

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th February 2016 at 7pm at Symondsburry School. **These minutes will be ratified at the March Parish Council Meeting.**

PRESENT: Cllrs P Smith, S Holmes, B Driscoll, J Roddy, J Jack, S Ralph.

In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk, Cllr D Turner, Cllr S Christopher and 3 members of the public.

Democratic Half Hour: Concerns were raised over a Retrospective planning application and its likely effects on the village ...see below under item 281.

A representative from a company called Beyond Events discussed details of a forthcoming Triathlon event on 5th June 2016 and will keep us advised of any significant changes.

Richard Freer from Vision 2030 Steering Group advised disappointment that he had not yet received the synopsis from Hallam Land Management meeting held in November 2015 or indeed the Master Plan.

Information from DCC, WDDC Councillors and Dorset Police: Cllr Turner spoke of the savings to be made from the DCC budget.

Cllr Christopher advised of a Planning Committee meeting on Thursday 11th February 2016. North Dorset have loaned some planning staff to West Dorset 2 days per week, to decreased backlog of work. Stamp Duty changes in April 2016 having an adverse effect. Cllr Christopher spoke about the cash only car parking machines and maybe payment using cards would have been beneficial.

Nothing to report from Dorset Police.

277 To receive and approve apologies for absence: Apologies had been received from Cllr A Streatfeild due to being on holiday which was accepted.

278 To receive Declarations of interest: Cllr B Driscoll in connection with Pine View allotments.

279 To approve the Minutes of last meeting: The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th January 2016 were approved and signed.

280 Chairman's Announcements: Cllr Smith advised that we must start considering a new Chairperson as Cllr Streatfeild not be standing at the next Annual Meeting. Nominations are being sought.

Finance: a) Bank Balances: Current account £4,307.66 **Deposit account** £15,120.83

b) Payment of Account for approvals: Clerks Salary January 371.10, Cllr P Smith expenses £17.30 Chairman's Honarium £100.00, Symondsburry School (Payment for heat & light) £130.00 and £80.00. **Proposed by Cllr Holmes and seconded by Cllr Roddy.**

The Clerk also advised that £155.00 had been received in respect of the noticeboard damage. We have also received £500 sponsorship for a Finger Post from Martin Cox of Highlands End.

281 Planning Applications:

WD/D/15/002990 – Manor Farm, Symondsburry – Change of use of 2 modern farm buildings and siting of storage container (retrospective). Relocation of existing businesses into different buildings including conversion/change of use for existing buildings –There was a wide ranging discussion Councillors were extremely disappointed at the number of retrospective applications from Symondsburry Estate ,The following reply to this application was formulated. Symondsburry Parish Council have **No objection** to the buildings being reverted to the original Planning Permission use as B & B's, we do, however, **Object** to the 'shipping container' on the site which is within a Conservation Area and AONB. We are concerned that buildings (4,9,10 on the plan) do not meet the requirement of the Local Plan as they increase the retail area considerably. The recent changes to onsite parking arrangements are leading to an increase in on street parking which is safety concern in the vicinity of the Primary School. Again SPC are disappointed that we are dealing with yet another retrospective planning application from the applicant.

282 Vearse Farm – Nothing new to report. It was agreed to pursue Hallam Land for the Master Plan. Concern was raised concerning the Tree Preservation Order being established for the entire site including that part not owned by Hallam Land and needed to check that the dates haven't lapsed and if any are in place as initially they lapse if not confirmed within six months.

283 Restore and Repair Finger Posts – It was agreed that the Cockcrowing finger post was a priority and to continue with this work. Further donations are being actively persuaded.It was confirmed that the sign at the end of Quarr Lane is in our Parish and not Chideock as the AONB website had indicated.

284 West Bay Triathlon – No concerns were raised.

285 Rural Bus Services Review - No. 76 Bus – A report from Cllr Driscoll was read and a letter from a parishioner regarding concerns to cut the number 76 bus (copy of which had been sent to MP Oliver Letwin). SPC have sent a letter to Mr Mike Harries, Director for Environment and the Economy at Dorset County Council, stating concerns. The Council agreed to consider whether to join neighbouring Parishes in supporting some alternate transport for parishioners .

286 Pine View and West Road Allotments – It was requested from the Allotment holders to have a reduction in 2016/2017 allotment rent to pay towards the cost of removal of debris and hiring of a skip. The Clerk advised that it would appear that the allotments at Pine View are smaller than West Road Allotments and presently being over charged in comparison. The Clerk advised that the solution would be for the Parish Council to cover the cost of the skip and for the renewal costs to be waived for 2016/2017. In effect a refund of £15.00 per allotment holder and £15.00 waived for the forthcoming year. This was approved by Cllr Holmes and seconded by Cllr Roddy.

287 Best Kept Village 2016 – We achieved Best New Entrant in 2015 and received £50. The telephone box has been cleaned. It was agreed to enter the competition this year.

288 Annual Parish Meeting – Speaker – It was agreed to contact Hallam Land Management to invite as Guest speaker.

289 Reports from lead members:

- a) Footpaths – Cllr Ralph reported that its muddy everywhere.
- b) A35 – Cllr Roddy advised that the new speed limit is in place, however, concerned that it does not include Miles Cross.
- c) Transport – None (Number 76 bus detailed above).
- d) Allotments – Nothing else to report.
- e) Flood Officer – Cllr Smith reported that the Environment website is updated with flood news regularly (half hour intervals).
- f) Resilience – Ongoing. Good deeds had been undertaken.
- g) Coastal Matters – Nothing to report.
- h) DAPTC Reports – Meeting in 2 weeks time.
- i) BLAP Report – None.
- j) Lengthsman Link – Work is being done.
- k) Tree Officer – Nothing to report.
- l) Ancient Monuments – Nothing to report.
- m) Symene Voice – Much progress has been made.
- n) Neighbourhood Plan – Steering Group Meeting due 10th February 2016. Cllr Smith is attending.

277 Reports to receive and adopt: Bus Report received and adopted. **Approved by Cllr Ralph and Cllr Roddy.**

278 Items for inclusion on March Agenda – Not yet known.

279 Correspondence - The list for January had been previously circulated.

280 To confirm date of next meeting: Tuesday 8th March 2016 at Symondsbury School at 7pm. The Annual Parish Meeting is on Tuesday 19th April 2016 at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.57pm

Signed..... **Date**