

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th October 2014 at 7pm at Symondsburry School.

These minutes will be ratified at the November Parish Council Meeting and will also be available on the website <http://www.symondsburry.org.uk/>

PRESENT: Cllrs P Smith, S Holmes, A Streatfeild, S Ralph, B Baker. In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk and seven of the public. All names were recorded in the Attendance book.

Democratic half hour: Concerns were raised from the public regarding the proposed development at Vearse Farm. SPC were asked: Is the Parish Council happy with developments and the size of the development? The public have been advised that Bridport Town Council think that we are in charge of this development presently. WDDC do not seem to consider the democratic process which is upon us. Dorset For You website is acceptable if you have a computer and access to the internet, however, 20% of the population do not have computers = 2 neighbours to this development. There will be major disruption to roads, doctors will not cope. Concerns were also raised regarding the wildlife, in particular, the lapwings which are an endangered species, visit this area and the impact that the proposed development will have on the wildlife is dramatic. The public put to Cllrs how many cllrs are adverse to Vearse Farm and whether anybody had signed the petition, currently with around 360 names. The public added that SPC are being made the 'whipping boy' by Bridport Town Council as it is not part of the Bridport Town Council remit...yet, as they will probably inherit the site in the future and benefit from this. Concerns were made regarding the A35 and how busy this stretch of road is at 7.30am, in fact an invite was put to Cllrs to come and take a look for themselves. The traffic is horrendous and can only get worse once the development takes place. Lots of overtaking takes place and is very dangerous, school buses break limits. The development will cause big problems for Bridport, 700 houses, what legacy do we leave for our children and grandchildren? Bridport do not have the infrastructure or jobs for this development. Smaller developments would be viable but not these exceptionally larger ones. Need to be of a good standard as once built they are with us forever. Terribly sad what it will do to our wildlife. Let's seriously think about what it will do to Bridport.

92% of new builds in the last decade have been sold to retirees or as second homes. Some will spend monies but some will not. The development has become a political issue and not a parish one. In summary there are a variety of issues: Traffic and safety, Sewage and Disposal, Impact on Social Services, Environment. The Planning application for Lower Eype Farm was outlined by the applicant.

Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors: No DCC or WDDC Councillors were present.

Community Policing: No representative was present.

To receive and approve apologies for absence: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Wragg.

80. To receive Declarations of interest: None.

81. To approve the Minutes of last meeting: The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th September 2014 were approved and signed, although a small amendment removing the word 'favourable' under item 67.

82. Chairmans Announcements: The Chair reported that Broomhills is moving on speedily and the Cllrs have been offered a tour of the site. All Cllrs present tonight expressed an interest in attending.

A new recycle programme for Dorset has been announced.

83. Finance: a) Bank Balances: Current Account £8,367.38 Deposit £7,105.37

b) Payment of Account for Approvals: Clerks Salary – September £263.60
Clerks expenses £41.26
HMRC (PAYE) £197.20
CB Reid £31.20 (Accountant)
Bridport Town Council £1080.00
DCC Allotment Rent £200.00

Payments proposed by Cllr Baker and seconded by Cllr Streatfeild, all in favour.

84. Planning Applications:

WD /14/002390 – Shutes House, Shutes Lane, Symondsburry – Remove brick infill to an internal wall. Shutes Farm used to be a Rectory. Much work has been undertaken in the past. No objection subject to Listed Building Officer being happy with it.

WD/D/14/001291 – Ilchester Arms, Symondsburry – Update only, The report is online, has been passed and took our comments into consideration.

WD/D/14/002104 – Lower Eype Farm – The Proprietor was present at the meeting who informed the council of their intentions and was on hand to answer any questions. A sustainable dwelling which fits in with Code 6 of the National Framework Policy. A village meeting in Eype and most people present are supportive with the proposed development. The council were advised that it is a structure tidying up an eyesore. Concerns were raised regarding the present footpaths/bridleways. SPC would like to know the views from neighbours and whilst it appears to be an improvement the plans are radical. The applicant stressed that the application is an outline plan and that WDDC will have control of all aspects going forward. In principal no objection, however, SPC require neighbours views and answers concerning the bridleway and footpath situation.

WD/D/14/002224 – Highlands End Caravan Park – Reorganisation of campsite and 8 camping pods any time of the year – Highlands End has recently become an all year round camping site. There will be a hardstanding area for each proposed pod, each pod being bigger than the normal size. A Cllr added that it will be sad to lose traditional camping sites. Concerns were raised over the development presently there. SPC object to the application as it fails to meet Local Plan Policy ECON7 which states that all development (including the change of use from touring to static units) must not, individually or cumulatively, have a significant adverse impact on the distinctive characteristics of the areas landscape, heritage or built environment. Proposals in the Heritage Coast are unlikely to be supported.

WD/D/14/001949 – Highlands End Holiday Park – clarification issue. It was reported in an objection letter that ‘Mr Martin Cox provides SPC with a field for parking so any comments should be null and void. SPC would like to point out that Martin Cox is not and has never been a Councillor for Symondsburry Parish Council and that the field in question is lent to the Parochial Church Council.

WD/D/14/002608 – Ilchester, West Cliff Road, an extension to the planning closing date is being sought. No objection subject to site visit tomorrow.

WD/D/14/002521 – Orchard End, Brighthay Lane – Extension – No objections.

WD/D/14/002543 – Manor Farm, Mill Lane – An extension to the planning closing date is being sought.

85. Encouraging Community Interest in Parish and Town Council Elections: Cllr Streatfeild will be attending a meeting in this regard.

86. Request for examination of extending the 20mph speed limit on Skilling Hill Road – It was felt that SPC cannot support this at this present time due to restrictions on number of 20mph roads throughout the county and a higher priority area being put forward.

87. DAPTC AGM Motions: None.

88. Vearse Farm Update: This was covered earlier, however, on this very day a timetable for the local plan had arrived of which Bridport has its own section in the 32 page document. Has adequate consideration been given to infrastructure requirements to service development at Vearse Farm? Are there any valid reasons why potential of existing primary off Skilling Road cannot be exploited? Maintenance of wildlife corridor, would this address wildlife concerns? Is the suggested location for future town centre expansion appropriate? A cllr advised that builders will only build houses if people will buy them. We have an opportunity to shape what goes there. We have to fight for the right development. Only in exceptional circumstances will they build on areas of outstanding natural beauty and this is considered an exceptional circumstance. WDDC will have all paperwork, press cuttings etc in this respect.

89. Dorset Waste Partnership Street Scene Questionnaire: The questionnaire was undertaken.

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- a)** Footpaths – The footpath near Broomhills has not been shut yet. A thank you letter will be sent to The ROW team for undertaking the new bridge, although no handrail.
- b)** A35 – Nothing to report.
- c)** Transport - One late bus out of Dorchester proposed.
- d)** Allotments – A fence has appeared on the southern side which appears to be rabbit proof. 3 small polytunnels have appeared together with a greenhouse. The shed

being sought by an allotment holder would be against a wall and not obstructing light from other allotment areas.

- e) Flood Officer – Annual flood meeting has not taken place yet.
- f) Resilience – Ongoing.
- g) Coastal Matters – None.
- h) DAPTC Reports – None.
- i) BLAP Report – Nothing to report.
- j) Lengthsman Link – Some jobs have to be chased.
- k) Symene CLT –The new development is now having its render applied which has transformed its appearance.
- l) Tree Officer – Nothing to report.
- m) Ancient Monuments – None
- n) Symene Voice – Nothing to report.
- o) Neighbourhood Plan – The consultant has been appointed and the scheme is progressing.

91.Reports to Receive and Adopt: No reports.

92.Correspondence: The list has been previously circulated.

93.To confirm date of next meeting: Tuesday 11th November 2014 at Symondsbury School at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Signed

Cllr P Smith

Date