

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th April 2016 at 7pm at Symondsburry School. **These minutes will be ratified at the May Parish Council Meeting.**

PRESENT: Cllrs P Smith, B Driscoll, J Roddy, S Ralph, A Streatfeild.

In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk, Cllr D Turner, Cllr S Christopher and 5 members of the public.

Democratic Half Hour Concerns were raised regarding the planning application submitted, Highclere, First Cliff Walk, West Bay. Predominantly there will be a major invasion of privacy to neighbouring properties. Planners should visit the local properties and not just the applicants address for a clear idea on this application.

Concerns were also raised on a planning application, 20 Britview Road being detrimental to the amenity of the occupiers of adjoining residential properties.

Concerns were raised regarding the potholes in Downhouse Lane. 'Do it yourself' type of repair had been done in the past using hardcore but is not a real long term solution. The National Trust had been communicated with for a way forward. Cllr Turner offered support and provided his business card and would liase accordingly.

Information from DCC, WDDC Councillors and Dorset Police: Cllr Turner advised of the Library Consultation and the reduction in mobile libraries to 3 from 4 in May 2016. A consultation runs from 4th April to 14th May proposing the end of the mobile library service. Cllr Turner made the councillors aware of the buses toolkit which is available online.

Cllr Christopher advised of a Planning Committee meeting on Thursday 14th April 2016.

PCSO Dave Ash, although not present, provided a report of some recent crimes committed within the area, namely, an attempted burglary in Eype, Multiple assaults at an event at The Tithe Barn, Symondsburry Estate, and Arson attack to a car.

299 To receive and approve apologies for absence: Apologies had been received from

Cllr S Holmes and Cllr Jack due to both being on holiday which were accepted.

300 To receive Declarations of interest: Cllr B Driscoll in connection with Pine View allotments. Cllr P Smith item 6, The Cider Press.

301 To approve the Minutes of last meeting: The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th March 2016 were approved and signed.

302 Chairman's Announcements: Cllr Streatfeild advised of the Annual Meeting on Tuesday 19th April at 7pm at Symondsburry School. The presentation will be conducted by Symondsburry School Headteacher, Emma Roberts. Refreshments will be served.

303 Finance: a) Bank Balances: Current account £3,645.17 Deposit account £15,125.87

b) Payment of Account for approvals: Clerks Salary March £362.77, Bridport Town Council (Lengthsman) £1,080.00, Creeds (Printing of Annual Flyer and Symene Voice) £334.00, Cllr S Holmes (finger post materials) £168.66, , Normtec (fingerpost roundal) £147.00. HMRC (PAYE) £51.00 **Proposed by Cllr Smith and seconded by Cllr Ralph.**

304 Planning Applications:

WD/D/16/000560 Bonrosa, Mount Lane, Eype – erect extension – Clerk to request referral for one week, to allow for site visit from councillors.

WD/D/16/000435 Highclere, First Cliff Walk, West Bay – alterations to loft room – We **object** to this application due to the substantial loss of privacy in adjoining neighbouring properties. The roof of the house is already a dominant feature. The houses were originally designed to have floor to ceiling windows on the harbourside of the building with the gardens designed to look at towards the harbour. The proposed alterations to the loft room would mean windows on the back/upside of the building thus resulting in a substantial invasion of privacy to neighbours in close **proximity**. It would result in total loss of any privacy to the garden/patio/kitchen and living room in the neighbouring house.

Whilst this part of the estate was constructed prior to any planning control great care was taken to preserve views across West Bay from each dwelling whilst providing a great deal of privacy to each building thus windows overlooking neighbouring properties are of particular concern in this proposal as they overlook from above rooms in constant use.

WD/D/16/000485 Farthings Mead – amendment to planning permission reference WD/D/14/001510 – replacement porch (non material amendment) – change of shape to porch no objection.

WD/D/16/000619 Sea Hill, Second Cliff Walk, West Bay – replacement garage and extension – No Objection.

WD/D/16/000489 20 Brit View Road, West Bay – erect extension and alterations - SPC object to this planning application due to the proposed prominent extension, which by reason of design and siting, would represent an unneighbourly form of development. Both in itself and in relation to adjoining buildings, footways, spaces and views, by bringing the extension to the left of the property and the fence forward to the same building line as at the right side is detrimental to the amenity of the area and occupiers of adjoining residential properties and unsympathetic to the character of the area which was carefully designed to present an un cluttered non overpowering feel to the area. The entire estate, built in three phases over the past 100 years was designed throughout to create views, preserve privacy and have a spacious environment. We must draw your attention to the effect the proposed fence adjacent to the footpath/bridleway which will lead to it feeling intimidatory towards users. Access to the new parking area is across a footway controlled by the West Cliff House Owners which will require consent.

It must also be noted that the footpath/bridleway is regularly used by the Coastguard in accessing the cliffs on rescue missions using a vehicle for access to the cliff field property of WDDC.

305 Vearse Farm – Nothing new to report. Clerk to chase Graham Cox in view of TPO and bird nesting season about to start which should prevent further destruction till the end of August

306 Restore and Repair Finger Posts – Materials purchased for first post so looks promising.

307 Bus Route 76 De-registration – potential for replacement provision – latest information -
The official service has been withdrawn. There will be a service offered by Dorset Community Transport, (a National registered charity), for a flat rate fee of £5.00 round trip. Concessionary passes will not be accepted. Thanks to Hilary Joyce (Char Valley), Mary Marsh (Thorncombe) and Cllr Jennifer Roddy of Symondsbury Parish Councils for their hard work. Cllr Driscoll intends to meet the new service and will report at our next meeting.

308 Citizens Advice Bureau – Request for financial assistance had been received. 91 of 2269 clients during the year 2014/2015 came from the Symondsbury Parish. It was proposed by Cllr Smith to support with £150 and seconded by Cllr Driscoll.

309 Defibrillator – The Clerk provided details of the costs of defibrillators offered by St Johns Ambulance at around £1,065. It was agreed to speak with the Head Teacher of Symondsbury School in the first instance. The Clerk advised that Beaminster are having a training day run by the Dorset and Wiltshire Fire Service on 21st May.

310 The Future of Mobile Libraries – Consultation – There are 6 regular users within the Symondsbury village. The Clerk to reply to the consultation advising that this is yet another service lost to the rural community.

311 Proposal to amend the rental charges for allotments – to bring them in line with each other – The Clerk suggested £20.00 for a single plot and £30.00 for a double plot. Proposed by Cllr Ralph and seconded by Cllr Roddy.

312 Reports from lead members:

- a) Footpaths – Cllr Ralph will report on the earlier issues mentioned. The Clerk to chase the footpath at Broomhills as it looks like a building site. Footpath near Easter Piece there is a gate missing and an unsightly plastic gate has been used in its place.
- b) A35 – Cllr Roddy advised that a meeting had taken place regarding the A35. Chaired by Oliver Letwin No police were present. New speed limit signs will be in place by the Summer. A roundabout is needed. Our MP is very keen on a meeting in June to discuss further.
- c) Transport – None (Number 76 bus detailed above).
- d) Allotments – Two new potential allotment tenants have come forward.
- e) Flood Officer – Nothing to report.
- f) Resilience – The Plan has been provided to Bridport Town Council.
- g) Coastal Matters – Nothing to report.
- h) DAPTC Reports – Nothing to report.
- i) BLAP Report – Annual Assembly is being held on 25th May and will provide details of how they are configuring themselves without the funding. A project Manager is being sought.

- j) Lengthsman Link – Work at Skilling Hill is almost finished. Work is being done on West Road.
- k) Tree Officer – Nothing to report.
- l) Ancient Monuments – Nothing to report.
- m) Symene Voice – A copy has been delivered to parishioners.
- n) Neighbourhood Plan – Nothing to report. Cllr Streatfeild would like to continue to work on this in the future. Cllrs have been asked to identify ‘green spaces’ and to advise accordingly.

313 Reports to receive and adopt: None.

314 Items for inclusion on May Agenda – Cars parking randomly resulting in residents not being able to park. Donation to Symondsburry School re presentation.

315 Correspondence - The list for March had been previously circulated.

280 To confirm date of next meeting: Tuesday 10th May 2016 at Symondsburry School at 7pm. The Annual Parish Meeting is on Tuesday 19th April 2016 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 9.11pm

Signed..... **Date**