**SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Minutes of the annual meeting of Symondsbury Parish Council held on Thursday 13 March 2025 at 7pm at Symondsbury School.

**0001 PRESENT:** Cllrs – S Ralph, R Elwes, B Hamblett, S Evans, B Bates and P Colfox. Apologies were received from Cllr P Hartmann. In attendance: Natalie Bealing, Clerk. There were no members of the public in attendance.

**0002: Disclosures of Interests and Dispensations:** To **receive** disclosures of personal and prejudicial interest from Councillors on matters to be considered at the meeting**:**

**0003: To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 13 February 2025:** The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed.

**0004: Matters arising and actions from last meeting:** The Clerk confirmed that most actions were either complete or on the agenda for further discussion. The Clerk had received an email from Amanda Streatfeild regarding the outside toilet at the Church in Symondsbury confirming that the church team would be in touch with Cllr Evans regarding the next stage of developments.

**0005: To resolve payments and receipts for the month of February 2025**: a) Clerk’s salary, b) SLCC membership renewal; c) DAPTC conference fees; d) Clerk’s expenses

 To **update** on online banking: Current account £6.535.57, Savings £24,462.90

 **0006: Planning Matters:**

 **P/NMA/2025/00952 Proposal:** Non material amendment to approved P/A P/FUL/2024/03372 (Proposed agricultural barn and 2no polytunnels) to introduce canopy overhang, introduce sliding doors to north elevation and replace opening doors with sliding doors on east and south elevations **Location:** Landoff Higher Eype Road, Higher Eype, Bridport DT6 6AS **FOR INFO ONLY**

**P/NOTP/2025/00911 Proposal:** Remove payphone (Call box I.D. 01308422006). (Retain telephone kiosk - to be locked**). Location:** Mill Lane To Miles Cross Symondsbury. **Conclusion:** There were no objections to the removal of the handset.The Council decided that it would be good to explore re-purposing of the phonebox once it was no longer in service.

 **0007: Symondsbury Exhibition with Bridport Museum– Cllr Hamblett:** Cllr Hamblettreported back from a meeting he had attended about some new exhibitions at Bridport Museum. There is an opportunity to showcase the Parish. The Council agreed that they would like to support this, highlighting Symondsbury village initially and then the smaller villages in the Parish. Cllr Hamblett wad asked to write an article for the upcoming newsletter to get local volunteers to help and provide content.

**0008: VE Day:** Flag to fly on Colmers Hill and exploring whether it will be possible to fly one from the church tower. Bell ringing is planned to coincide with the national events for the day.

**0009: Resilience:** Cllr Hamblett presented the latest Parish risk register, based on the Dorset Council plan. Each risk has been prioritised with ideas for mitigation. The next step is to forward the plan to the Emergency Response Team (ERT) and then get everyone together to discuss and refine it.

Set goals and targets and agree a plan for review.

**0010: Reports from Lead members:**
**Cllr Evans – r) BLAP Liaison** Cllr Evans reported on a meeting he had attended in the Clerk’s stead. **h)** There was a short discussion on nominations for the **Community Awards**.

**k) Allotments** Cllr Bates had submitted a short report prior to the meeting. There was a short discussion about chickens and the allotments. Council agreed to extend the waiting list for Pine View to the Bridport list. Cllr Bates to contact BTC. He also offered to write an article for the newsletter and noticeboards.

**Cllr Hamblett** confirmed that he was working on the **Parish newsletter**. Ideally it will go out in early May. Content and deadlines were discussed. He confirmed that the Brit Valley project had started. He also spoke about a Leaf Cycle demo which he plans to conduct at the fete.

**0011: Clerk’s update:** Nothing to report that hadn’t been covered during the meeting.

**0012: Items for future meetings:**

**0013: Date and location of next meeting** Thursday 10 April, 7pm, Symondsbury School Hall.

**Meeting finished at 8.55pm**