

## SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at 6pm at Symondsburry School. **These minutes will be ratified at the December Parish Council Meeting.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs A Streatfeild, P Smith, S Holmes, B Driscoll, J Roddy, S Ralph, J Jack. In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk, Cllr D Turner.

**Democratic Half Hour** – (incorporating Hallam Land discussion) –

There is a Development Control Meeting at WDDC on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Draft Plan includes: 760 houses, a care home, a school, with the plan being originally challenged. It will take 8/10 years to build fully. Land will have been submitted to The Strategic Land Allocation Assessment. If plans are approved it will be technically within our Parish. The land owner has offered the land for sale and has been approved by the Inspector. Hallam land will probably have options to purchase the land.

Richard Freer spoke on behalf of ADVEARSE and provided a synopsis of his speech. He quoted that the pivotal reason to object to this development is on the issue of housing and its associated commercial developments eg a four acre industrial area. I reason this, in that if Vearse Farm were not to happen, then it would be 'business as usual' for the locale. Demographics were quoted for Bridport. He added that as a member of Vision 2030 the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, I see our remit as the only way forward to implement the desires of Bridport residents over the coming months prior to a submission document and a referendum towards the end of 2016.

**Concerns** were raised why local businesses have not been consulted, flood plain, access routes, Trees and whether any are under a Tree Preservation Order, Grade 2 listed farmhouse, remaining land not used. Concerns were also raised over the proposed location of the care home next to the commercial section of the plans? It was also discussed that the care home will probably be a replacement for 'Sidney Gale' which is in desperate need to be modernised. The Environment Agency have concerns eg water courses. Certain public rights of way could be amended and new ones being proposed. No consultations had taken place with local schools in view of a new school being included on the site. It was added that The Salisbury Diocese are against closing St Mary's (local school). It was noted that Miles Cross junction is in desperate need for a roundabout, Highways England want this and something that we have struggled with for 15 years, and would need to be improved in view of the industrial traffic that the development would incur. Natural England have concerns over the door mice on site and do not want them to be re-located.

A letter was shown written by MP Oliver Letwin dated 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2015.

It is the 'outline' plan that has been submitted which is requesting permission to develop the area. The next stage is the 'Master Plan' which will be more defined.

**Information from DCC, WDDC Councillors and Dorset Police:** Cllr Turner advised that the Combined Authority is going ahead and will have less powers than the Unity partnership. DCC are reviewing the use of 'school buses' during their downtime to enhance local areas. It would be a paid service

with no bus passes being used. New Strategic Director, Martin Hamilton, is now in post. Cllr Turner advised that he is granting us £700 out of his budget and was thanked in return.

PCSO Ash reported that there haven't really been any crimes within the parish worth mentioning. Beaminster Police Station is up for sale and will be relocating to Beaminster Fire Station. Project Genesis has been launched with a view to reach people via existing groups eg WI, YFC and getting into the community.

**253 To receive and approve apologies for absence:** Apologies had been received from Cllr Simon Christopher.

**254 To receive Declarations of interest:** None

**255 To approve the Minutes of last meeting:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> October 2015 were approved and signed.

**256 Chairman's Announcements:** Cllr Streatfeild advised that it would be interesting to find out how many 'hits' our web page receive and to maintain the front page with current topics.

**257 Finance: a) Bank Balances: Current account** £6,902.22 **Deposit account** £15,117.04

**b) Payment of Account for approvals:** Clerks Salary July £328.86  
Bridport Town Council Lengthsman £1,080.00, DCC Allotment Rent £200.00

**Approved by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Driscoll**

**c) Budget** – The Clerk presented the draft budget. We must take into consideration the reduction in Local Council Tax Support. The Clerk advised that we may be looking at a 3% increase in Precept which will result in Band D Rate being increased by 4.30%, will review at the December meeting and hopefully the Tax Base will be known by then to approve.

**258 Planning Applications:**

**WD/D/15/002339 – Eypes Mouth Car Park**– Demolish existing chalet and relocate/erect new chalet to the rear of the car park. Concerns were raised over the existing footpath on the site and reduction in car parking spaces. Objection to the application.

**WD/D/15/002010 – Vearse Farm** – Concerns were noted. All in favour of objection. Symondsburry Parish Council feels that there are so many issues still to be resolved that it cannot recommend approval at this stage. It would have liked the Neighbourhood Plan to have been completed which would have listed the objectives for the area for the next 15 years, but the local community must have the opportunity to contribute to the Masterplan before any kind of development is approved. This outline application covers only the access routes to the site, and these are not fit for purpose.

The Chairperson thanked previous Councillor, Malcolm Leighton, for all his hard work regarding using proper provision of scale bars on planning applications in order to eliminate poor measurements. A minor amendment had now been made within the validation checklist.

**259 Restore and repair finger posts** – Cllr Holmes advised that there is a lengthy form to complete for each finger post. He offered photographs of all the finger posts for perusal. Bridport Foundry can make the roundells at a cost of £150 plus VAT each whether the aluminium ones or steel/iron ones are chosen. It was agreed to go ahead and repair one at a time commencing with the one at Cockcrowing in Eype.

**260 Telephone Box:** Sensor light is not working at this site and therefore the Clerk will contact British Telecom to report. Cllr Roddy will spruce up this telephone box.

**261 Councillor Courses:** – Cllr Ralph will be attending the Councillor Update together with Cllr Smith.

**262 Reports from lead members:**

- a) Footpaths – Nothing to report.
- b) A35 – Nothing to report although trying to resurrect the A35 group with Oliver Letwin.
- c) Transport – X51 and X53 has been covered for the winter period offering half hourly Monday to Saturday and 2 hourly on a Sunday.
- d) Allotments – 2 plots vacant at West Road. Lengthsman to clear these plots.
- e) Flood Officer – Cllr Smith is attending a seminar in Weymouth. Much more work has been done in the last 12 months.
- f) Resilience – Information will be provided shortly.
- g) Coastal Matters – Nothing to report.
- h) DAPTC Reports – Nothing to report.
- i) BLAP Report – Meeting taking place on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at Mountfield. Cllr Jack will attend.
- j) Lengthsman Link – Work list had been received. Cllr Smith will meet with BTC every month. Pavement at West Road requires re-profiling. Cockcrowing corner needs work done.
- k) Tree Officer – Nothing to report.
- l) Ancient Monuments – Nothing to report.
- m) Symene Voice – Meeting to be arranged.
- n) Neighbourhood Plan – Nicely laid out with good responses. Progressing well.

**263 Reports to receive and adopt:** None.

**264 Correspondence List:** The list for October had been previously circulated. To respond to BTC confirming receipt of email.

**265 To confirm date of next meeting:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at Symondsburry School at 7pm.

**Meeting closed at 8.55pm**

Signed..... Date .....