

## SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Symondsbury School. **These minutes will be ratified at the July Parish Council Meeting.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs P Smith, B Driscoll, J Roddy, A Streatfeild, S Holmes and J Jack.

In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk, Cllr D Turner DCC, Cllr S Christopher WDDC (Joined after item 337) and 1 member of the public.

**Democratic Half Hour** A Member of the public asked if he could speak under item 9, Vearse Farm which was approved.

**Information from DCC, WDDC Councillors and Dorset Police:** Cllr Turner advised that 'Shaping Dorset' is moved ahead fairly quickly. A consultation is taking place around August 2016 on the Unitary Council Options. Potential savings of around £35M under a single unitary or £25M under a 2 unitary system have been indicated. The two Unitaries may consist of "Shire" Dorset / Bournemouth, Poole; He advised that no decisions have been made and in particular Christchurch & EDDC have not indicated where they may "align". He provided an outline of a Combined Authority model & reminded Councillors that this consultation (on a Combined Authority) is about to close.

In the absence of Cllr Christopher it was agreed to re-open the public session when he arrived which then occurred after item 337. Cllr Christopher advised that there had been lots of planning applications recently involving house extensions. He advised the council of two instances recently where planning had been refused due to extensions being too large in relation to the existing building. A new building at Kingston Maurwood costing £1.2M with £350K of ICT equipment proves to be positive.

PCSO Dave Ash, although not present, provided a report of a recent crime committed within Symondsbury, A ride on lawnmower valued at £4,000/£5,000 had been stolen from a shed at a commercial premises.

**332 To receive and approve apologies for absence:** Apologies had been received from Cllr S Ralph due to his Wedding Anniversary which was accepted.

**333 To receive Declarations of interest:** None.

**334 To approve the Minutes of last meeting:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were approved and signed.

**335 Chairman's Announcements:** Ex Cllr D Wragg was welcomed to the meeting and the SPC offered their sincerest condolences with his recent sad loss. The Chair re-confirmed the Minute Procedures: Clerk to send to Chairman who will then forward to Councillors. All amendments to be sent to the Clerk.

**336 Finance: a) Bank Balances: Current account £7,106.63 Deposit account £15,124.66**

**b) Payment of Account for approvals:** Clerks Salary March £377.77, BDTA membership £20.00, Samantha Gunning, Internal Audit, £25.00, Cllr P Smith Honarium £100.00, C B Reid Payroll £31.20, DAPTC membership £361.68, Cllr P Smith expenses £24.80. Cllr Streatfeild offered to donate to Symondsbury Primary School out of her Honarium monies for the presentation that the school provided at the Annual Meeting which was agreed by the Council.

The Clerk proposed that £3,000 should be transferred from the Current account to the Deposit Account.

**c) To approve the Annual Accounts – BDO Audit:** The Clerk provided details of the BDO Audit which had been audited by Samantha Gunning, from Albert Goodman Accountants. **All of the above was Proposed by Cllr Streatfeild and seconded by Cllr Driscoll.**

**337 Planning Applications: WD/D/16/001054 Little Down, Quarr Lane, Symondsburry, DT6 6AQ** – alterations – Cllr Ralph has undertaken a site visit and had advised the Council by earlier email that the property is well tucked away. **No Objection.**

**WD/D/15/001338 (Appeal) The Ark, 13 Eypes Mouth Chalet Park, Eype, Bridport, DT6** Variations of condition 2 – to allow permanent residential occupation – Existing reply still stands – no further action.

**WD/D/16/001127 Nossiters Farm, Broadoak to Atrim Road, Broadoak, Bridport DT6 5PY** from the plans In principal it looks satisfactory. **NO objection** subject to Cllr Streatfeild undertaking a site visit

**WD/D/16/000911 36 Pine View, Bridport, DT6 5AE Drop Kerb – Object** It was noted that the location is within an extended layby, provided as part of the development originally for unallocated parking with the potential that a car parked in the front garden would inevitably be blocked in by other residents. Concerns were raised over the steepness of the access onto public pavement compared to other neighbouring drop kerbs creating a potential danger to pedestrians.

**WD/D/16/002990 Manor Farm, Symondsburry, Bridport DT6 6HH** Advice received of a Development Control Committee Meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016. A member of the public offered to attend the meeting on our behalf which has been declined by the SPC. We note the revised temporary nature of proposal for the storage container.

Clerk to write to the Symondsburry Estate to propose a site visit concerning parking in advance of the meeting suggested by Symondsburry Estate for a better understanding of their aims and invite them to make a presentation to our next meeting.

**WD/D/16/001056 Beachcombers, 4 Eypes Mouth Chalet Park, Eype, Bridport, DT6 6AL** Demolish existing holiday chalet and shed, construct new/replacement holiday chalet and shed/store. Cllr Holmes to undertake a site visit. It is a bigger footprint than the original, a modern design and providing in practice it does prove to be higher than the surrounding properties. Subject to that further site visit **no objection.**

**Builder/Scaffolding Yard, Broomhills** We have been informed by WDDC planners that they have advised them to move out or make a planning application. Clerk monitor progress.

**Cllr Christopher** arrived and at this stage the “public session” resumed see information above.

**338 Training & Seminars for Clerks & Councillors:** Cllr Driscoll is attending the Essentials for Councillors course on 15<sup>th</sup> June and 13<sup>th</sup> July. NALC have produced a Clerks Handbook which may be more useful than Arnold Baker (the yellow book) It is on offer at a discount price via DAPTC, Clerk to research. Cllr Smith had recently attended the Chairs Update and advised the Councillors of one point of interest, that once a decision had been made, the Council are unable to change their minds for a period of six months

### **339 Reports from lead members:**

- a) Footpaths – Re Highways Act 1980 Section 119, Dorset County Council, Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Section 53 Footpath 22 part, Footpath 23 part, Footpath 26 and Bridleway 28 parts, Public Diversion Order 2015 – our previous reply still stands. We are especially concerned with the current crossing point at the A35.
- b) A35 – Cllr Ralph had circulated of the outcomes from the A35 meeting that he attended. Chideock PC is to liaise with their residents to find out their views having proposed the resurrection of the Chideock Bypass proposal and another meeting to finalise their decisions will take place in around four months. Clerk to write to Highways Agency regarding obsolete National Speed Limit sign that has been painted out badly creating confusion between the Miles Cross and Eype turnings(East bound)

- c) Transport – Dorset Community Transport are providing a service in place of the Number 76 bus which is being used by people in the villages it serves. A possible strike by some ‘First’ drivers has been scheduled for 20<sup>th</sup> June to 25<sup>th</sup> June affecting the X51, X52 and X53 services. Contingency plans are being produced.
- d) Allotments – The Clerk advised that the invoices are due to be sent.
- e) Flood Officer – Nothing to report.
- f) Resilience – Nothing to report.
- g) Coastal Matters – Nothing to report.
- h) DAPTC Reports – Nothing to report.
- i) BLAP Report – Cllr Streafield apologised that she was unable to attend a recent Steering Group Meeting. Our former Clerk & Councillor David Wragg has agreed to represent Symondsburry Parish Council at future meetings in liaison with Cllr Streatfeild and update the Parish Council accordingly.
- j) Lengthsman Link – Summer work progressing well.
- k) Symene CLT – To maintain on the list for the foreseeable future.
- l) Tree Officer – Nothing to report.
- m) Ancient Monuments – Nothing to report.
- n) Symene Voice – Next edition in pipeline.
- o) Neighbourhood Plan – A new Project Manager has recently been appointed. May use the Symene Voice as a communication route.
- p) Finger Posts – Cllr Holmes advised that he is having problems with the AONB team, as they are very busy. Although Cllr Holmes has had positive communication with a co-ordinator whose advice has been helpful. Cllr Holmes advised that he has made some temporary fingers in order that information is still available whilst refurbishing the existing ones which due to poor renovation in the past it is proving difficult to detach the aluminium letters for re use.

**340 Vearse Farm** – Renegotiations are currently being undertaken with various statutory undertakings.

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

**342 Correspondence:** The list for May had been previously circulated.

**343 Items for inclusion on July Agenda:** Closed session re Clerks pay and conditions.

**344 To confirm date of next meeting:** Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at Symondsburry School at 7pm.

**Meeting closed at 9.00pm**

**Signed**..... **Date** .....