

## SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

### Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at Symondsbury School

**minutes will be ratified at the March Parish Council Meeting.**

**Those PRESENT:** Cllrs P Smith, A Streatfeild, S Holmes, J Jack and S Ralph. In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk, Cllr D Turner and 1 member of the public.

**Democratic Half Hour** Christopher Fearne presented to the council some of the forthcoming plans for Symondsbury Estate. He said the original idea to place shepherd huts near to residential properties had changed and the idea now to move them further away to an area on Coppetts Hill. Cllr Smith suggested that Sir Philip meet with the residents who were concerned again to discuss the revised plan. He also advised that "Free " car parking signs are being made to place in Symondsbury to direct vehicles to the Symondsbury Estate parking area with a view to easing the on road parking in Shutes Lane. He then went on to show some plans for a future development at Coppetts Hill utilising an existing structure off Broadoak Road and it is hoped that this can be altered to a tractor barn, wood storage, timber processing together with a timber drying area and kiln. There will also be a farming and forestry display area. The roof will be covered in sedum. The new structure will be 24 feet high using organic materials. There will be a frame within the building to maintain the structure. The road will be improved. Christopher Fearne also reported that he is undertaking a new planning idea for Eddy Colfox in North Chideock. A property, formerly a micro brewery (a piggery in the 1920's) will be converted to 2 storey, residential and will be open plan. The existing roof will be raised by 7 courses of tiles (700 mil). The building will have dormer windows which fits in with the neighbouring property.

**Information from DCC, WDDC Councillors and Dorset Police:** Cllr Turner reported that 6 out of the 9 Dorset Councils voted to join the Unitary proposal. Full information can be viewed on [www.futuredorset.co.uk](http://www.futuredorset.co.uk) There is currently a **Local Plan Review of West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland** taking place and a series of drop in events for parishioners to attend at various locations. The main one in the area is taking place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March from 10.00am to 7.00pm at Bridport Leisure Centre. The consultation period ends on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017.

**431 To receive and approve apologies for absence:** Apologies had been received from Cllr Driscoll who was unwell and from Cllr Roddy who was away and these were accepted by the Council.

**432 To receive Declarations of interest:** Cllr Ralph offered for item 8, Fleet Cottage. Cllr Holmes offered for item 13.

**433 To approve the Minutes of last meeting:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were approved and signed.

**434 Chairman's Announcements:** Cllrs Smith advised that he would not be standing for chairperson at the Parish Annual meeting in May.

**435 Vearse Farm:** Essentially nothing to report, however flooding issues remain a concern.

**436 Clerks Report:** The Clerk reported that she had attended an 'Essential Finance' course and felt that it confirmed she had been doing things well and felt very comfortable. A few notes taken from the course includes: councillor to leave the room when discussing their own expenses claim, under Employment Law the clerks salary should not be included on the Agenda, the clerk may be a signatory on the bank accounts. The clerk also reported that her exams are going well. The VAT claim has been undertaken for financial year ending 2015 and 2016 resulting in a payment of £831.30 in due course.

**437 Finance: a) Bank Balances: Current account £6,448.29 Deposit account £15,135.90**

**b) Payment of Account for approvals:** Clerks Salary January £482.74, Symondsburry Primary school (hire) £130.00, Essential Finance course DAPTC £35.00. **Proposed by** Cllr Ralph, seconded by Cllr Holmes, it was resolved that the above accounts be paid.

**c) Citizens Advice Bureau** – a donation request had been sought and it was **proposed by** Cllr Streatfeild that £200 could be granted and seconded by Cllr Jack.

**438 Planning Applications:**

**WD/D/16/002823 Fleet Cottage, 152 West Bay Road, Bridport, DT6 4AZ**, erect single storey. Presently the building is 'L' shaped and the proprietors wish to square it off. **No objection.**

**WD/D/16/002536 Stonehaven, First Cliff Walk, West Bay, DT6 4HH**, erect extension and alterations. Await comments from Cllr Smith.

**West Dorset, Weymouth & Portland Local Plan Review Consultation** – Cllr Streatfeild stressed that it is vitally important to read the link sent out recently. It includes potential blocks of housing all around Bridport. 775 new houses are being sought each year in West Dorset.

**439 Reports from lead members:**

- a)** Footpaths – Cllr Ralph reported that footpaths are extremely muddy presently. It would appear that mountain bikers are churning up the footpaths which is not helping.
- b)** A35 – The Clerk to contact Highways England to advise of the litter on the A35 through the parish and request a clean-up before the Easter holiday period.
- c)** Transport – Most if not all local subsidised bus services will not survive past the end of July 2017.
- d)** Allotments – Nothing to report.
- e)** Flood Officer – Nothing to report.
- f)** Resilience – Nothing to report.
- g)** Coastal Matters – Nothing to report.

- h)** DAPTC Reports – The Clerk advised of ‘planning training course’ taking place on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 from 6.00pm to 8.30pm. Cllr Ralph advised of a meeting due to take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> February has been re-arranged to 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017.
- i)** BLAP – Report – Cllr Streatfeild circulated the NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group report. BLAP have responded very well to the report, although the CCG do not say how it’s to be delivered? SPC to endorse the BLAP response. Clerk to action.
- j)** Lengthsman Link – Work is being done. More to be actioned next week. Broad Lane BT work will be starting on Sunday. Clerk to contact Waste Partnership to undertake regular road sweeping on the edged sections from A35 to past the picnic site and past the bridge over the A35 in Broad Lane
- k)** Symene CLT – Nothing to report, re-convening in mid-March.
- l)** Tree Officer – Nothing to report.
- m)** Ancient Monuments – Cllr Holmes reported that he has come across an article in 2003 regarding a ‘dig’ on Thorncombe Beacon and wishes to investigate further to see what it materialised.
- n)** Symene Voice – The editorial team had met and the format of a folded A3 size (each page to be A4) was agreed by the PC. The clerk to send her photo to Cllr Jack. To include articles on the allotments, Neighbourhood Plan, footpaths, fingerposts. The front cover to feature the Annual Parish Meeting
- o)** Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Streatfeild reported that they had been struggling with numbers to be quorate of late. She stressed that we must all peruse the report in order to make comments. Cllr Streatfeild also added that she would hope that the District Council does not throw out ideas immediately because it does not suit the Local Plan and would hope that they consider accordingly.
- p)** **Finger Posts** – The fingerpost in Symondsburry is complete. Cllr Jack will kindly write on the fingerpost directing to Watton as a temporary measure. Cllr Holmes advised that he has a new contact to help Peter Bailey, Beaminster. Clerk to contact Sir Philip asking for donation to Symondsburry Post now it was complete as he had been concerned as to its condition last year.

**440 Speaker for Annual Meeting** – Cllr Smith suggested a representative from the Bridport Leisure Centre to speak and he will make contact.

**441 BT Phone Boxes** – This will be discussed at our meeting in March.

**442 Parking at Shutes Lane** – Residents could pay £240 to have white lines painted on the road to remind drivers that there are entrances and garages. Will ask Cllr Roddy to persue.

**443 Relocation of footpath at Lower Eype Farm** A site meeting with the applicant had taken place and a report was provided to the council. The route would be longer than at present and has a steep muddy slope that drops down at the end. SPC to return Form 119/B to the applicant as ‘I see

no reason to object at this stage to the proposed diversion, but reserve the right to do so later'  
There will be full consultation by DCC in due course.

**444 Reports to Receive and Adopt** – see 443 above

**445 Correspondence:** The list for January has been previously circulated.

**446 Items for inclusion on March Agenda:** Defibrillator update Westbay Webmaster closing down – new contractor to be found or website to be maintained in-house .

**To confirm date of next meeting:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at Symondsburry School at 7pm.

**Meeting closed at 8.44pm**

**Signed..... Date .....**