

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th October 2015 at 7pm at Symondsburry School. **These minutes will be ratified at the November Parish Council Meeting.**

PRESENT: Cllrs P Smith, A Streatfeild, B Driscoll, J Roddy, S Ralph. In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk and Cllr S Christopher.

Democratic Half Hour – Concerns were raised over the time it's taking for the new speed limit to be put in place on the A35. Cllr Christopher advised that Andrew Roberts, Highways England, is currently undertaking a complete review of the A35 including Hunters Lodge and Charmouth. Oliver Letwin has had input and the pressure is on.

Concerns were raised regarding the huge increase in traffic in connection with the new Waste Transfer Site and can only get worse with the Vearse Farm development. People are already using other routes which is not helping.

Ian Harvey, of Bradpole Parish Council and also the Vice-Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan, is launching working groups in connection with vision-2030.co.uk and meetings are being held on 6th and 7th November 2015.

Information from DCC, WDDC Councillors and Dorset Police: Cllr Christopher advised that he had recently attended a Highways England Stakeholder event and was advised that there are funds for road projects and how cycling routes can be improved as an alternative for cars. Traffic may be taken away from the A35 due to dual works on the A303 and A358 which will be useful for lorries.

The Local Plan is due to go in front of all Councillors on 22nd October 2015 for decision.

240 To receive and approve apologies for absence: Apologies had been received from Cllr Holmes and Cllr Turner.

241 To receive Declarations of interest: Cllr Smith offered this under item 5, WATAG donation.

242 To approve the Minutes of last meeting: The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2015 were approved and signed.

243 Chairman's Announcements: Cllr Streatfeild advised that we have an extension to 17th November 2015 in connection with the Vearse Farm application. Cllr Streatfeild proposed to have an earlier start at 6pm for our next meeting on 10th November which was agreed. Bridport Town Council are having a meeting with regards to Vearse Farm on the 9th November 2015.

244 Finance: a) Bank Balances: Current account £7,285.94 Deposit account £15,117.04

a) Payment of Account for approvals: Clerks Salary September £345.92,

HMRC £27.80

WATAG £10.00

Symondsburry School £110.00

Proposed by Cllr Ralph, Seconded Cllr Roddy.

245 Planning Applications:

WD/D/15/002052 – Chelsea House, West Road, Bridport DT6 6AA – Erect garage and sunroom.
It was felt that neighbours should be approached in the first instance and if they are happy then it was agreed to reply with no objection.

WD/D/15/001927 – The Ark, 13 Eypes Mouth, - to allow permanent residential occupation-

Mr Lynch spoke within the democratic half hour to explain the reasoning behind the application: The family have purchased a plot of land in Charmouth are in the process of a new build. Their Architect had listed The Ark as their main address but could not be a holiday let so they are faced with having to amend the residential occupation to permanent. Mr Lynch advised that it is just really for an interim period whilst building their new house. He advised that most of the neighbours are happy. It was agreed that whilst we are happy with the application there should be a proviso that the property reverts back to being holiday accommodation in around 2 to 3 years which will allow Mr Lynch time to build his new house.

WD/D/15/001927 – Watton Park – Development Control Meeting had taken place and this application was approved.

WD/D/15/002010 – Vearse Farm – This will happen. The Neighbourhood Plan will allow it to be a benefit to all. We will be discussing this application at our next meeting in November.

WD/D/15/00295 – 11 Pine View, Bridport DT6 5AE – To fell silver birch. This application has been refused.

246 Bopper Bus - Donation request. To make contact re how many parishioners use the service in the first instance.

247 CPRE Membership - It was agreed to continue with the membership at £36 per annum.

248 Restore and Repair Fingerposts – A quotation has been received for £1,620 for nine roundels. Cllr Christopher kindly donated £50 towards this cost. A priority list is needed and Cllr Smith will take this forward. .

249 Superfast Broadband – To be placed on next newsletter.

250 Phone Boxes - Cllr Roddy is investigating the purchasing of the phone box within Symondsburry.

251 Award in Best Kept Village Competition – Delighted to advise that Symondsburry have won The Best Kept Village Award and £50 in this regard. Cllr Streatfeild expressed thanks to Cllrs Smith, Roddy and also to Wendy of the Symondsburry Estate.

252 Councillor Training – Clerk to circulate courses to all Councillors.

Reports from lead members:

- a) Footpaths – A tree has fallen on one footpath and as yet not removed. Cllr Ralph reported that it was Highways responsibility to clear.
- b) A35 – Nothing else to report.
- c) Transport – Nothing new to report.

- d) Allotments – Footpaths in Pine View are looking beautiful. A couple of unused allotments are becoming overgrown and maybe a lengthsman job to clear. Carl Stoodley has kindly donated woodchips to the Pine View allotments and thanks were expressed. Carl has also provided a quote for £450 plus VAT to clear the trees, however, it was felt that this would not be taken forward at this time. George Streatfeild has offered to cut a few bits down in the meantime.
- e) Flood Officer – A recent flood happened at Creeds Printers and drains were cleared.
- f) Resilience Cllr Streatfeild advised that the Minutes are still awaited. Piloting a flood related Parish Emergency Plan.
- g) Coastal Matters – Nothing to report.
- h) DAPTC Reports – Nothing to report.
- i) BLAP Report – Cllr Streatfeild to circulate BLAP report. There is a struggle with funding but will be remained in some form.
- j) Lengthsman Link – Clerk to request full breakdown of works undertaken.
- k) Tree Officer – Nothing to report.
- l) Ancient Monuments – Nothing to report..
- m) Symene Voice – Cllr Roddy and Cllr Driscoll will be meeting in this regard.
- n) Neighbourhood Plan – Next meeting scheduled for Thursday 22nd October 2015.
- o) Waste Management Centre – Signs to the old wates site are still in place, David Diaz contacted in this regard. Some criticism over the barriers being too high although has to be this height due to Health and Safety.

253 Reports to receive and adopt: None.

254 Correspondence List: The list for September has been previously circulated.

255 To confirm date of next meeting: Tuesday 10th November 2015 at Symondsburry School at the earlier start time of 6pm.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed..... **Date**