

- i)BLAP Report – Cllr Streatfeild. Nothing to report.
- j)Lengthsman Link – Cllr Smith. Tasks progressing including some in readiness for Best Kept Village Competition.
- k)Tree Officer – Cllr Holmes. Nothing to report.
- l)Ancient Monuments – Cllr Holmes. Nothing to report.
- m)Symene Voice – Cllr Jack. To undertake a new edition for the Autumn.
- n)Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Driscoll. Steering Group Meeting held earlier this evening.
- o)Finger Posts – Cllr Holmes. Safety equipment available from BTC. Information from AONB not forthcoming and need to try a different approach in this regard.

DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR: A thorough and detailed submission to WDDC Planners was read out by a neighbour with regards to a planning application at Heatherstone, Broad Lane, Bridport. See item 327.

Information from DCC, WDDC Councillors and Dorset Police: Cllr Turner, District Councillor, spoke about 'Shaping Dorset's Future'; a meeting had taken place with Oliver Letwin and Rebecca Knox. A consultation is taking place regarding the Combined Authority. Dorset Highways have received additional money to improve the potholes, use the service on Dorset For You to report any pot holes which are in need of repair. Cllr Christopher reported that there was a significant majority to move away from the 'cabinet' system in the recent Referendum Voting approximately 2 to 1 for the new voting system. Martin Underhill was re elected as the Police Commissioner. Cllr Christopher also advised that there is a meeting due on 27th May regarding the A35 in Chideock with Oliver Letwin and Andrew Roberts, of Highways England, in attendance. Cllr Ralph will attend. PCSO Dave Ash reported of a few recent crimes lately: goods stolen from a studio/workshop in Shutes Lane, potential dangerous parking at Symondsburry School, Vans being broken into at Pine View, West Road, Skilling, Suspected arson attack on a vehicle in Pine View. Speeding along Skilling Hill by St Marys School was reported to PCSO Ash at the meeting. He also advised that Beaminster Police Station had recently re-located to Beaminster Fire Station.

325 Chairman's Announcements: Cllr Smith advised that future Minutes must be sent in draft form to him for perusal then sent to all Councillors for comment. We are sad to learn of the recent death of past Clerk & Councillor David Wragg's wife Anne Our sincerest condolences to be sent to David.

326 Finance: a) Bank Balances: Current account: £7,667.74 Deposit: £15,125.87

b) Payments of Account for approval: Clerk's Salary £386.10, Cllr S Holmes (finger post paint) £65.98 c) Insurance Renewal £175.01, d) A donation to Symondsburry School was discussed and the Clerk to investigate the statute and whether this can be done. To be discussed at the next meeting.

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

327 Planning Applications:

- a) D/D/16/00W0607 Heatherstone, Broad Lane, Bridport – outline application for erection of a dwelling – **SPC object** to this application due to the proposed dwelling being outside of development boundary and failing to meet many aspects of the Local Plan and could lead to the loss of mature trees and hedging which currently provides privacy for neighbouring property The access is also considered totally unsuitable.

b) D/D/16/000551 Highway Farm, West Road, Bridport – Removal of Condition 2 of planning approval reference 1/W/2002/1698 to remove agricultural tie. The NFU recommends around 150 acres to be classed as agricultural. This farm has around 26 acres. SPC have **no objection** to this application.
WD/D/16/000566 –Bakrota, Meadway, West Bay – double garage – Cllr Smith will visit this property.

328 Symondsburry Allotments: Increase to Rent to DCC: A letter had been received from DCC advising of rent increase from £200 pa to £235 pa from September 2016. The Clerk reported that this would not be an issue for the current financial year but would need to take this into consideration for the following and subsequent tax years. The Clerk to ask DCC if this site will form part of the disposal list at any time allowing its transfer to SPC.

329 Seminars and Training: Cllr Smith recommended to Councillors that they should attend various training courses. The Clerk to circulate the list and members to advise the Clerk in order that they can be booked.

330 Correspondence List: The list for April had been previously circulated.

331 To confirm date of next meeting: Tuesday 14th June 2016 at Symondsburry School at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed.....

Cllr P Smith

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