

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th October 2019 at 7pm at Symondsburry School. **These minutes will be ratified at the November Parish Council Meeting.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Sir Philip Colfox, S Holmes, A Streatfeild, S Ainley, S Ralph and J Roddy. In attendance: Cllrs D Bolwell and K Clayton (Dorset Council) and Marilyn Stone, Clerk. 2 members of the public were present. All names were recorded in the Attendance book.

Democratic Half Hour during which members of the public are invited to raise matters of interest:

Concerns were raised over the planning application for 2 new dwellings on land west of Watton Lane: oversubscribed used of existing water supply (water pressure is poor), several power cuts to high voltage lines, neighbours bought their properties knowing that the adjoining land was for agricultural use, over bearing, additional traffic especially when A35 is closed.

Information from DC Councillors and Dorset Police: Dorset Councillor, Dave Bolwell, provided some information regarding the forthcoming presentations of the Dorset Council Plan to Town and Parish Councils. He also advised that the Bridport Neighbourhood Plan had been approved and will be going to Referendum soon. Dorset Councillor, Kelvin Clayton, advised of the three workshops taking place on 22nd October at Bridport

PCSO Alex Bishop provided a report which the clerk read out. The main points being:

Motorcycle riders using private areas of the village, such as footpaths. Report to police on 101, or via Dorset Police website, www.dorset.police.uk/. You can use mobile phones, or 'go pro' cameras to record any evidence. A noticeable decline in scam communications. The Community Speed Watch team is currently undergoing some training activity at the moment and will shortly be able to get a rota together to do regular speed checks. If anyone is interested in joining the CSW team, they can contact Nick Follett (team Co-ordinator) for further information.

924 To receive and approve apologies for absence: Apologies had been received from Councillor J Tinker which was accepted.

925 To receive Declarations of interest: None.

926 To approve the Minutes of last meeting: The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th September 2019 were approved and signed.

927 Chairman's Announcements: None.

928 Clerks Report: The clerk reported that she had been in communication with Balfour Beatty regarding the A35. She had researched the use of social media to promote Symondsburry Parish Council. The Clerk had communicated with Martin Cox regarding a footpath. She advised that the Precept/budget calculations were underway.

929 Finance: a) **Bank Balances:** Current account: £7,492.00 Deposit: £20,302.02

b) **Payments of Account for approval:** i) Clerk's Salary ii) Bridport Town Council (Lengthsman Link) £1,200.00, Jurassic Design (website) £257.88, Clerk expenses £56.99,

Dorset Council £235.00 (allotment rent). On the proposition of Cllr Streafeild, seconded by Cllr Ralph, it was **Resolved** that the above accounts be paid.

930 Planning Applications:

WD/D/19/002394 – Removal of 68 Telephone Boxes within Dorset – The phone box within Eype is sited on private land, the owner of which does not mind it being removed. Councillor Ralph will collate local opinion. It was agreed that the telephone box at the London Inn could be removed.

WD/D/19/002178 Land West of Watton Farm Erection of 2 dwellings outline application – Access and layout). Concerns were raised over siting, privacy and it being overbearing, amenity and density. The clerk will draft an objection to the proposed application referring to the National Planning Policy Framework in conjunction with Cllr Ainley.

WD/D/19/002103 Bridport Leisure Centre, Skilling Hill Road, Bridport, DT6 5LN – Installation of 2 No. shelters, lean on fencing with advertisement and an illuminated scoreboard , Support.

WD/D/19/002050 Dolton House, West Road, Watton Lane, Bridport, DT6 6AF Demolish redundant barn and erect log cabin annex. Will be used by friends and visitors, in a paddock using a separate driveway. No comment.

WD/D/19/001906 Tuckers Cottage, Watton lane, Bridport, DT6 5JZ – Application for approval of reserved matters for access, appearance, landscaping and scale in relation to outline approval WD/D/18/00204 – More time is sought to investigate. The Clerk to request an extension to Planning Department.

931 New Projects– A35 Underpass, Planning Protocol (engaging earlier), New website and use of social media – To place on the website the earlier notice from developers on any forthcoming planning applications. The clerk advised that she had researched the use of Social Media and showed the home screen to the Councillors. The councillors will meet on the 25th October to research the A35 underpass idea.

932 Raised Pavement, Eype - Cllr Holmes was asked who owns the pavement residents or the council? He advised that the Conservation Officer will not visit to look at it unless we can prove pre-listed status. It needs to be repaired sympathetically. The Clerk to locate a possible document.

933 Grant Requests: Axe valley and West Dorset Ring and Ride Service Limited - £100 and **Symondsburry PCC** - £750 regarding the upkeep of Symondsburry and Eype churchyards. **Proposed by Councillor Streatfeild and seconded by Councillor Colfox, all in favour.**

934 Water Supply to Pine View/West Road Allotments: The Clerk to obtain quote from Chris Scadding in relation to the digging up and installing a pipe from the water cock outside near the garages at Pine View together with one or two water troughs.

935 Reports from lead members:

- a) Footpaths – The Clerk to write to Martin Cox to thank him for his assistance in repairing the footpath. Councillor Ralph will communicate with the lengthsman with regards to some of the overgrown footpaths.
- b) A35 – Cllr Roddy advised that the roundabout is being designed, but no houses can be occupied at Vearse Farm until it is built.
- c) Transport – Nothing new to report.
- d) Allotments – Already discussed earlier.
- e) Resilience – Cllr Streatfeild advised that the next meeting is on 22nd October and asked all councillors to check their grit bins in their respective areas.
- f) Coastal Matters – Nothing new to report.
- g) DAPTC – Nothing new to report.
- h) BLAP Report - It was advised that a steering group meeting had been held and a homelessness project was underway, Poverty Action Group, in conjunction with the Citizens Advice Bureau. John Sellgren, Executive Director of Place, is listening to all issues.
- i) Lengthsman Link – Already covered.
- j) Tree Officer – Nothing new to report.
- k) Ancient Monuments – Nothing else to report.
- l) Symene Voice – Councillor Roddy would like ideas in January 2020 for the next edition.
- m) Neighbourhood Plan – Has been approved.
- n) Finger Posts – Already covered separately.
- o) Symene CLT – A meeting was held on 7th October. Councillor Streatfeild had written to Andy Birch, Hallam Land to enquire as to the possibility of a SCLT development within Vearse Farm. There had been a meeting with Steve Watson, Wessex Community Assets (who previously helped set up Edwards Close) to assist with providing guidelines to produce a case.
- p) Community Governance Review – If the review removes Vearse Farm to Bridport will make the prospect of a CLT much harder.
- q) Climate Emergency – Councillor Streatfeild will lead. Char Valley are keen to put a plan together and this would be considered

936 Correspondence List: The list for September/October had been previously circulated.

937 Items for inclusion at our next meeting November: Precept/budget, BT phone box at Eype, Allotment at Pine View, New footpath.

938 To confirm date of next meeting: Tuesday 12th November 2019 at Symondsburry School at 7pm. Councillors to meet at 6pm.

Meeting closed at 9.01pm

Signed.....

Councillor Sir Philip Colfox

Date.....

