

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsbury Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th September 2014 at 7pm at Symondsbury School.

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

PRESENT: Cllrs P Smith, S Holmes, A Streatfeild, D Wragg, S Ralph, B Baker. In attendance: Cllr D Turner (DCC), Cllr G Summers (WDDC), Marilyn Stone, Clerk. And two members of the public. All names were recorded in the Attendance book.

Democratic half hour: 2 members of the public were present. Concerns were raised regarding the telephone box in Broadoak being an 'eyesore'. The phone has not worked for around 9 months. It is the intention to ask the residents their views on whether to maintain the telephone in its present form or into something else. It was originally suggested that the telephone box could be used by children who may wish to get in contact with organisations such as 'Childline'. Cllr Streatfeild will take this matter forward.

Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors: Cllr Turner advised that there will be 19 Electric Car charging points across Dorset. A grant has been allocated at £682,000 in this regard. There will be one situated in the East Street Car Park and Bridport and there will be one in Lyme Regis. Cllr Turner was asked about brown tourist signs with bigger font than on adjacent Place names sign, will be investigated.

Cllr Summers reported on the Vision 20/20, the transformation of services in order to save money and lots of consultations are taking place. A consultation on planning has been actioned by the efficiency scrutiny team, although Cllr Summers apologised for the planning problems that have occurred recently due to staff leaving. Cllr Summers also reported that a possible merger could take place with North Dorset in order to save around 6 million pounds between all three councils. By merging it will provide greater strength against any proposed Unitary Council challenge in the future. The meetings are taking place to discuss, one in each area. The final decision will be made on 23rd October 2014. Summers provided information on the WDDC ward boundary changes that have taken place and showed a map in this regard, Wootton Fitzpaine, Thorncombe and Morcombelake are now incorporated into the area. The map is available online. Cllr Summers also reported that the "West Bay Day" went well and advised that a Bonfire night has been arranged. Cllr Holmes raised with Cllr Summers that he still awaiting replies to correspondence sent to the Tree Officer/Planning Department and does not seem to receive any replies to his telephone calls. Complaints have been received regarding the shops at Symondsbury Estate and the Planning Department will be investigating.

Community Policing: The Clerk is to write to the Police Commissioner regarding a police presence at some meetings.

To receive and approve apologies for absence: None.

61. To receive Declarations of interest: None.

62. To approve the Minutes of last meeting: The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th July 2014 were approved and signed.

63. Chairmans Announcements: No announcements although a period of silence was given in memory of the late Mike Davis the former Councillor who passed away recently.

64. Standing Orders: The Councillors were presented with a copy of the Standing Orders. Proposed by Cllr Streatfeild and seconded by Cllr Holmes, All in favour.

65. Finance: a) Bank Balances: Current Account £4,310.99 Deposit £7,105.37

b) Payment of Account for Approvals: Clerks Salary – August £247.20
Creeds The Printers £138.00
Clerks Salary – July £280.20

Clerks Expenses £133.48

Payments proposed by Cllr Wragg and seconded by Cllr Baker all in favour.

c) BDO update: The Clerk advised that queries raised previously by the BDO have been accepted by them. The 2013-14 Audit is now complete.

d) Approval of £500 funding towards the Neighbourhood Plan:

Proposed by Cllr Wragg and seconded by Cllr Streatfeild, all in favour.

66. Eype Beach: Eype Beach was put up for sale by WDDC for £1 sometime go. Following inconclusive discussion with the National Trust Regional office and it was decided to speak to the National Head Office about its future.

67. Service Review Programme: Cllr Streatfeild reported that a favourable response has been sent.

68. Planning Applications:

WD/D/14/001672 – Filford Farm, Bridport, DT6 5JW – Proposed Agricultural Building.

No objection subject to foot path issues being resolved

WD/D/14/001949 – Highlands End Holiday Park – Employment would be positive for

seasonal staff. It would be desirable for the village to have a 'break' from the mass of tourism to the area and there would be no peaceful/quiet time for the residents. Concerns were raised regarding the possibility of all year round living, although site policy indicates that holiday occupation clearly denotes that there must be a period where each property is not occupied. We can only look at the application on planning grounds. It was agreed that we have **No objection** but note there will be an increase in winter traffic

WD/D/14/001889 – 3 Pump Cottages, West Road, Bridport – No objection as long as extension does not extend any further than proposed and all in line with what's already been done by existing properties.

WD/D/14/002038 – Groves Nurseries – Bridport Town Council will be discussing the application however Symondsburry Parish Council have **no objection**.

69. Sustainable Community Act: Nothing to discuss in this regard.

70. New Councillor – Pine View – An advert to be placed on noticeboards and possible press release. The Clerk advised that both vacancies will be put on the Website.

71. Broomhills Speed Limits: A letter had been received from the Highways Agency regarding a new 50mph speed limit although Bridport Town Council are pressing for a 40mph. Reply to be sent. Cllr Summers added that the Police Commissioner is very excited regarding the new digital speed cameras being put in place across Dorset which now has number plate recognition. Chideock may have already been actioned.

72. WDDC Boundary Commission Report and Implications/Pine View: This was covered earlier in the meeting and under item 70.

- 73. Planning Consultation:** The NALC consultation to be completed online by 19th September 2014. It will be discussed at a meeting of BLAP on Monday 15th September. On which we are represented
- 74. New Legislation – Recording and Filming of Parish and Town Council Meetings –** It may be necessary to record our meetings in some way to ensure that they cannot be edited when taken other than by the council.
- 75. Strengthening our Fire and Rescue Service:** Cllr Turner advised that the consultation does not effect the operational side of things and its almost decided positively to the merger.
- 76. a)** Footpaths –Reports on some footpaths requiring attending to and Cllr Ralph reported that if you state that they are a trip hazard seem to get a response. The Footpath beside Broomhills will be closed for 6 months as part of the development.
- b)** A35 – Nothing to report. Meeting due on November 2014.
- c)** Transport - Bus X31 have cut out evening services from Dorchester so commuters would not be able to get back. No Sunday Service on the X53 through the winter.
- d)** Allotments – A request for a shed on the allotment in Pine View has been received. However, permission should be sought from Dorset County Council, Clerk to investigate the lease. Also the tenants at the Pine View have been made aware of fencing and that unused materials will be collected. We have a vacant plot at the London Inn site
- e)** Flood Officer – A Flood Warden recruitment poster was distributed for the noticeboards Dorset For You website show has an entire section on flood risk <https://www.dorsetforyou.com/flooding> .
- f)** Resilience – Ongoing.
- g)** Coastal Matters – A replacement Lead is required. A parishioner present at this meeting has agreed to keep us informed of any developments.
- h)** DAPTC Reports – It has been proposed by WDDC that Town/Parish Councils are responsible for covering the costs of elections. Need to be aware of any such charges so they can be included in the Precept. There is an Olympic Legacy Fund available for the health and wellbeing in communities. Cllr Wragg requested to attend the Planning Training in October at a cost of £50.
- i)** BLAP Report – Nothing to report.
- j)** Lengthsman Link – Cllr Smith to lead. We have received a list of the jobs undertaken and an invoice is due at the end of September.
- k)** Symene CLT – The Annual Meeting is due.
- l)** Tree Officer – Nothing to report.
- m)** Ancient Monuments – None
- n)** Symene Voice – Nothing to report.
- o)** Neighbourhood Plan –A consultant has just been appointed to take this forward
- 77. Reports to Receive and Adopt:** No reports.

78. Correspondence: The list has been previously circulated.

79. To confirm date of next meeting: Tuesday 14th October 2014 at Symondsbury School at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 9.07pm.

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