

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 12th July 2016 at Symondsburry School

These minutes will be ratified at the September Parish Council Meeting.

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

In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk, Cllr D Turner DCC, Cllr S Christopher WDDC (Joined after item 351) and 1 member of the public.

Democratic Half Hour Sir Phillip Colfox provided an informative synopsis of on-going plans for Manor Yard. Car parking was becoming a concern in Symondsburry and he advised that a sign will be put up shortly to advise customers of their car park behind the Manor Yard. In addition Sir Philip advised that they are considering the option of bypassing the village via Crepe Farm to help alleviate traffic through the village which would also have the advantage of bring visitors into the outskirts of the village close to their car park entrance by Sheepwash. Their overall priority is to provide accommodation to support their wedding venue and café. The shop will be moved again as it is currently too small. The hairdressing and beauty will also move. Sir Philip also advised that their container will be placed into a dug out hole and disguised with a fence. They are also looking to have cabins on wheels (bigger than shepherd huts) and some tent camping for 28 days a year; this will also support the café. Sir Philip was thanked for keeping the Parish Council updated with their plans.

Information from DCC, WDDC Councillors and Dorset Police: Cllr Turner advised that 'Shaping Dorset' is moved ahead fairly quickly. A meeting is taking place on the 4th September 2016 at Westminster to discuss the way forward on the Unitary Council Options.

Cllr Christopher provided to the Clerk and Chairperson the contact details of Cllr Timothy Yarker. He also advised that the Planning Control Meeting due on Thursday 14th July will be meeting earlier at 1pm rather than the advertised time of 2.15pm. He also advised that plans for a National Park for East Devon and Dorset have been discussed and may well boost tourism. Cllr Sandra Brown is currently undertaking presentations on this concept. He provided the Parish Council details of an initiative taking place in Whitchurch Canonorum of an Exchange Café. The event takes place once a month in the church 10.30am to 12pm with tea, coffee and croissants and an opportunity for villagers to meet and talk.

345 To receive and approve apologies for absence: None.

346 To receive Declarations of interest: None.

347 To approve the Minutes of last meeting: The Minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2016 were approved and signed.

348 Chairman's Announcements: None.

349 Finance: a) Bank Balances: Current account £6,350.98 Deposit account £15,124.66

b) Payment of Account for approvals: Clerks Salary June £377.77, July £377.57, Clerk expenses £51.36, HMRC £6.00, DAPTC Chairman Meeting £35.00.

On the proposition of Cllr Driscoll, seconded by Cllr Roddy, it was **Resolved** that the above accounts be paid.

350 Planning Applications: WD/D/16/001193 – Cliff Corner, West Cliff Road, West Road, Bridport, Dorset DT6 4HR – erect dormer window to south west elevation – no objection.

351 Reports from lead members:

- a) Footpaths – Cllr Ralph reported that he has not received a reply from the Footpaths Officer at DCC regarding the footpaths that have been previously reported. The Japanese Knot weed is a concern on a footpath in Eype. Clerk to chase the response.
- b) A35 – The next meeting is on 16th September 2016 with MP Oliver Letwin. It has emerged that these meetings only cover strategic matters and concern was expressed as how to resolve day to day operational problems.
- c) Transport – Dorset Community Transport are providing a service in place of the Number 76 bus which is covering its costs. The Rural Buses Review Consultation ends on 22nd July 2016. The current pay dispute with First Bus drivers is not resolved. The X52 bus (Weymouth –Poole) does not operate at all on strike days and the X53 provides a reduced service Weymouth to Bridport only.
- d) Allotments – There are currently two vacancies on the West Road site.
- 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 – Nothing to report.
- j) Lengthsman Link – Summer work progressing well.
- k) Symene CLT – Nothing to report.
- l) Tree Officer – Nothing to report.
- m) Ancient Monuments – Nothing to report.
- n) Symene Voice – Next edition in pipeline, the next meeting is planned.
- o) Neighbourhood Plan – The new Project Manager, Katy Graham has started work. Bridport TC are not planning to approach councils for further funding at this time.
- p) Finger Posts – Clerk to provide a spread sheet detailing the finger post monies. Cllr Holmes advised that he is currently refurbishing the finger posts and updated the council on the problems he has faced with the finger post at Cockcrowing. It was proposed by Cllr Streatfield and seconded by Cllr Roddy to amend the wording at Cockcrowing to read "Eype". This will prevent confusion and help visitors find the beach as Lower Eype is only the west below the pub not that part further towards the beach .
Cllr Christopher arrived and at this stage, the "public session" resumed (see information above).

351 Vearse Farm – Nothing to report.

352 Reports to receive and adopt: report on Neighbourhood Master Plan had been circulated and approved

353 Correspondence: The list for June had been previously circulated.

354 Proposal to introduce 'Clerks Report' to future agendas. It was agreed the clerk will produce a short written report each month to update councillors in support of the Correspondence List.

355 Items for inclusion on September Agenda: Re-siting Brown Tourist sign(s) at Cockcrowing.

356 Exempt Business Clerk's pay and conditions (Due to confidential nature the public are excluded from this part of the meeting).

357 To confirm date of next meeting: Tuesday 13th September 2016 at Symondsburry School at 7pm. A meeting on Tuesday 9th August 2016 will only take place if there are any pressing major planning applications.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed..... Date