

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL **MINUTES**

Minutes of the Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 13 March 2012 at 7.00pm in the Symondsburry Schoolroom

PRESENT: Cllr A C Streatfeild, P R Smith, S Holmes, M Costello, and B Baker.

In attendance: Cllr G Brierley DCC, Cllr Summer and Mrs C Evans, Clerk, together with 5 members of the public whose names are recorded in the attendance record.

Democratic Half Hour: Members of the public expressed their views of the Bridport main development opportunity entry in the draft West Dorset Local Plan (discussed later on the agenda at item 9) proposed on the Vearse Farm site. Comments included concerns over the continuing access to footpaths; increase in the electoral role by possibly 1,500 which will dominate the Parish (which could prompt a Parish Boundary change); and poor public awareness to date. Comments were also made that the Local Plan working groups held in the autumn were not representative as there were many separate but related subject groups and so impossible to cross reference and membership was difficult to gain so some groups were dominated by single-issue views. Timetable poorly understood.

It was agreed that the next Symene Voice will include an article on the draft proposals.

Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors:

Cllr Brierley advised:

- ✓ that there is to be no increase in the DCC precept this year. The Police Authority are concerned that remaining within the Government 3% ceiling will impact on their service next year.
- ✓ the Charmouth Community Library is progressing very well, the lease being transferred in the autumn and the Friends are raising funds with no problem.
- ✓ the traffic accident numbers in Dorset are down by 4% from the previous year, one of the most significant reductions in the Country. But mobile telephone usage whilst driving is actually increasing and is a growing concern.

Cllr Summers:

- ✓ acknowledged the difficulties within the WDDC Planning team over the past few months caused by staff shortages, but felt these should now be overcome by an additional member of staff being recruited and some temporary support to get up to date. Comment was made that if the future system is to rely entirely upon electronic distribution Papers it was very important that drawings are scanned into the system so they are presented the right way round.
- ✓ the newly erected windmill clearly visible from Symondsburry was raised as an issue as it was not notified as an 'Adjacent Parish' Planning Application for Symondsburry PC to consider. Cllr Summers agreed to request that any Planning Applications for installations visible from a Parish are referred for to them for consideration in addition to the one that they fall in and immediate adjacent parishes; the Clerk agreed to approach the CPRE to ensure their full engagement in this issue.
- ✓ WDDC is having briefing sessions on Neighbourhood Planning and she will share any key information at a future SPC meeting.
- ✓ WDDC has frozen the Council Tax, staff salaries and car-parking fees this year.

Community Policing: Cllr Smith noted that there had been 2 serious traffic accidents recently but no publicity. Will raise with our linked Officer at the next meeting he attends.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies for absence were received for Cllr S Ralph on holiday and Cllr Leighton unwell, which were accepted and approved.
2. **Declaration of Interests:** Cllr Streatfeild declared a declaration of interest in the Planning Application no 1/D/12/000245 Denhay Farm to be discussed later in the agenda.
3. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2012 were approved and signed.

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4. **Chairman's Announcements**: Proposed rather than pursue the previously agreed idea to hold SPC surgeries, to change it to moving the Council meetings around the Parish during the year. Agreed to propose the idea at the Annual Parish meeting to gauge residents' views.
5. **A35 and Transport**: The next WATAG meeting will be held on 22nd March. Several Cllrs had been approached about the closure of the car park space at London Inn resulting in a potential serious accident spot (several incidents have already occurred including one that required an ambulance being called to the site). As it is private land the SPC has no authority, but encouraged the residents at the site to write to Palmers Brewery to seek a safer outcome than is currently the case.
There is a revised timetable for the no. 31 bus Weymouth to Dorchester route.
6. **DCC Waste Strategy**: Cllr Smith proposed a consultation with a similar Parish that has been using the new waste collection service (wheelie bins) in the east of the county to see how it works in practice, when we get closer to the time WDDC plan to introduce the new system.
7. **Finance**:
- a). Bank Balances. Current a/c £3,051.88 Deposit a/c £9,603.24
The above includes £5,664 held on behalf of the Symene CLT (note this is the last entry to include CLT funds as SPC no longer hold any monies on their account).
- b). Resolved to confirm agreements made at Policy Meeting for payment:
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| DAPTC training | £ 40.00 |
| WDDC allotment rent | £200.00 |
| Grant to Symondsbury PPC | £600.00 |
- c). Resolved to buy a replacement for the Broadoak SPC Notice Board.
8. **Planning Applications**: Formal approval was given for decisions taken at the Policy Committee Meeting held on 14th Feb 2012 as follows –
- 1/D/12/00004 – Ilchester Arms. The Application was fully discussed and a decision to submit 'no objections'.
- 1/D/12/00040 and 1/D/12/00046 - New House Farm, Broadoak. Supported both as very supportive of Policy ET5 (note 1/D/12/00046 has since been withdrawn by the Applicant).
- 1/D/11/002109 and 1/D/11/002110 - Manor Farm, Symondsbury. Change of use & Listed Building consent. Following a site visit submitted No objections to either Application, but with comment.
- 1/D/11/001902 – Colston, West Cliff. No objection following further consultation with residents by the local Cllr.
- 1/D/11/000245 – Denhay Farm retrospective Application. Cllr Streatfeild withdrew from the meeting for the discussions and resolution of this Application. Following full discussion it was resolved to submit 'No Objections' (note this Application has since been withdrawn by the Applicant).
- 11/D/12/000250 – Edge Cliff, West Bay. Revised Application following refusal. Following full discussion it was resolved to submit 'No Objections' with comments.
9. **New Local Plan – Dev't of land off West Road (Vearse Farm)**: Brief discussion of the proposals in the draft Local Plan, building on comments made earlier in the Democratic section of the meeting. The SPC had been offered an early meeting with WDDC Officers to gain a greater understanding of the proposals and how most effectively to engage in the process (meeting subsequently occurred on Friday 16th March).
10. **HM The Queen's Diamond Jubilee**: SPC has submitted a grant request to WDDC to support local activities, outcome not yet known. All of our areas will have a celebration run by the respective local communities. Cllr Summers offered her support in her role as Chairman of the WDDC Council. Community working parties should consider how they could utilise this offer.

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11. **Dorset Spring Clean**: this annual exercise was highlighted. Anyone interested in organising a Spring Clean or litter pick to contact Jackie Thomas or Simon Fox at WDDC on 01305 251010 for an application form.
12. **Confirm Internal Auditor**: resolved to continue to use Mr Peter Thomas.
13. **Annual Parish meeting**: reminder that we have Dr Evans as a guest speaker and have invited neighbouring parishes to join us for this part of the evening.
14. **Allotments**: Cllr Baker visited the Pine View site and discussed the plans with local residents that had expressed concerns over the arrangements.
15. **Coastal matters**: nothing raised (due to Cllr Leighton's absence)
16. **Footpaths**: A rotted sign post near Denhay was raised as requiring mending. Cllr Costello agreed to contact the WDDC to clarify how the revised 'Volunteer Group' process works alongside the original Footpath works process and pursue the Denhay sign post. Also to gain additional yellow way markers to clarify the path over West Cliff to help people stay on the path.
17. **Reports**: BLAP report of 16th February was presented.
18. **Correspondence**: items were reported and discussed as per circulated listing.

The meeting was closed at 8.55pm after the following dates were confirmed:

Annual Parish meeting 03/04/2012

Next Policy Meeting on 10/04/2012

Signed.....Date

Cllr P R Smith, Chairman

Cathy Evans Clerk 20/03/2012

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