

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 8th December 2015 at 7pm at Symondsburry School. **These minutes will be ratified at the January Parish Council Meeting.**

PRESENT: Cllrs A Streatfeild, P Smith, S Holmes, B Driscoll, S Ralph, J Jack.

In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk, Cllr D Turner, Cllr S Christopher.

Democratic Half Hour: No questions were raised from the public.

Information from DCC, WDDC Councillors and Dorset Police: Cllr Turner advised that the offer of £700 grant monies from his budget still stands and asked that we advise him of our spending plan for the money. He advised that there is currently a consultation on the proposed changes to Youth Centres which will end in mid-December. Cllr Turner advised that there is no further news regarding the 'unitary' model, all authorities in Dorset have to agree to it.

Cllr Christopher advised that the Local Plan has been approved by full council on 22nd October 2015. Concerns were raised regarding the local land searches and the delays (currently 9 weeks) which could have an adverse effect on purchasing properties and mortgage offers expiring ahead of the search taking place and that Stamp Duty changes in the next tax year would exacerbate the situation.

Cllr Christopher advised that there will be loss of services at Dorchester County Hospital and spoke about the current staff car parking with some charges at £720 pa.

Julie Girling, MEP, will be visiting Marshwood ward in due course.

266 To receive and approve apologies for absence: Apologies had been received from Cllr J Roddy due to being on holiday which was approved.

267 To receive Declarations of interest: Cllr Holmes offered in relation to item 6, Footpath number 43. Cllr Streatfeild offered in respect of item 5, Symondsburry PCC upkeep of churchyards.

268 To approve the Minutes of last meeting: The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2015 were approved and signed with one small amendment.

269 Chairman's Announcements: Nothing to report.

270 Finance: a) Bank Balances: Current account £5,293.36 **Deposit account** £15,120.83

b) Payment of Account for approvals: A letter received from the PCC Symondsburry was read by the Clerk requesting a contribution of £600 for the upkeep of the churchyards. **Approved by Cllr Driscoll and seconded by Cllr Ralph.** Clerks Salary November £371.10, Clerks expenses £20.74, PCC Symondsburry £600, DAPTC £60.00, Cllr P Smith expenses £34.60, West Bay Websites £120.00. **Approved by Cllr Holmes and seconded by Cllr Smith**

c) Budget – The Clerk presented the budget and advised that we must take into consideration the reduction in Local Council Tax Support. The Clerk advised that we should

look at a 3% increase in Precept to £12,632 which will result in Band D Rate being increased by 4.30% to £24.52. **Proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Holmes.**

271 Planning Applications:

WD/D/15/002452 – Wayside Cottage, Mount Lane, Eype – Change of use of small piece of agricultural land to garden land and erection of wooden deck on land. Insert folding doors at rear of cottage and enlarge existing window to side of house. **Supported**

WD/D/15/002196 – Highlands End Holiday Park – Erect extension to Holiday Park Bar and Restaurant building and other minor extensions to infill existing gaps in the building footprint. 'Whilst Symondsburry Parish Council does not object to this application we do have concerns regarding the effect of the additional mass on the skyline that will be visible from higher areas, well away from the site. Although described as 'infilling' it is actually an increase of 40% on the existing building.. There are several new roofs which could have a dramatic effect on the overall visual impact of this prominent building. It could also lead to an increase in traffic as much of the business will have to come from off-site and has the potential to increase out of main season use which whilst this supports the local economy does have an impact on traffic in what have been the quieter times of year.

WD/D/15/002585 – Lower Eype Farm, Barton Lane, Eype – Erect temporary mobile home.

Whilst not objecting in principle to the application, Symondsburry Parish Council feel that the size and access of the mobile home is of concern. Eype has a very narrow lane for entry and it questions if access for a mobile home of this size would be feasible. The visibility of the mobile home is of concern as it will be more visible than the Agent has indicated. In fact, it would be clearly visible from all the houses on the West side of the main street. We find that the length of time the mobile home is required is substantial. Yet again, the applicant has used inflated and out of date figures to describe the village of Eype implying that any expansion would have less impact than it really does. Any approval for such a development must be limited to a period of three years from installation, or until the new conversion is completed, and must be for the applicant alone, not for sub-let under any circumstances

Proposed Public Footpath Diversion Order Number 43 – Lower Eype Farm, Barton Lane, Eype – Whilst we are happy with this diversion order we do not want there to be any confusion regarding the existing bridleway number 39 which must remain in place.

272 Vearse Farm Workshop Update: Cllr Smith reported that the event was well supported. Progress is being made, and a synopsis of the meeting will be out in due course. There were discussions on the possible development of land outside the scheme for industrial allocation.

271 Restore and Repair Finger Posts: Nothing had been received from AONB. Highlands End Holiday Park are willing to sponsor a finger post and thanks for given to Cllr Turner and Cllr Christopher for their donations to the project. Ongoing.

272 Bopper Bus Donation Request: A letter was read out by the Clerk and it was proposed to provide a donation of £50.00. **Proposed by Cllr Driscoll and seconded by Cllr Smith.**

273 Public Open Space Land adjacent to Watton Park, Bridport: The council is prepared to consider taking on responsibility for any POS at the new Watton Park development when they have been advised of exact plans for the project and any monies that will be attached to the scheme.

274 Prospect of reduced support from Local Authorities (Leisure Centre): WDDC funding will be heavily reduced in forthcoming years. The Leisure Centre is a Registered Charity. Request that a representative speak at the next meeting. Cllr Turner added that there is a 7.5% reduction in funding. Place on Agenda for January.

275 Reports from lead members:

- a) Footpaths – Extremely muddy, in particular the one at Broomhill. Not happy with the newly reopened path, kissing gate smaller than it was and not good for the wildlife.
- b) A35 – To communicate with Highways England regarding missing signs and dazzling lights from the traffic lights at Broomhills.
- c) Transport – DCC have warned that subsidies are being hit for next year. Transport potentially could be used after the ‘school runs’ and so to put to better use.
- d) Allotments – 4 plots are now vacant at West Road following a termination. Lengthsman to clear these plots.
- e) Flood Officer –Seminar attended by Cllr Smith. The proposed signage for Magdalen Lane will not now be provided as the risk of flooding is small at the point.
- f) Resilience – West Bay homeowners are having a meeting and will be advised of the outline scheme by Cllr Smith.
- g) Coastal Matters – Nothing to report.
- h) DAPTC Reports – Cllr Smith and Ralph attended the Councillors Update recently. Power of Competence was raised.
- i) BLAP Report Cllr Jack attended a recent meeting. Well attended and very interesting.
- j) Lengthsman Link – Nothing happened since last month. Cllr Smith to send reminder.
- k) Tree Officer – Nothing to report.
- l) Ancient Monuments – Nothing to report.
- m) Symene Voice – Newsletter is coming together. Cllr Jack has taken on the role of Editor and is the Chair of the meeting. Intend to produce twice a year. Next meeting is on 6th January.
- n) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Driscoll attended a recent meeting. Moving on well. The Housing Group is well ahead. Cllr Streatfeild suggested that the Symene Land Trust is removed.

276 Reports to receive and adopt: None.

277 Correspondence List: The list for November had been previously circulated.

278 Items for inclusion on January Agenda: Prospect of reduced Support from Local Authorities. Vearse Farm. Retaining wall matter.

279 To confirm date of next meeting: Tuesday 12th January 2016 at Symondsburry School at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Signed..... Date