

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 11th October 2016 at Symondsbury School

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

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

In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk and 4 members of the public.

Democratic Half Hour A member of the public spoke at length regarding a planning application at 5 Brit View Road, West Bay. Concerns were raised regarding subsidence, the visual impact on the 'street scene', the raising of the roof resulting in the loss of sunlight and the impact thus causing a statutory nuisance. Photographs were shown to the Councillors.

Concerns were raised regarding the improvement of internet transmission, currently only 1 to 5mb and often at 0. Bridport have high speed broadband in many areas. The lack of internet has an adverse effect on property prices by as much as 20% below the valuation. A request was made for the clerk to contact Open Reach. **Action MS**

Information from DCC, WDDC Councillors and Dorset Police: No reports have been received in their absence.

376 To receive and approve apologies for absence: Apologies had been received from Cllr Driscoll as he was away on holiday which was accepted.

377 To receive Declarations of interest: None.

378 To approve the Minutes of last meeting: The Minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2016 were approved and signed.

379 Chairman's Announcements: Cllrs Smith and Streatfeild attended the Best Kept Village Presentation, however, Symondsbury did not feature apart from a photograph of our church was shown. It was noted that posters are appearing on our Parish noticeboards and affects such competitions. It was suggested to place bird boxes around the village.

380 Vearse Farm – proposal regarding the interaction of the Parish Council with all relevant parties: Symondsbury Parish Council feel 'missed out' as Hallam Land Management held a presentation with the Bridport Town Council recently. It was discussed that it could be likely for Bridport to take control of Vearse Farm should there be a boundary change in the future. It was asked how this would affect our primary school? The purpose of discussing this was just to highlight the 'what ifs' and it was agreed to discuss in more detail at the next meeting.

381 Clerks Report including CiLCA Qualification: The Clerk reported that a reply had been received from Jill Exton regarding the Japanese Knot weed problem who informed that the land owner is responsible for its control. The majority of public rights of way footpaths are privately owned. **Action SH to inform MS of landowner in order to make contact.** Correspondence had been sent to Symondsbury Estate regarding the overhanging tree but nor reply has been

received. The Clerk is still awaiting a reply from DCC regarding the repositioning of the brown sign at Cockcrowing Corner. **Action MS to chase.**

The Clerk expressed an interest to undertake the CiLCA qualification would ultimately be favourable to the Parish Council in order that the Council use the general power of competence. The qualification costs £250 and assumes 200 hours per annum to complete (ie (4 hours per week). The Council unanimously agreed. **Action MS to pursue**

382 Finance: a) Bank Balances: Current account £4,898.52 Deposit account £15,132.24

b) Payment of Account for approvals: Clerks Salary August £380.75, DCC Allotment Rent £235.00, Cllr S Holmes (fingerposts) £11.29, Normtec (fingerposts) £10.00, Clerks Expenses £28.83, Bridport Town Council (lengthsman) £1080.00, HMRC (PAYE) £8.40. On the proposition of Cllr Streatfeild, seconded by Cllr Ralph, it was Resolved that the above accounts be paid.

383 Planning Applications: WD/D/16/001983 – 5 Brit View Road, West Bay, Dorset DT6 4HY – replacement existing conservatory with proposed garden room and alterations to front entrance steps – Initial thoughts are to object on the basis of instability to the neighbouring bungalow, the result to the ‘street scene’ and the effect to the existing skyline. **Action MS to request extension to the closing date.**

WD/D/16/002050 –Cleveland, Hill Rise, West Bay, DT6 4HN – demolish existing bungalow and erect replacement dwelling, modify existing vehicular access - Approval on the basis that the established fuschia hedge remains in place throughout the building period.

384 Reports from lead members:

- a) Footpaths – Cllr Ralph reported a tree had fallen over a fence near the Broomhills site and requires attendance.
- b) A35 – Cllr Roddy attended the meeting of the A35 Group on 16th September which was chaired by Oliver Letwin. Cllr Roddy provided the Parish Council with a lengthy report but key points are: a roundabout at Miles Cross was preferred at this junction. A Speed Survey had been undertaken along the A35 from Honiton to Bere Regis and the results will become known in 6 weeks. A Safety Survey will be completed in the Spring of 2017 and results will be available at the end of 2017.
- c) Transport – First Bus routes X51 and X53 winter timetable has started. During Monday to Friday there are half hourly buses to Charmouth, Lyme Regis and Axminster, half hourly into Bridport, hourly to Dorchester, every two hours to West Bay and Burton Bradstock and the coast road to Weymouth. On Sundays there is no X51 but the X53 runs every two hours between Axminster and Weymouth, via the coast road and Lyme Regis. The Dorset Community Transport PLUSBUS service which replaced the Number 76 continues to run satisfactory and on Wednesdays only.
- d) Allotments –Cllr Driscoll will be visiting both sites to ensure all is in order.
- 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 – A Steering Group meeting has taken place. Views are required for The Reshaping of Councils and BLAP will undertake a reply on behalf of the Council.
- j) Lengthsman Link – A new round of work is commencing.
- k) Symene CLT – Nothing to report.
- l) Tree Officer – Nothing to report.
- m) Ancient Monuments – Nothing to report.
- n) Symene Voice – All items to be sent to Cllr Jack for perusal. The next copy is likely to be out for mid-November. It was agreed to place information from the Vegetation leaflet into the next copy.
- o) Neighbourhood Plan – Progressing well. There is a Housing Report which will be circulated in due course. We should consider placing a further £500 into the Neighbourhood Plan. **MS to place on November Agenda**
- p) **Finger Posts** – Cllr Holmes reported that he has a meeting with his Adviser on Friday and will seek advice regarding the roundels. The Clerk advised that £402.93 had been spent so far.

385 Axe Valley and West Dorset Ring and Ride Service Ltd – Grant application - 390
 parishioners have used the service since the start. Have used it this year to date. It was agreed to donate £100 to the service. Proposed by Cllr Streatfeild and seconded by Cllr Roddy.

386 Traffic Calming – Update - The Clerk advised that it would cost £250 to undertake a speed survey, however, if we can pinpoint the exact location with postcode, it may be that the DCC already have the statistics on file. **MS to research.**

387 Reports to Receive and Adopt - None.

388 Correspondence: The list for September have been previously circulated.

389 Items for inclusion on November Agenda: Neighbourhood Plan £500 donation, Vearse Farm interaction of the Parish council with all relevant parties.

390 To confirm date of next meeting: Tuesday 8th November 2016 at Symondsby School at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 9.07pm

Signed..... **Date**