

## **SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at 7pm at Symondsburry School. **These minutes will be ratified at the December Parish Council Meeting.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs P Smith, S Holmes, A Streatfeild, D Wragg, S Ralph, B Baker, J Roddy. In attendance: Cllr D Turner, Cllr G Summers, Marilyn Stone, Clerk. All names were recorded in the Attendance book.

**Democratic half hour:** One member of the public was present. Serious concerns were raised concerning Retrospective Planning Applications submitted by Symondsburry Farms. Manor Farm looks magnificent and the owners have done a wonderful job. The Design and Access Statement states 'the remaining units have remained unused since completion' which is incorrect, the hairdressers has been operating since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2014 and the convenience store opened on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2014. Paragraph 4.4.6 of the draft West Dorset and Weymouth and Portland Local Plan entitled Retail and Town Centre Development clearly states that A1 shops should be located in shopping areas such as Bridport. Farm shop owners should be registered with FARMA (National Farmers Retail and Markets Association). Unauthorised development has taken place adjacent to Manor Yard with retail premises constructed and operating as 'Old Times' since 25th October 2014. Concerns were also raised regarding the car parking which is equivalent to the size of two football pitches.

**Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors:** Planning for the winter period has been undertaken. No more strategic bins will be added to the network. Sandbags used to be provided by WDDC/DCC however, in future will be provided via Parish/Town Councils. This can only put in place if we are aware of flooding. The 'vulnerable' will have priority and may receive deliveries.

Cllr Summers reported that she has finally been given a date for the Local Plan Examination, this will commence on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2014. Public may attend. The Bridport part is scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> December 2014 subject to adjustment. The Partnership between WDDC/WPBC and North Dorset District Council has been agreed by all participating Councils. The existing funds within West Dorset are protected. Cllr Turner and Cllr Summers recently attended a meeting for Affordable Housing and advised that Paul Derrian will be happy to come and talk to us regarding the concerns at Vearse Farm. Cllr Summers also advised that voluntary organisations such as CAB, The Arts Centre have secured funding for a further one year period so they carry on in their present form to at least 2016. Funding after this date is unknown.

**Community Policing:** No apologies or report had been received. The Clerk was asked to follow up our request for a presence at least for occasional meetings.

It was proposed by the Chairman that Item 10 on the Agenda was dealt with at this time and

**Approved unanimously** that Jennifer Roddy be co-opted onto the Council to replace Cllr Costello It was noted that another position for Councillor had been approved for filling by Co-option.

**To receive and approve apologies for absence:** None.

**94. To receive Declarations of interest:** None.

**95. To approve the Minutes of last meeting:** The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2014 were approved and signed with a modification on point 90d to clarify 'Pine View' allotments.

**96. Chairmans Announcements:** No specific announcements, however, Councillors were asked if they were attending the new 'Waste Management Scheme' meetings. Cllrs Roddy, Smith, Streatfeild, Baker, Holmes, Ralph & Wragg are attending the meeting in Bridport and the Clerk will be attending the meeting in Beaminster.

**97. Finance: a) Bank Balances: Current Account £8,564.58 Deposit £7,105.37**

**b) Payment of Account for Approvals: Clerks Salary £263.60**

Cllr Smith travel expenses £24.50

DAPTC £30.00

**Proposed by Cllr Wragg and seconded by Cllr Baker, all in favour.**

It was expressed that we should allocate at least £500 in respect of the Neighbourhood Plan in the 2015-16 budgets, as a reducing allocation from WDDC is likely in future years. The clerk will prepare a budget for the next meeting.

**98. Planning Applications:**

**WD/D/14/002561 – Crepe Farm, Symondsburly. Change of use from Agricultural Building to Stone Masons Workshop.** Concerns were raised that the change of use took place 8 years ago and the planning application has only just been filed. **No Objection.**

**WD/D/14/002548 –Manor Farm Symondsburly. Change of use from Craftwork shop/offices (Class B1) to Hair and Beauty Salon (Class A1) (retrospective) (Change of Use)**

**WD/D/14/002548 – Manor Farm, Symondsburly. Change of use from craft/workshop to farm shop.**

Whilst the Councillors were deeply concerned regarding the number of retrospective planning applications on this site, and taking into consideration the earlier comments, it was decided that a decision of **No objection** was appropriate for both applications

**WD/D/14/002724 – 29 West Walk, West Bay. Single storey extension, change car parking from sloping to flat.** A site visit will be carried out prior to submitting a response.

**WD/D/14/002595 – Highlands End Holiday Park, demolish existing detached bungalow and construct replacement dwelling. No Objection** although the roof must remain within the height stipulated within the plans.

**99. Encouraging Community Interest in Parish and Town Council Elections –** Clerk to research.

**100. Phone Boxes:** British Telecom have applied to remove the telephone box at the Cock Crowing Corner Picnic area at Eype. **No objection.** More research is being done into the development of Broadoak Phonebox.

**101. Vearse Farm:** In answer to the numerous comments concerning potential flooding it is unlikely any building will be built at a lower ground level valley than the lowest building on Symene Trust land which has recently pass all current flood risk tests

**102. Co-option of new Councillor:** This was undertaken at the start of the meeting. Jenifer Roddy, a retired physiotherapist, who lives in Symondsburly agreed to be co-opted onto the Parish Council. Jenifer moved to the area over a year ago and has taken an active part in the local community. Jenifer writes for the Church magazine.

**103.**

- a) Footpaths – Concerns were expressed regarding footpaths being flooded again. Hi line cannot access equipment in to trim trees under power lines because of footpaths being blocked.
- b) A35 – it was reported that 61 people have signed a petition regarding the speeding of traffic, particularly in the 'dark' hours of the morning around 7.45am. A letter has been sent to Oliver Letwin expressing concerns. The 40mph from Chideock from the current 60mph section has not been implemented in the first part of 2014-15 as promised. The suggested 40mph section past Broomhills has not been agreed

- c) Transport - First Buses are not running to schedule due to traffic around Bridport. A meeting is being held to discuss further Chairman to attend as WATAG Rep. Still pushing for 'late' bus services on X31. The '40' bus is back to Yeovil Mon-Sat.
- d) Allotments – Wood chippings were discussed and being sought.
- e) Flood Officer – Attended a seminar at Environment Agency Regional Control Room Blandford when Flood wardens were shown how flood incidents are dealt with.
- f) Resilience – It was reported that Wiltshire has a really good resilience plan. Cllr Streatfeild will forward a plan to all Councillors ready for the winter.
- g) DAPTC Reports – 52 people attended the recent AGM.
- h) BLAP Report – Cllr Streatfield to draft a letter. Funding for BLAP is currently under threat
- i) Lengthsman Link – It was felt that our lengthsman is not keeping up with jobs ordered and constantly have to chase jobs. Some maintenance will be requested to maintain Noticeboards
- j) Symene CLT – Making steady progress. External work has slowed down due to the weather.
- k) Tree Officer – A cherry tree in the back garden of the New Inn, Eype is being replanted in the front area to replace the one taken down in haste without WDDC approval.
- l) Ancient Monuments – Nothing to report.
- m) Symene Voice – Next issue when Neighbourhood Plan has something to report.
- n) Neighbourhood Plan – This was launched on Saturday. Around 180 people attended. Results are being reviewed this Friday and a plan will be formulated at that time.

**104. Reports to Receive and Adopt:** None

**105. Correspondence:** The list had been previously circulated. Scan Letter regarding Robins Well' and send to all Councillors.

**106. To confirm date of next meeting:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2014 at Symondsburry School at 7pm.

**Meeting closed at 9.10pm.**

Signed .....

**Cllr Peter Smith**

Date.....