

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on

Tuesday 14th January 2014 at 7pm at Symondsburry School

These minutes will be ratified at the February parish council meeting

PRESENT: Cllr D Turner (DCC), Cllr G Summers (WDDC), Cllrs P Smith, M Leighton, D Wragg, S Ralph, A Streatfeild, S Holmes, B Baker and Marilyn Stone – Clerk.

5 members of the public also attended, their names were recorded in the attendance book.

Democratic half hour: Concerns were raised regarding walls built on West Cliff. Concerns from the public have been made to the West Cliff House Owners Association regarding the pathways and that people have become frightened to walk along them as they feel the ‘walls’ are not safe. Some are around 4 metres high. A member of the public reported that the wall is a health and safety issue. There appear to be signs of the wall cracking, with no proper footings in place to keep that size of the wall upright. Cllr Wragg noted that the Planning Application was approved in this connection; however, the work done is not in line with the application. Cllr Summers advised that she would get an Enforcement Officer involved and visit the site.

A request to use our lengthsmen to mark out the proposed allotments at Pine View had been sought. There will be 8 allotments, 2 rows of 4. Water could be captured from garage roof tops, and Cllr Streatfeild hoped that funding would be available for water butts.

Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors: Cllr Turner advised that resurfacing work at Skilling Hill will commence at the end of January 2014.(Not Broad Lane as advertised) Cllr Turner also advised that the Number 47 bus, Bridport to Yeovil, will be subsidised by the DCC until June 2014.

Cllr Summers advised that 3 boats were damaged at West Bay during the recent bad weather. There were enough sand bags for all, however, people who got sandbags recently are being asked to store them safely in readiness for future use. Cllr Smith advised that products are available from builders merchants including Jewson’s to install in readiness for future occurrences of flooding.

Cllr Summers advised that the ‘right hand turn’ at West Bay was discussed at the Full Council Meeting (WDDC). The option of removing part of the ‘pinch point’ outside Haddon House Hotel was discussed. Cllr Summers continued to advise that visitors to West Bay are driving into the Harbour area to locate a place to park, only to find that most cars end up parking in the car park opposite Haddon House Hotel which they drove past initially. Cllr Leighton advised that traditionally cars were driving around to view the sea and then leave and still continue to do so. Cllr Summers advised that this will be monitored.

Cllr Summers reported that the ‘grand opening’ of the new DCC library at Dorchester will take place on 20th February 2014. There will not be an official opening of South Walks House WDDC HQ

A discussion took place regarding Broomhills Waste Transfer System.

Community Policing: Marilyn read out an email from PCSO Paul Miners: Locals should be made aware that in the last month 2 vehicles have been stolen from the Symondsburry area. The first was reported on 17th December 2013, a camouflaged land rover, which was subsequently discovered in the Dorchester area undamaged and returned to its owner. This was mainly due to the usage of social media networking sites. The second stolen vehicle, a red Peugeot 405 estate, was reported on the 28th December 2013, sadly found nearby burnt out. PCSO Paul Miners has requested that all residents ensure that they are locking their cars and utilising garages where possible. We are also made aware that a gate was stolen overnight on 19th December 2013 from the Higher Eype area.

1. To report and approve apologies: No councillors were absent.

2.To receive declarations of interest: None received.

3.To approve minutes of the meeting held on 10th December 2013: Minutes approved and signed.

4. Chairman's Announcements: Cllr Smith had nothing to report.

5. Precept Setting/Budget: Cllr Wragg took us through the proposed precept for the year 2014/2015. Taking into consideration the increase in Band D rate of 6.71%, our contribution of £500 to the neighbourhood plan, rents for allotments, VAT refund of £300, a precept of £11,340 was proposed. Cllr Baker proposed and seconded by Cllr Streatfeild. All in favour.

6. Finance:

(a) Bank Balances	Current Account £6,975.09
	Deposit Account £5,103.27
(b) Accounts for payment	Footprints (P Smith Allotment Flyers) - £30.00
	Clerks Salary December - £206.10
	Outgoing Clerks salary December - £74.85
	DAPTC Councillors Update - £25.00
	DAPTC Chairmans seminar - £25.00
	Pineapple - £42.00
	Creeds –Simene Voice £169.00
	HMRC Months 7-9 - £143.00

On the proposition of Cllr Streatfeild, seconded by Cllr Baker it was resolved the payments be made.

7. Planning Applications:

1/D/13/001719 – Single Storey extension, Silverhow, Hill Close, West Bay, Bridport, DT6 4HW, Cllr Leighton advised that there are no adverse comments and “**No Objection**” has been submitted .

1/D/13/000273 – Broomhills Waste Transfer Station – Cllr Smith and Cllr Wragg to attend Planning Cttee . Cllr Wragg outlined his verbal submission for 17th Jan 2014 reiterating the objections raised earlier and including support for reducing the proposed 50 mph speed limit to 40 mph should the scheme go ahead.

Cllr Streatfeild advised of a late submission of **No Objection** re Brighthay Farm, 1/D/13/001458.

8. Reports from Lead Members:

a) Footpaths: Cllr Ralph reported that all paths are muddy, and a new Footpath Officer is coming next to next PC. Cllr Leighton reported that Donkey Lane has taken some transverse water and would need some remedial work when the ground water has subsided

b) A35: Nothing new to report.

c) Transport: Cllr Smith advised that the 'Wednesday' bus under threat has been retained through Symondsburry.

d) Allotments: We were advised that London Inn site is going well.

e) Flood Warden: Cllr Smith reported that the Environment Agency have done a lot of work since July 2012, cutting back trees etc and this has increased flow and no reports of flooding incidents have been received.

f) Resilience: Cllr Streatfeild advised that she will be at the meeting on Thursday, 23 Jan

g) Coastal Matters: Cllr Leighton advised that there is nothing to report.

h) DAPTC Reports: Nothing to report.

I) BLAP Report: Nothing to report.

j) Lengthsman Link: Cllr Smith suggested we chase Bridport Town Council regarding up to date work report.

k) Simene CLT (Affordable Housing) Cllr Wragg advised that the Planning report is still not finished.

l) Tree Officer: Nothing to report

m) Ancient Monuments: Nothing to report.

n) Simene Voice: Is due to be printed.

9. Reports to receive and adopt: A copy of the Scrutiny of The Planning Application Process – Working With Parish And Town councils – January 2014 report has just been sent to Cllr Leighton he will pick out key points and distribute. Cllr Smith advised of training may be held in towns in future

10. Correspondence: The list had been circulated via email. However, Cllrs advised that they did not receive it. Clerk reported problems with some emails being returned and will send again.

11. Lengthsman Service: Deferred till February due to Town Surveyor not being present.

12. SLCC membership- Clerk advised that DAPTC have offered training and support which the Clerk will attend.

13. Adoption of Model Standing Orders: The only printed version available is part of a £60 book. Clerk & Cllr Smith to download and add parish details prior to next meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Date of next meeting Tue 11th February 2014 at Symondsburry School.

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