**SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the annual meeting of Symondsbury Parish Council held on Thursday 12 September at 7pm at Symondsbury School.

At the beginning of the meeting, Cllr Ralph asked for a minutes’ silence to remember David Wragg. David, who lived at Broadoak, was Clerk to Symondsbury Parish Council for many years as well as being Clerk for the DAPTC.  David sadly passed away on the 13th of August aged 89.  David was the Clerk when Cllr Ralph first joined the Council and only stood down when his wife was taken ill.
The whole Council would like to offer our condolences to his family.

**0001 PRESENT:** Cllrs – S Ralph, R Elwes, B Hamblett, B Bates and S Evans. In attendance: Natalie Bealing, Clerk, Cllr D Bolwell. There were apologies from Cllrs Hartmann and Colfox There were two members of the public in attendance.

**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**:**  There were none declared.

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

Phil Brown asked the Council if they had any views on the new charges and extended hours at the Eype car park. Cllr Ralph explained that the land is privately owned and as such, they may do as they wish. Mr Brown was not aware of this. Cllr Bates commented that he had also been asked to raise the issue. People are apparently parking in the turning circle (which has double yellow lines) to avoid paying the fees. Cllr Bolwell asked if the approach road was adopted. As this was confirmed, he suggested that anyone parking illegally should be reported to Parking Enforcement.

Cllr Elwes asked whether any profits from the parking could be invested in facilities.

Derek Payne updated the Council on Quarr Lane/Cross surface improvements and A35 calming measures. Jack Wiltshire had confirmed that the resurfacing was scheduled for 2025. Mr Payne also explained that he wanted to get the speed reduced to 30mph on that stretch of A35. He had had good engagement with Ed Morello MP and hoped to get him to visit the road soon. Attention turned to Eype Down Road as Cllr Ralph explained that the Council had been waiting for consideration for traffic measures in Eype Down Road to be reviewed for more than two years. Cllr Hamblett suggested that there should be no right hand turn into Eype from the Chideock direction. And when the work starts on Miles Cross improvements, the road from Eype will get busier. Cllr Bolwell offered to follow up on both the resurfacing and the traffic measures.

Cllr Bolwell then gave the Council an update:

A nature emergency had been called regarding use of glyphosate.

Watton Road had been adopted by Dorset Council.

NPPF survey

5 year housing plan needs to be re-addressed in light of extra housing demands

Devolution – looking at the three options at present – a discussion ensued.

Budgets will be extremely tight going forward

Vearse Farm proposals went to Dorset Planning recently. The Committee felt that most objections raised had been covered by the Officer and passed the proposal (the Committee must be sure of the evidence and that a significant case can be made if they object).

Cllr Bates highlighted regular occurrences of fires to the right of Vearse Farm, reaching as far as the tennis courts. Cllr Bates to send background through to Cllr Bolwell to follow up.

The Clerk had not received anything of significance from the police to report again this month but they had highlighted a series of thefts of quads and trailers in the Somerset area recently, with a few straying over the border into Dorset.

**0003: To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 July 2024:**  The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed. The Planning Committee minutes from late July were also approved.

**0004: To resolve payments and receipts for the month of June 2024:** a) Clerk’s salary, b) stationery; c) DAPTC training

 To **update** on online banking: Current account £3,722.94 Savings £24,310.98

The Clerk left the room.

Council discussed the Clerk’s salary. After the discussion, the Clerk re-entered the room.

**0005: Planning Matters:**

 **P/HOU/2024/04149** Proposal: Erect single storey front and rear extensions. Form dormer window on second floor. Location: Sea Glimpse, Pymore Lane, DT6 5PS

**Introduction:** The proposal is for single storey extensions at the front and the extending of the existing garden room at the rear and a new dormer to the second floor rear. The dining room and porch extension are positioned to the north end (front) of the dwelling with a pitched roof. The garden room is extended to the south, replacing the existing garden room with a mono pitch that will match the neighbour’s rear extension. There is also a proposed dormer on the same elevation to the bedroom on the second floor.

**Consideration:** The existing property has received a number of additions in the past which have created a disorderly appearance and which create little significance in the area. The site is in a very quiet area. The current proposals are considered modest and have created a more cohesive design which relates well to the adjoining property as well as creating more usable space. The front extension is close to the lane however is sympathetic to the building form when taking in the whole, reflecting the form of the neighbouring building. The materials of slate roof and rendered walls are considered appropriate.

It is considered that the following policies apply.

Local Plan:

INT1 - Presumption in favour of Sustainable Development

• ENV5 - Flood Risk ENV10 - The landscape and townscape setting ENV12 - The design and positioning of buildings ENV16 - Amenity SUS2 - Distribution Of Development ENV1 - Landscape, seascape & sites of other geological interest HOUS6 - Other residential development outside DDB’s

Neighbourhood Plan:

• POLICY D1 Harmonising With The Site POLICY D8 Contributing To The Local Character

**Decision: Support**

 **P/HOU/2024/01145** **Advisory Only** - (Demolish existing UPVC conservatory and replace with larger timber conservatory/garden room) - to add 2 x Velux rooflights to east elevation (instead of glazed panels on west side).Location: 6 Houndsell Way, Bridport, DT6 5QX

**0006: Allotments:** Cllr Bates presented his latest paper, which had been circulated previously. A discussion ensued. The main points being that Dorset Council had still not responded about improvements to the entrance to the West Road allotments (which are rented by SPC from them); the Council did not agree to fund a water supply for the allotments and the Clerk would look at options to sell Pine View.

**0007: SPC Newsletter:** Cllr Hamblett confirmed that the next edition was ready, interms of content. He had done a dummy layout which was shared with members and the copy would now go to professional design and layout ahead of printing.

**0008: Climate and Waterways:** Cllr Hamblett advised the Council that he and the Clerk had set up and advertised a beach clean at Eype on 6 October. The Clerk took an action to inform Martin Cox about the event. Cllr Evans confirmed that he would stand down from CROWD and that Cllr Hamblett would become the SPC Rep.

**0009: Subsistence:** The Council discussed amending the Standing Orders to enable Councillors to claim subsistence for meetings lasting two hours or more. The Clerk would prepare some text for approval at the October Meeting.

**0010: Reports from Lead members:**
**Cllr Evans –** **f) BLAP Steering Group** Cllr Evans fed back on the recent meeting he had attended.

**Cllr Hamblett** – **m) Resilience** Cllr Hamblett advised the Council that he would be arranging a meeting of resilience contacts ahead of the November Council meeting at the school.

**0012: Clerk’s update:** The Clerk asked for permission to attend the annual Clrrks conference in October in Dorchester – this was approved. She advised the Council that our annual DeFib training was being offered by South West Ambulance Service again and that a session had been arranged prior to the main Council meeting in October in the school hall at 5.30pm. She also advised that the next BLAP meeting would include a session with Ed Morello MP and asked if there were any issues to raise with him. Cllr Ralph asked that he be invited to our annual meeting in May.

**0013: Items for future meetings:** Tree Policy, Subsistence, Allotments

**0014: Date and location of next meeting**: Thursday 10 October, Symondsbury School Hall, preceded by DeFib training at 5.30pm

**Meeting finished at 9.10pm**