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Minutes of the Meeting of the Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th March
2013 at 7.00pm in the Symondsburry Schoolroom

PRESENT: Cllrs P Smith, S Holmes, S Ralph, M Leighton, D Wragg and A C Streatfeild.

In attendance: Mrs C Evans, Clerk and Ms Marnier, newly appointed Clerk together with Cllr Summers (WDDC) and 1 member of the public whose name is recorded in the attendance record.

DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR – Progress of the A35 Working Group was raised; response that Mr Letwin's meeting has been rescheduled for 19th April.

Information from WDDC Councillors and Police –

WDDC –

Their budget has been agreed with 3rd year running with no increase in Council Tax (and no cuts to grants or service or parking fees for the 7th yr).

The comments on the Draft Local Plan were shared (available on www.dorsetforyou.com).

Briefly discussed the issues raised at the West Bay meeting held on 8th March.

Policy Scrutiny meeting to be held shortly and Cllr Summers invited comments to take to it.

All 'waste' disposal arrangements are being transferred from WDDC to Dorset Waste Partnership as part of the wider County arrangements. One aspect of the transfer means some policies will be changed, including charity shops and offices now incurring charges for collection of their rubbish.

Two issues regarding Planning were raised by SPC. Both refer to poor management of the website. Firstly the orientation of plans on the website are still not always the correct way, and there are no instructions to explain that one can turn them by right clicking the mouse; secondly the accuracy of the actual Application documents (incorrect numbering of Applications, the filing of them under the correct heading on the website and the 'received this week' option which starts the count again each Monday, rather than using a rolling 7 days). We also recommended that rather than report 'none found' under the 'this week' option, it would be more helpful to state none made to confirm that there was nothing missing.

Cllr Leighton raised the issue of scale bars on Applications again and Cllr Summers committed to taking this issue back to WDDC to report back any progress.

Police –

Through the Clerk the Police repeated their warning to residents to not leave valuables in their cars as vehicle break-ins are continuing to rise. Cllr Leighton raised the issue of a very long-term empty property and the potential criminal uses it could be put to, and asked the Clerk to approach the Police again to respond. Other issues were raised regarding the property which had an impact on the neighbourhood and Cllr Summers noted this.

1. **Apologies for absence** – apologies were received from Cllr Baker and Cllr Costello who were on holiday, and Cllr Wragg who was unwell which were accepted and approved.

2. **To consider Grant of Dispensations** – none received

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3. **Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2013 were approved and signed.

4. **Chairman's Announcements** - Introduced the new Clerk, Kellie Marnier who has taken up the post with immediate effect and will work alongside Cathy Evans for a month. Bridport Local Area Partnership invited SPC to send representatives to a meeting exploring the feasibility of a Neighbourhood Plan based on the BLAP area. Cllrs Streatfeild and Smith, and Cathy Evans to attend.

5. Finance

a). Bank Balances. Current a/c £3,131 Deposit a/c £5,101

b). Accounts for payment.

DCC Allot rent £ 145.75

Symondsbury School £ 96.00

Resolved that the above accounts be paid

c). Budget proposals from Councillors – the West Cliff notice board was discussed and the Clerk was asked to write to the West Cliff House Owners Association to endeavour to revive their interest and agree a suitable position for one. The verge opposite the old 'W.I.' notice board was suggested (Hill Rise/West Cliff Road), as being previously tentatively agreed, subject to the Trustees final approval.

6. Planning Applications -

1/D/13/000177 (adjoining Parish): Groves Nurseries, 74A West Bay Rd, Bridport –

Resolved to propose no objections.

1/D/13/000183 West Dorset Wind Farm Application CPRE request for all their Members to consider. **Resolved** to submit an objection to the application on the grounds of none conformity to Policies SA1 and IN2 of the Local plan in support of CPRE.

It was also noted that Certificate of Lawful Use Applications are only available to see in Dorchester. The Clerk agreed to approach WDDC to treat them in the same manner as Planning Applications.

7. **Annual Meeting Planning** – Propose to seek a key note Speaker from the AONB Team, Clerk to take forward.

8. **A35 speed limit** – Oliver Letwin's working group is due to meet on 19th April.

9. Reports from lead Members (by exception only):

(a) Footpaths – Donkey Lane (through West Cliff) is a continuing problem due to its surface being eroded by every heavy rainfall. This was identified in the Resilience Planning meeting as a key alternative route in the event West Cliff gets cut off from West Bay.

(b) A35 and Transport – X53 is now a commercial service; Passenger User Survey is being undertaken by DCC and encouraged participation.

(c) Allotments – Clerk to make one final approach to the owner of the neighbouring land to the Pine View plot, but in the meantime work will be started to clear the site.

(d) BLAP – report had been circulated. The annual Assembly is on 21st March in the Salt House at 6.30 and all encouraged to attend.

(e) Resilience – very well attended meeting (particular thanks to the residents that attended) that developed a lot of the key information which will now be presented in a Resilience Plan and circulated for further comment (particularly

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to neighbouring Parishes to ensure compatibility).

- (f) Lengthsman Link – early approaches to both Marshwood Vale and Bridport Town Council have been made to ascertain best value for money. Insufficient clarity on costs and availability at this point to make a judgement. Expect to present full details at the next meeting.
- 10. **Reports** - Resilience planning meeting (see point e). above); AONB event, well attended and very informative. Comments made on the AONB Team's difficulty in making robust responses to Planning Applications and that Parishes should ensure they don't assume the AONB will make their points for them. No update on the WDDC Draft Local Plan response from Symondsburry.
- 11. **Correspondence** – no items of particular interest raised
- 12. **Next Parish Council meeting** 9th April 2013 in Symondsburry School. The Annual meeting is on 2nd April in Symondsburry School.

The meeting was closed at 8.56pm.

Signed.....Date

Cllr P R Smith, Chairman