

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on
Tuesday 8th April 2014 at 7pm at Symondsburry School

These minutes will be ratified at the May Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT: Cllrs P Smith, D Wragg, S Ralph, A Streatfeild, S Holmes, B Baker, M Leighton and Marilyn Stone – Clerk. 1 member of the public also attended and Cllr D Turner (DCC)

All names were recorded in the Attendance book.

Democratic half hour: No questions were brought to the Council.

Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors:

Cllr Turner advised that there is £5,000 available to repair roads, and there are circa 4000 potholes to date. The Route 31 bus will no longer run to Weymouth from 24th May, however, it will run every hour on a Sunday which is very good news for Tourism and will be renumbered X31. The X53 is now running on Sundays service will be an hourly service seven days a week from 25th May providing a direct route to Weymouth from Bridport X31 passengers for Weymouth can change to the 15 minute frequency route 10 at Dorchester but must book to Weymouth to get a through fare .

- 1. To report and approve apologies:** None.
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** None received.
- 3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th March 2014:** Item 12: should read some architects not most architects. Minutes approved and signed.
- 4. Chairman's Announcements:** Councillors must have items for Agenda provided to the Clerk no later than providing a clear week before the next scheduled meeting. An 'email tree' was raised: to send important messages via email to key members to distribute to others. DAPTC have new financial regulations on their website, to be discussed at the next meeting.
- 5. Road Damage:** This was discussed earlier.
- 6. Noticeboard:** Quotes were brought to the table:
H Stebbings £980
A Fox £790
Glasdons £543

It was proposed to accept A Fox quote by Cllr Streatfeild and seconded by Cllr Holmes.

7. **Eype Residents View on the Eype Mouth Footbridge:** Conclusion – it will not be missed.
8. **Proposal to put Public Houses in Parish forward to WDDC for listing as Community Asset:** There are two public Houses within the Parish. Action – contact WDDC Planning to register.
9. **Finance:**
 - a) Bank Balances: Current £4,254.54
Deposit £5,103.27
 - b) Payments of Account for approval:
Clerks Wages March - £263.60
Eype Schoolroom - £10.00
Symondsbury School - £83.00
PAYE - £189.60

£2,000 transfer to be undertaken from Current Account to Deposit Account.

Proposed by Cllr Wragg and seconded by Cllr Holmes, all agreed.

10. **Accounts:** Internal Audit to be undertaken by Sharyn Brown of Pineapple Business Services, who kindly offered her services.
11. **Planning Applications:**
 - a) WD/D/14/000489 – The Caravan, Westcliff Farm, Westbay, Bridport – Certificate of Lawfulness – Cannot see any reason to disapprove. John Fox has written a very good and logical letter. **No objection.**
 - b) WD/D/14/000772 – Elswood Barn, Mount Lane, Eype, Bridport – subject to Cllr Holmes site visit likely to be **No objection.**
12. **Reports from lead members:**
 - a) Footpaths – Following presentation from DCC at Annual Meeting all seems acceptable.
 - b) A35- Planned speed limit change to 40mph from Chideock to east of Miles Cross then 50mph to the Crown Roundabout. The cost of installing cameras has been assessed at £78K, however, Highways Agency reluctant to install as the benefits have to be demonstrated. The deciding factor was the fact that 86% of cars along the West Road(A35 section) were travelling at under 40mph. To alleviate problems, looking to registering the stretch from Hunters Lodge to the Crown Roundabout to a 50mph road.
 - c) Transport – considered earlier.
 - d) Allotments – One vacant allotment at Pine View. The Clerk has drafted a suitable Tenancy Agreement. The problem of rabbits at the West Road site has been reported. Tenants to ‘mark’ the gaps accordingly and this will be addressed.
 - e) Flood Officer – Seminar in Dorchester for anyone effected last winter.
 - f) Resilience. – Ongoing.
 - g) Coastal Matters – Nothing to Report.

- h) DAPTC Reports – New Finance Regulations from NALC for Adoption if appropriate New Financial Procedures – new Solicitors providing the DAPTC with advice. Under £25K turnover, to be exempt from routine external audit.
- i) BLAP Report – Awaiting Minutes from previous meeting.
- j) Lengthsman Link – Nothing to report. Although put more jobs through, Drains at Symondsbury.
- k) Simene CLT – Building in West Road progressing. Another project on way
- l) Tree Officer – Nothing to report.
- m) Ancient Monuments – Nothing to report.
- n) Simene Voice – Nothing to report.

“Neighbourhood Plan” to be added to future “Reports” List.

13. Reports to receive and adopt: None

14. Correspondence: The list had previously been circulated by email.

In addition, to contact the Highways Agency to set up link for reporting occurrences. such as acclamations of litter. *The litter problem reported was cleared within 3 days*

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16. To confirm date of next meeting: The AGM will be held on Tuesday 13th May 2014 at Symondsbury School at 7pm. Nominations for Chair and Vice Chair to the Clerk prior to the Meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.31pm

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