarr Lane onwards.

Obviously with the wet weather most paths are now muddy but no reports of problems other than this have been received.

b) Cllr Streatfeild reported that she had not been able to convene a meeting on the resilience plan. Cllr Streatfeild will contact Cllr Cox to see if he could join the group to help cover Symondsbury. Eype village have set up a WhatsApp group for use in an emergency and Cllr Kavanagh confirmed that it had already been used during the recent storms.

h) Cllr Hartmann and the Clerk had recently attended a meeting about CGR, convened by Bridport Town Council. The meeting had little relevance to SPC on this occasion although it did raise queries regarding the asset list for the new-look parish, what the land holding would look like in future and what monies should be expected from the S106 around the Foundry Lea development.

l) Latest information about flooding had been distributed via email.

n) Cllr Ralph confirmed that Ed had carried out several jobs along with his annual jobs including calling out the pump vehicle to unblock a drain in Symondsbury. Cllr Evans reported blocked drains at the bottom of Watton Lane under the underpass of the A35.  The whole area was covered in deep mud and slippery and dangerous.  Cllr Ralph to ask the Lengthsman to take a look.

**0009: Items for future meetings**: Budget review and preparation for 2024

**0010: To confirm date of next meeting** Thursday 14 December, Symondsbury School, Symondsbury

Meeting finished at 8.20pm.