

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th May 2015 at 7pm at Symondsburry School. **These minutes will be ratified at the June Parish Council Meeting.**

PRESENT: Cllrs P Smith, S Holmes, A Streatfeild, S Ralph, B Driscoll, J Jack. In attendance: Cllr D Turner and Marilyn Stone, Clerk. 13 members of the public were present. All names were recorded in the Attendance book.

177 To elect Chairman for the coming year: Cllr Smith asked if there were any nominations. Cllr Streatfeild was nominated. Cllr Streatfeild advised that she could become Chair for a year and hoped to be shadowed by a potential new Chair in readiness for future years. **Proposed by Cllr Ralph, seconded by Cllr Holmes, all in favour.** Cllr Streatfeild thanked Cllr Smith for being a most excellent Chairman and for his exemplary work. Cllr Streatfeild also thanked retiring Cllrs Wragg and Baker.

178 To receive and approve apologies for absence: Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr J Roddy due to a pre booked holiday.

179 To receive Declarations of interest: Cllr Holmes advised that he has an interest in item 11b.

180 To approve the Minutes of last meeting: The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th April 2015 were approved and signed.

181 To Co-opt new Councillor/s: Cllr Streatfeild proposed Cllr Peter Smith and seconded by Cllr Ralph. Cllr Smith will represent the West Cliff Ward. Cllr Jenny Jack put herself forward which was agreed unanimously.

182 To appoint a Vice-Chairperson for the coming year: Cllr Holmes proposed Cllr Smith to stand as Vice Chair, seconded by Cllr Driscoll. Cllr Smith accepted the position but wished to be shadowed by a Councillor in readiness for future years. Cllr Streatfeild added that she is delighted to have someone with so much experience to work alongside.

183 To adopt Standing Orders and Financial Regulations: This item will be discussed at our next meeting in June.

184 To appoint councillors to specific responsibilities:

- a) Footpaths – Cllr Ralph.
- b) A35 – Cllr Roddy.
- c) Transport – Cllr Driscoll.
- d) Allotments – Cllr Driscoll.
- e) Flood Officer – Cllr Smith.

- f) Resilience – Cllr Streatfeild.
- g) Coastal Matters – Cllr Jack.
- h) DAPTC Reports – Cllr Ralph.
- i) BLAP Report – Cllr Streatfeild.
- j) Lengthsman Link – Cllr Smith.
- k) Symene CLT – Cllr Roddy.
- l) Tree Officer – Cllr Holmes.
- m) Ancient Monuments – Cllr Holmes.
- n) Symene Voice – Cllr Jack.
- o) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Streatfeild.
- p) Waste Management Centre – Cllr Smith.

DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR: Nigel Jones, Chesters Commercial, Agents Watton Park, advised that his clients fully understand the concerns of the Watton Park residents. The application has not been submitted in an aggressive manner and appreciates that it is open land adjoining an urban settlement. Mr Jones stressed that the plan was outline and illustrative and shows 'how it might look'. Any planning application is assessed firstly on policy grounds. West Dorset has an obligation to provide enough housing within five years and WDDC are moving towards this. Vearse Farm offers some 700 units but will take some time to complete. Watton Park will be deliverable quickly which is what is required. Mr Jones advised that 70% of West Dorset is an AONB. There have been no objections from Highways, sewage/water/Statutory companies or from the Environment Agency. He also added that Skilling had been an extension to Bridport, built on green land previously and this was natural progression. Mr Jones offered to answer any questions after the meeting.

Andrew Wheatley, Watton Park nominated Spokesperson, advised that there had been substantial objections to this application, namely 34 currently. Bridport Town Council have objected. Vehicles and parking are a particular problem. The neighbouring Bridport Leisure Centre car park is inadequate for their foot flow with users parking at Watton Park which adds to further congestion. This is worrying for Emergency Services and Carers having access and double yellow lines do not deter people parking. He added that Chesters have provided photographs using out dated 'Google' pictures from 2010 which do not show the difficult access Watton Park has today. Cllr Streatfeild added that a site visit took place earlier today and endorsed the access difficulties. Mr Wheatley added that coaches visiting the Centre make access difficult. This is an area of outstanding natural beauty, and the development will cause risk to our flora and fauna. Mr Wheatley asked that Symondsburry Parish Council lodge an objection to this application.

Information from DCC, WDDC Councillors and Dorset Police: Cllr Turner, District Councillor, advised that the management of the Tri- partnership of West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland and North Dorset have been put in place: 1 x CEO and 4x Strategic Managers. Cllr Streatfeild thanked Cllr Summers for her work. The new West Dorset District Councillor is Mr Simon Christopher and the Clerk would be contacting him to welcome him and advise of future meetings. Apologies were received from PCSO Dave Ash.

185 Chairman's Announcements: Cllr Streatfeild advised that the issues at Dark Lane were being monitored.

a) **Finance:** Bank Balances: Current account: £2,777.07 Deposit: £10,109.76 Precept had been received: £6,132.50.

b) Payments of Account for approval: Clerk's Wages £387.95

On the proposition of Cllr Ralph, seconded by Cllr Smith, it was **Resolved** that the above accounts be paid.

c) To approve the Annual Accounts: Delayed until the next meeting. The Clerk advised that the Accounts would be sent to our External Auditor, BDO.

186 Planning Applications:

a) WD/D/15/00689 – Farthings Mead, Broad Lane, Bridport, Amendment to planning permission: This has been refused.

b) WD/CA/15/00120 – Arden, Back Lane, Eype, Bridport, Surgery to 2No Oak and 1No Lime: Approved.

c) WD/D/15/000521 – Land adjoining Watton Park, Watton Park, Bridport – outline application for development of 33 dwellings, open space and landscaping: Cllr Smith advised that he knows the area very well and that he supports West Dorset's views. It is a difficult entrance, steep hill, together with parking problems. Cllr Driscoll added that it is not part of a defined development boundary. Cllr Streatfeild advised that as the local plan has not yet been adopted it makes the decision difficult. We cannot take a firm view in favour of it and there is a danger of it being slightly remote. **All in favour of objecting to this application and support the Town Council view in this regard.**

187 Vearse Farm: The Clerk advised that representatives from Hallam Land will be attending our meeting in June. Correspondence had been received from Tony Hurley, Leisure Commissioning Manager, WDDC, to ask for representation to attend a meeting with regards to recreation and community facilities. Cllr Jack offered to attend.

It was requested that the Clerk send a letter to the Tree Officer asking for trees on the whole site to be assessed.

188 Asset of Community Value: The Ilchester Arms, Symondsburys: A letter had been received advising that The Ilchester Arms has been placed on the Register which allows the Community the right to purchase within six months.

189 Correspondence List: The list for April had been previously circulated. Cllr Streatfeild requested that the Clerk places more detail of each item on the list in future.

190 To confirm date of next meeting: Tuesday 9th June 2015 at Symondsburys School at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.12pm

Signed.....

Cllr A Streatfeild

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