

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on

Tuesday 11th February 2014 at 7pm at Symondsburry School

These minutes will be ratified at the March Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT: Cllr D Turner (DCC), Cllrs P Smith, M Leighton, D Wragg, S Ralph, B Baker and Marilyn Stone – Clerk. D Chambers.(Bridport Town Council Surveyor) All names were recorded in the Attendance book.

Democratic half hour: No members of the public were present.

Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors: Cllr Turner reported that funds were place for the Number 47 bus to Yeovil College to continue for the remainder of the Academic year. Petitions are underway. Cllr Smith added one of the possibilities is a link to Stagecoach route 99 at Crewkerne .

Cllr Turner advised that the Dorset for You website has recently been updated and when reporting highways issues you able to ‘pinpoint’ the location on an interactive map it will indicate if the item has been reported previously. A reference number will be allocated

Cllr Turner advised that there is a new Dorset Directory for Community Transport. The DCC element of Council Tax will increase by 2%for, Band D properties this equates to 45 pence per week. We were also advised that the Council have recovered 94.5% of their Pension Fund money invested with the Icelandic Banks.

- 1. To report and approve apologies:** Apologies were received from Cllrs Streatfeild and Holmes which were accepted and approved.
- 2. Declarations of Interest:** None received.
- 3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2014:** Minutes approved and signed.
- 4. Lengthsman Service:** Daryl Chambers provided the Councillors with a synopsis of the service and details of work completed to date. He advised that funding for the scheme from the County Council is being withdrawn with effect from April 2014. Ideally they would like the Parish Councils to enter into a three year agreement to continue with the service. The cost to us will be £18.00 per hour Inclusive of

equipment/tools/transport/staff training. Any materials used would be extra. Presently we buy 100 hours for the service per year (one day per month) although we only used 93.5 hours last year, this was carried forward and we have currently used most of the 2013-14 allocation. Daryl added that he will endeavour to accomplish all jobs we request but does not mind being chased if necessary. Cllr Leighton requested that he be involved with communications around this service. Cllr Wragg requested an up to date 'What you can do?' list as BTC were now able to provide additional services. Cllr Turner advised that DCC have put in place a trial of Health and Safety and Manual Handling training for Volunteers in the Marshwood Vale with a view to certain tasks on footpaths and minor roads being tasked to a group of local people.

- 5. Chairman's Announcements:** The notice is being displayed on noticeboards currently for community demand for election to fill a casual councillor vacancy. We expect that we will be authorised to appoint a new person, without a formal election.
- 6. West Cliff Issues:** Cllr Leighton read out Item number 3 of an agreement regarding that the noticeboard is solely for the use of the Parish Council. A discussion took place regarding the location of such noticeboard and Cllr Leighton asked whether it would be more appropriate for the board to be situated on Trust land and not that of a private owner who could move on and hence the board may need re-locating. It was agreed that the best place for the noticeboard would be to place it on Trust land. Cllr Leighton asked whether a grit bin could be provided free of charge. Cllr Smith advised that we could under localism and "duty of care". (Cllr Smith advised that a grit bin was also needed in Pine View if possible in the next financial year.
- 7. Revised Standing Orders:** The Clerk advised that she was undertaking a review of the New Model NALC Standing Orders to include the parts needing inclusion from our existing version (also based on an earlier NALC model) and would circulate her findings prior to the next meeting.
- 8. Dorset Best Village Competition 2014:** Cllr Smith asked whether Symondsburry would be entering as per a recent rumour. You can specify which parts of the village you would like to be judged. Cllr Baker to approach villagers.
- 9. Allotment Rent:** Cllrs Baker and Streatfeild attended a meeting with prospective Pine View allotment holders which was constructive. The site has been marked out and the holders have indicated their preferred allotment. £30.00 was suggested for a yearly rent of each allotment. A discussion took place regarding the allotment grant. Clerk to investigate.
- 10. Finance:**
 - a) Bank Balances: Current account: £6,220.14
Deposit account: £5,103.27
 - b) Payments of Account for approval: Clerks Wages January £230.80
Grant Brooks Plant Hire £720.00
- 11. Planning Applications:** 1/D/13/001544 – Nossiters Farm, Broadoak, Bridport. Erect steel frame lambing shed. Permission had been sought to build the lambing shed.

which is apparently across an existing (disused) bridleway. The owner claims that the removal of the bridleway was put to the "Parish Council" previously and had been agreed. (SPC has no knowledge of this as this, is a DCC decision and is not simple) Cllr Streatfeild had visited the site and had had indicated that the proposed building ties in with existing buildings. It was agreed SPC would have **no objection** pending outcome of bridleway decision.

WD/D/14/000269 – Eype Down Sawmill. Erect temporary essential rural workers dwelling. Cllr Ralph had visited the location and advised that it would be a single story log cabin with a grass roof. Would be of an Eco friendly nature. Neighbours are 100 yards away. It was agreed that the Symondsburry Parish Council have **no objections**.

York Lodge – Cllr Leighton provided an update and advised that the WDDC enforcement officer is attending on site on 12th February 2014. Cllr Leighton read out a letter written to the Head of Environment. Cllr Smith added that in the current Building Regulations Consultation it has been suggested that boundary be included in the future. Cllr Leighton added that the heavy footings have been laced with concrete for support.

12. Reports from lead members:

- a) Footpaths – Cllr Ralph had nothing to report.
- b) A35 – Cllr Wragg reported that had been no recent progress. Cllr Smith added that Oliver Letwin MP had mentioned the A35 it in a recent article.
- c) Transport – Cllr Smith advised that there was nothing else to report as the 47 bus had been discussed earlier.
- d) Allotments – Cllr Baker advised that all actions had been dealt with
- e) Flood Officer – Cllr Smith our EA Flood Warden advised that the Brewery were advised of the potential flooding possible from the partly blocked culvert under the Ilchester Arms but no reply had been received.
- f) Resilience. Cllr Streatfeild will update at next meeting following meeting of community reps in January
- g) Coastal Matters – Cllr Leighton reported that the concrete area below Westcliff was strewn with debris and longitudinal cracks had materialised in the middle of some bays.
- h) DAPTC Reports – A Community Safety Officer operating through a partnership which includes the Fire, Police shows a reduction in crime rates. DAPTC will be holding their Annual Conference at Kingston Maurwood on 26th February 2014. Cllr Wragg was proposed to attend and all agreed.
- i) BLAP Report – None
- j) Lengthsman Link – This was covered earlier Cllr Leighton reported that outstanding jobs were progressing.
- k) Simene CLT – Cllr Wragg advised that we are still awaiting planning permissions.
- l) Tree Officer – Not present

m) Ancient Monuments – No present.

n) Simene Voice – The Councillor Vacancy position had been advertised. Would like to include the Annual report into the next edition.

13. Reports to receive and adopt: Rural Economy Report. It was advised that the Report should be read and digested by all Councillors and made a topic for the next meeting. Cllr Wragg would like the Report adopted proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Ralph.

14. Correspondence: The list had been circulated by email. In addition: a letter had been received from Citizens Advice Bureau requesting financial assistance for 2014. Cllr Wragg proposed that we offer the same amount as last year, £100. This was **agreed unanimously**.

15. Scrutiny of Planning Application Process (WDDC): Cllr Leighton read out extracts and explained that a review would be carried out in 12 months. If properly implemented the report went some way to resolving the long term difficulty in getting policy used

16. Neighbourhood Planning: There are only three parishes(Bridport Allington & Symondsburry) involved presently and WDDC would like to see more and are asking for more to join. Cllr Smith added that whilst the concept is good he is concerned regarding the use of it. It becomes statutory document only when approved by an inspector

17. Set Meeting Dates/Locations 2014/2015: It was agreed that all meetings will all be at Symondsburry School as the experiment of having one each year had not been successful. Clerk to produce and distribute list.

18. To confirm date of next meeting: Tuesday 11th March 2014 in Eype Schoolroom at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 9.08pm

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