**SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsbury Parish Council held on Thursday 8 February 2024 at 7pm at Symondsbury School, Symondsbury

The Chair started the meeting by wishing His Royal Highness King Charles III a speedy recovery. He also paid tribute to Maurice Barnes, of the Parish, who had died recently and a minute’s silence took place. The Parish Council sends best wishes to Mr Barnes’ family and friends.

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

Democratic Half Hour: Mr Rogers started by congratulating the Council on its proactive approach to managing issues and topics affecting the Parish. He went on to update the Council on the DMMOs in and around West Cliff and his recent interactions with Dorset Council. Mr Rogers finished by commenting on the upcoming agenda item, regarding Eype Mouth facilities. He urged the Parish Council to review the current, unacceptable situation. Could Martin Cox help by allocating any toilet facilities to the general public when using the beach?

The police report was noted: There was a break to an office on a farm in the Broadoak area, in the early hours of 21st January.  If anyone has any information, please contact us and use reference number 55240010636.  Please also be vigilant and report any suspicious activity to us, at the time, on 101.  If you believe a crime is in progress, call 999.

There has been a slight rise in thefts from or break to outbuildings recently, though this is still low.

**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 11 January 2024**: The minutes were approved.

**0004: To** **resolve** payments and receipts for January 2024: a) Clerk’s salary, b) Payroll charges; c) Life Education Wessex &Thames Valley;

To **update** on online banking: Current account £3108.86; Savings £26, 561.60

A request had come in from Life Education, a charity supplying lessons into Primary Schools, for £155 to cover the shortfall for a session to be delivered at Symondsbury School. The request was approved by Cllr Streatfeild and seconded by Cllr Colfox at the January meeting on the understanding that the Clerk would follow up with the Head, Emma Roberts, to confirm that this would be value for money. The Clerk spoke to the Head and the invoice was duly presented for approval at this meeting.

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

* P/FUL/2024/00314 Proposed additional camping pitches and 2 shepherds huts. Location: Old Bidlake Farm Campsite. The Committee briefly discussed the proposal and agreed with the planning comment. The increase was felt to be in keeping especially as the facilities for the camping were already in place.

**Conclusion:** The Committee felt the proposals were acceptable and voted unanimously to approve.

**Decision:** Support.

* P/FUL/2024/00367 Demolition of existing and erection of replacement dwelling. Location: 20 West Walk West Bay Dorset DT6 4HT The Committee briefly discussed the proposal and agreed with the planning comment. It agreed the small concerns regarding the effects of demolition and construction on the existing garden plants and fauna as well as neighbouring properties requires more detailed consideration. It was felt that more could be done to improve the biodiversity of the site in the new proposals. The improved sustainability was recognised.

**Conclusion:** The Committee felt the proposals were acceptable.

**Decision:** Support.

* Tuckers Cottage was discussed again briefly. Cllr Hartmann would prepare a follow up email to Dorset Planning to better understand the latest position.

**0006:** **Eype Mouth facilities**

There was a discussion about the lack of facilities at the beach. Could provision be made for the public, as part of the new campsite? Cllr Hartmann would discuss this with Martin Cox before any next steps.

**0007: Quarr Lane improvements**

Cllr Ralph explained that he had been contacted by local residents around Quarr Lane regarding the badly-maintained road surface. The Clerk was asked to file a report with Highways, requesting resurfacing.

**0008: 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**
 | 1. **Clerk’s update NDB**
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a} Cllr Ralph reported latest progress on the new footpath/cycleway at Chideock. The Council have been asked to support the development but no estimates are available at this time,

b) Cllr Streatfeild asked Cllr Ralph to cover any resilience matters over the next month.

h) Cllr Hartmann went through the report he had previously circulated regarding the CGR. The Council agreed that several more minor boundary changes would need to take place, eg to couple footpaths and roads together, The Clerk was asked to clarify the responsibilities for the Council around St Saviour’s, which will become part of the Parish.

q) The Clerk updated the Council on the speed watch equipment. The Police had requested the equipment back if we were not using it. The Council agreed to donate the equipment back to the Police in return for occasional support with our own campaigns.

**0009: Items for future meetings**: Eype Mouth; Newsletter for outgoing and incoming parishioners

**0010: To confirm date of next meeting** Thursday 14 March 2024, Symondsbury School, Symondsbury

Meeting finished at 8.10pm.