

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsbury Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th January 2015 at 7pm at Symondsbury School. **These minutes will be ratified at the February 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. One member of the public All names were recorded in the Attendance book.

Democratic half hour: Concerns were expressed regarding the proposed 'all year round holiday accommodation' at Golden Acre Holiday Park. The Parish Council was given a copy of the objection.

Information from DCC and WDDC Councillors: Cllr Turner reported that Dorset County Council has a new leader, Robert Gould. A meeting had been arranged for 26th January at Whitchurch Canonorum regarding verge cutting and each Parish Council the Chair is attending. Cllr Summers advised that there is a new leader for the West Dorset District Council, Tony Alford who represents the adjoining parish of Netherbury. Budget – The Dorset Waste Partnership has increased its cost due to vehicle issues but not helped by the value of recycled material value plummeting This will hit the West Dorset budget .Waste Partnership booklets are currently being sent out to each household. It is most important to respond promptly if necessary to the information provided. A focus group has been set up for introducing new councillors effectively A booklet for new councillors is being prepared and will be forwarded to parishes for perusal. Local Plan - The final report from the inspector is due in April 2015. There is a meeting on Friday regarding costal matters in Seatown.

Community Policing: No apologies or report had been received. However, Cllr Summers informed us that she had been informed Police would not be attending parish council meetings in future. Councillors were most concerned as it was felt it was essential for police to attend occasional meeting to keep in touch with the community.

120. To receive and approve apologies for absence: None

121. To receive Declarations of interest: Cllr Holmes - a declaration of interest to planning application WD/D/14/002948.

122. To approve the Minutes of last meeting: The Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th December 2014 were approved and signed with modification of the word physiotherapist to psychotherapist under point 109.

123. Chairmans Announcements: None.

124. Finance: a) Bank Balances: Current Account £7,644.88 Deposit £7,107.09

125. b) Payment of Account for Approvals: Clerks Salary £539.96, HMRC £268.64, Symondsbury PCC (Churchyard maintenance)£600.00

c) Precept and Budget Setting 2015-2016 – The Clerk advised that there will be a reduction in funding by WDDC over future years resulting in no Local Council Tax Support in year 2018/2019. In this regard the Clerk stressed that we did not want a significant increase all at once but felt best to introduce the necessary increase on a gradual basis. A budget plan together with Headline figures was produced and Councillors were advised of the relevant points. A precept of £12,265 was agreed which results in a Council Tax Band D Rate of £23.51 (9.55 % increase). **Proposed by Cllr Wragg and seconded by Cllr Baker, all in favour.**

125. WD/D/14/002948 – Golden Acre Holiday Park - It was agreed to **object** to the application. Nothing had changed since the last application made in 2006 which was refused.

126. WD/D/15/000002 - Bridport Waste Management Centre. Variation to not include light tubes to illuminate the waste transfer hall. No objection.

127. Vearse Farm – Local Plan Inspectors report due in March. SPC have not been contacted by the developer despite their public announcement a planning application was to be submitted in January . It was agreed to keep this item on all future agendas in order the council can discuss any late submission received

128. Recycle for Dorset – Rollout of new recycling and rubbish collections. Initial rollout due this month. (as advised by Cllr Summers above)

129. Consultation – Household Recycling Centres including options re Proposed Days for Closure as part of budget reduction – There is an online survey for all to complete. It is suggested all centres are closed two days per week and would make sense for Bridport to close on Fridays and Saturdays to help resolve traffic issues.

- 130.** a) Footpaths – The DCC Footpath Officers have walked a bridleway at Higher Eye which has not been used for many years. They have tied markers ready for clearance work as they wish to open it all up and have funding to do this
- b) A35 – No new information.
- c) Allotments – There are vacancies in the London Inn allotments. Cllr Streatfeild to chase the woodchips for Pine View.
- d) Transport - Lost evening buses especially from Dorchester are still an issue. General feeling of unhappiness regarding the new bus fares introduced by First Bus.
- e) Flood Officer – No problems as much work has been done in the past year to ensure there is less possibility for blockages.
- f) Resilience – A plan has just been circulated.
- g) Coastal Matters – Copy Alex O’Dwyer into future Agenda’s and Meetings.
- h) DAPTC Reports – Meeting due at the end of the month.
- i) BLAP Report – None.
- j) Lengthsman Link – Very slow response to work orders.
- k) Symene CLT – Two houses to be let: we need to encourage eligible local people to apply if they are in housing need.
- l) Tree Officer – Following an application to remove a Sycamore tree at Bonville which was refused, surprise was expressed that following the unauthorised removal of a tree at the New Inn that a tree in an important position in the village had been considered insignificant.
- m) Ancient Monuments – Nothing to report.
- n) Symene Voice –The Next edition would be with the Annual Report
- o) Neighbourhood Plan – The committee is in place. Going very well. No representatives from the Symondsburry Parish as yet. It important to find a volunteer very soon.

131. Reports to Receive and Adopt: None.

132. Correspondence: The list had been previously circulated.

133. To confirm date of next meeting: Tuesday 10th February 2015 at Symondsburry School at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed

Cllr Peter Smith

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