

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 8 November 2011 at 7.00pm in the Symondsburry Schoolroom

PRESENT: P R Smith, S Holmes, M Costello, S Ralph, M Leighton and B Baker.
In attendance: Cllr Summers WDC and Mrs C Evans, Clerk; together with 15 members of the public.

Information from WDC Councillor

- The 'Anchor' development at Seatown is being considered by WDC on 15th December.
- The cuts at the hospital were felt to be exaggerated in the media. There will be reductions in hours and clinics but no proposals to close the hospital. Dorset HealthWatch (replacement of 'LINKs) considers concerns and complaints about the NHS provision. They are looking for additional Board members – see website: www.dorsetforyou.com/healthwatch
- WDC is making £5k available for communities in support of the Olympic Torch relay. Suggestion that Symondsburry and Chideock jointly apply.

Democratic Half Hour. Members of the public expressed their views on the following subjects:

Salt bins in Symondsburry village on the road from the A35 (will be reviewed). Bins now in place – please alert the Clerk when the bins are running low in order to gain additional supplies.

Views were expressed on the Down House farm cafe application – key points made were: reminder that responses to Planning Applications needed to be made on evidence and not personal opinions; refurbishment of the lane is required but the owners of the Farm have not been prepared to adequately engage with neighbours' plans; opposition to the Application are solely on the issue of access difficulties and the adverse impact as evidenced by those living along the road, it was reported that at one point 16 cars an hour were recorded in the summer, (photographic evidence to support this point were left with the Clerk); view that the popularity of the cafe will increase the amount of traffic over time; challenges to WDC handling of the original application; evidence of continual increase of activity at the farm, for example marketing for outside catering and a farm shop; view that the same outcome should be reached on this permanent Application as on the temporary as same conditions exist; support for the original Symondsburry parish Council decision and urge to repeat this; majority of households along the lane oppose the cafe; debate as to the legalities of driving on the bridle way; proposal to apply a restriction to ensure the cafe is for walkers only (but challenges regarding enforcement); the application should be refused as not in compliance with: PPS1, SS3, ET9, PG13, PPPS7, SA1, SA2, SA3, DA3, DA5, DA6, and the AONB Management Plan.

Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Cllr A C Streatfeild who had a domestic engagement, which was accepted and approved.

Declaration of Interests. None were declared.

Minutes. The minutes of the meeting held on 13 September 2011 were approved and signed. Chairman's update included: Highlands End Planning Application was approved; 1/D/11/001164 Certificate of Lawfulness, Down House Farm Eype, Camping was refused.

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Chairman's Announcements. Salt bins are now in place (placement in Symondsburry will be checked following the issue being raised earlier in the meeting); there has been no response to the Newsletter – ideas for Parish Council expenditure.

Setting 2012-13 budget. Cllrs accepted the proposal and agreed to provide any comments to the Clerk by Friday. The proposal included plans for a raise of 8% to the Precept, up to £10,800, in order to begin to replace the reserves spent on the grit-bins this year.

Finance.

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| a. Bank Balances: | Current a/c £3495 | Deposit a/c £ 9471 |
| b. Accounts for payment: | Clerks Salary & Expenses | £1,823 |
| | Stationery | £ 88 |
| | BDO (audit) | £ 174 |
| | Bridport Town Council (lengthsman) | £ 900 |
| | Bopper Bus | £ 100 |
| | DAPTC (training/membership) | £ 117 |
| c. Budget: | No proposals presented from councillors. | |

Planning Applications

a). 1/D/11/001636: Greenway, Meadway, West Bay - demolish outbuilding & erect single storey extension – comments were made regarding the significant increase in size, poor local support, improvement in its look. It was agreed to respond with No Objections, with a comment that the increase in the size of the dwelling (from 2 to 4 bedroom) changes the nature of the house to either a family house or multiple adult occupancy and the adverse impact that will have on the access to the site on a small road which may be considered over-development.

b).1/D/11/001591: Down House Farm, Down House Lane, Eype - continue use of front garden area & part of ground floor farmhouse for a mixed use of residential & for the serving of food & drink (change of use) – reviewed the photographic evidence; comments were made on: need to maintain original response to the temporary Application earlier this year, as there was no significant changes to the local circumstances; reviewed the WDDC rationale supporting their decision; referenced 1/D/09/001887 as precedence for refusal of Applications on access grounds; bridle path Rights of Way allows for 'like rights' if visiting for legal reasons (further investigation following the meeting have proven the position to be "if vehicular visiting for lawful reasons when the bridlepath follows the route of a private/un adopted highway"), questions raised about water and sewerage arrangements (but these are not Planning issues). Vote taken on: Objection on grounds of Policy ET8. Proposal carried

c). 1/D/11/001759: Eype Down Bungalow, Eype Down Road – erect external metal stair cases to garage – Agreement to respond No Objection, with comment about concerns over the construction material being used, as ungalvanised steel in this location will quickly become unsightly as not resistant to local condition of salt laden air..

HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee 2012 – early plans are to arrange celebration meals throughout the day at varying locations. Details to be publicised in the next Newsletter. Symondsburry Parish beacon will be registered to join the national arrangements.

Cabling in Eype. Cllr Holmes introduced a discussion on the long-term plans to removing unsightly over-head cabling in Eype. A recent opportunity had arisen which had resulted in an individual funding additional work to enable the BT works to include preparation for

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planned electricity work at a considerable saving to the Utility company as well as inconvenience to residents. The Clerk agreed to approach the respective Local Authorities with a view to reclaim the private money spent. There had been an approach to ERDF to bury the cables both in Eype and Symondsburry, which has not been responded to. The Clerk agreed to follow this up and report back as earlier work on this matter had come to nothing.

Allotments. £2,500 of s106 funding has now been granted by WDDC to clear the plot for the Pine View allotments. Clerk agreed to form a local Working Party consisting of local interested parties and begin work as soon as possible.

Coastal Matters. Cllr Leighton informed the Council that new national funding had been announced aimed to support coastal communities, no details yet available. Agreed to consider local priorities and match them against the Guidance once produced (including the burying of cables)

Footpaths. Cllr Costello to maintain a watching brief on Rights to Roam. Agreed to draw up a list of issues raised regarding footpaths & bridle ways and their resolution. Clerk agreed to produce detailed maps of the Parish to inform Cllrs' considerations.

Reports. To receive and adopt. Verbal report given regarding the Dorset Association of Town and Parish Council's AGM by Cllrs Smith and Leighton. Clerk agreed to seek a speaker to present the Localism Bill at the Annual Meeting next May (and ask Chideock Parish to join us to fully utilise the opportunity).

Correspondence. Note Christmas refuse dates available and will be placed on the Notice Boards. This year there is only one week of changes. New DCC Transport Teams details notified – as an aside, it was noted funds have been identified that may result in gullies on some of our roads will be modified before winter.

To approve and confirm the date of the next meeting as 10 January 2012.

Policy Committee Meeting 13 December 2011.

Signed.....Date

Cllr P R Smith, Chairman

C Evans 11/11/2011

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