**SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsbury Parish Council held on Thursday 11 April 2024 at 7pm at Symondsbury School, Symondsbury

Before the meeting started Cllr Streatfeild was thanked by the Chair for her forty+ years serving as a Parish Councillor and was now standing down.  In that time she had been Chair and Vice Chair several times as well as leading many sub committees.  The Council presented her with flowers and thanked her for her long and dedicated service

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

There were no comments raised here. The Clerk had not received a police report.

**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 14 March 2024**: The minutes were approved.

**0004: To** **resolve** payments and receipts for February 2024: a) Clerk’s salary, b) SLCC membership renewal,

To **update** on online banking: Current account £240.83; Savings £26,626.52

The Clerk would need to update the banking signatories after the May meeting.

**0005:** **Eype Mouth facilities**

There was nothing new to discuss. At the March meeting, the Council had decided to ask a Highlands End representative to present their plans for future development of their site, in relation to Eype Mouth. Cllr Hartmann would follow up.

Cllr Kavanagh confirmed that the bins are being emptied at least twice a day and that she believed there was resource to cope with an additional bin, if necessary.

One piece of signage, on the way to the beach, needs to be removed as it is no longer relevant. Highlands End would need to follow up with Highways.

**0006: Election update and key actions**

The Clerk confirmed that all spaces on the Parish Council had been filled from May onwards. Four Councillors were standing again and three new Councillors would be joining the Council (two of whom were in the audience and introductions were made).

The Clerk reminded everyone to return their expenses form, even though it was a nil return.

**0007: New Boundary update**

Cllr Streatfeild reminded Councillors that the Parish boundaries were different from the Parochial boundaries. Cllr Evans informed everyone that new people joining the Parish would be able to send their children to Symondsbury School in future.

**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** |
| 1. **Allotments** | 1. **Lengthsman Link SR** | 1. **Climate and Waterways SE** |
| 1. **Foundry Lea PH** | 1. **Clerk’s update NDB** |  |

a) Cllr Ralph reported that the footbridge at Eype Beach had been badly damaged by the storms and had been reported to Countryside for repair. Cllr Hartmann updated on the public right of way project and that it was just one of around 70 applications going through at the moment.

h) Cllr Hartmann confirmed that the CGR could come off of the list of responsibilities now that the new boundaries are in place.

p) The Council had received an invitation to the groundbreaking ceremony for Foundry Lea. Cllr Colfox confirmed he would attend – the Clerk would rsvp.

Cllr Hartmann said that, according to the Section 106 agreement, the wording says ‘not to permit the occupation of any housing until the Provisional completion of the Miles cross junction works’. He took an action to start the process for funding for the pedestrian/cycle/equestrian path across the A35.

q) The Clerk highlighted that she had heard back from Dorset Council regarding the request for scalpings outside Broadoak Village Hall. Dorset Council had decided that the layby actually needs to be returned to grass.

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**0012: Items for future meetings**:

**0013: To confirm date of next meeting Annual Meeting of Council,** Thursday 16 May 2024, Symondsbury School, Symondsbury

Meeting finished at 8pm.