

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 10th January 2017 at Symondsburry School

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

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

In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk, Cllr D Turner and 8 members of the public.

Democratic Half Hour Concerns were raised by a number of parishioners regarding the proposed development on land off Shutes Lane raised at the December PC meeting. The main issues raised were: location with regard to AONB, additional traffic, noise levels, parking on Shutes Lane and how this will affect manoeuvring in and out of residents' drives, made worse presently by parents double parking at school drop off and collection times, only likely to be made worse by this proposal. A meeting had been convened by villagers previously with Sir Philip Colfox concerning the excavations taking place on the field known as Little Bilberries which concluded on good terms, and Sir Philip understanding the issues raised. However, he also informed those present that a number of 'camping shepherds' huts' were also proposed for this field which was not well received due to the close proximity to a number of dwellings and the difficulty in controlling noise on summer evenings; another field was proposed which may be less problematical. It was pointed out that Sir Philip had been asked to install 'free parking' direction signs (to his carpark) on the triangle to help solve parking issues. **Clerk to contact Symondsburry School to discuss the parking concerns.**

Mr David Keating put forward his plans via a pre-app consultation with a view to diverting a public footpath which would run past the front door of the dwelling he is about to build onto the Bridle Way nearby. Jill Exton (previous Footpaths Officer) had visited the site and suggested that she did not see it as a concern. Mr Keating said that it would not be detrimental to the area and would follow a logical route. He said it would help their property security.

Information from DCC, WDDC Councillors and Dorset Police: Councillor Turner said that the next stage of the Local Government Review is underway. The West Dorset Scrutiny Committee met earlier today, and Option 2b of division into Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole and "the rest" seemed to be preferred. (Might not have got this point right.) A submission is to be made to the Secretary of State in February. He also advised that a Superfast Broadband meeting is taking place on 25th January with two students from Thomas Hardy School attending who will present how they find it difficult doing study without internet at their homes.

Cllr Christopher provided his apologies but did leave a couple of points to cover:

There is currently a 30% reduction in land search delays.

Along with other local district councillors he had received emails where there was some local concern about the reduction in the hours ie planned early closure of the Leisure facilities at Highlands End in the evening and drawing our attention to a petition.

416 To receive and approve apologies for absence: None.

417 To receive Declarations of interest: None.

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

419 Chairman's Announcements: Cllrs Smith did not have anything to report.

420 Vearse Farm: Nothing to report

421 Clerks Report: The Clerk reported that she had received information on the 2017 Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace and nominations were now being sought by DAPTC. A poster regarding the Avian Flu had been received and the Clerk will send to all Councillors. A letter had been received from Kevin Perry regarding the alleged unauthorised construction of a wooden building at Lower Eype Farm. The Clerk announced that she had passed first part of the CiLCA qualification .

422 Community Fibre Partnership – helping you get faster broadband – There is little interest in a 'pay for' scheme. Cllr Roddy is in communication with John Preston to find a location to install a significantly quicker mechanism within the area.

423 Finance: a) Bank Balances: Current account £7,593.57 **Deposit account** £15,135.90

b) Payment of Account for approvals: Clerks Salary December £414.68, HMRC (PAYE) £10.60,

Symondsbury PCC (maintenance of churchyard) £600.00

Proposed by Cllr Jack, seconded by Cllr Holmes, it was resolved that the above accounts be paid.

424 Planning Applications:

WD/D/16/002663 – adjoining parish – Certificate of Lawfulness of existing use or development – Britt River Tent Site. It was felt that there is little we can do to stop it. **Clerk to contact BTC to get their opinion with a view to no objection.**

WD/D/16/002731 – Brighthay Farm, Brighthay Lane, North Chideock, Bridport, DT6 6JZ – erect garden building (retrospective) and change of use of land to extend residential curtilage – previous application was withdrawn. The building is only seen from the top of Denhay Hill. Cllr Streatfeild will investigate and will correspond with the clerk. **In addition 3 Certificate of Lawfulness - AS to advise the Clerk**

425 Reports from lead members:

- a) Footpaths – Cllr Smith reported that the tree is still hanging over FP W18/18 from the A35.
- b) A35 – A35 – *A meeting is taking place on Friday 13th January with Oliver Letwin MP. Cllr Driscoll advised that on the 10th January his wife travelled from Lyme Regis to Bridport by bus. The bus left Lyme on time but the journey was slow and ended up arriving into Bridport 15 minutes late due to a wide load with accompanying transport. He questioned whether it was really necessary for 'wide loads' to travel during the day and maybe this kind of transport should make these journeys during the night. Cllr Roddy was asked to raise this at the forthcoming A35 meeting.*
- c) Transport – *There is currently a 'Concessionary Pass' consultation with the closing date being 13th January 2017. WATAG have their AGM on Thursday 26th January at 6.30pm in the WI Hall in*

Bridport. Chris Hook, Operations Manager for Dorset Travel, will be giving a presentation on DCC plans for Schools and Public Transport due to commence from 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 – A training course ‘Essential Finance’ will be running in January Clerk to attend.
- i) BLAP – Report – The Annual Assembly takes place on 30th March 2017.
- j) Lengthsman Link – Will start our work this week. A Morrisons trolley had been left under the underpass of the A35 between Bridport and West Bay and the remains of its alcoholic content left which was quickly removed by Ed.
- k) Symene CLT – Nothing to report.
- l) Tree Officer – Nothing to report.
- m) Ancient Monuments – Nothing to report.
- n) Symene Voice – The editorial team had met and the format of a folded A3 size was agreed by the PC. To include future meeting dates together with information and date of the Annual Meeting on the front cover and the Annual Report enclosed.
- o) Neighbourhood Plan – Is making steady progress. A document is being formulated and will be seen by the full committee before consultation and submission .
- p) **Finger Posts** – slow progress and awaiting some lettering to arrive. Cllr Jack offered to paint a temporary one at the junction to Watton where the sign missing.

426 Listed Buildings Review – The full list had been previously circulated and councillors noted those buildings and structures included.

427 Speaker for Annual Meeting – This will conclude at our next meeting on 14th February. The Annual Meeting will be on 2nd May 2017.

428 Reports to Receive and Adopt - None.

429 Correspondence: The list for December has been previously circulated. Cllr Driscoll commented on the request from Dorset Police for an increase to the Council Tax to gain additional funding. By increasing the tax by £3.50 per household will produce circa £1.7M. Could the council not have done this to put into travel?

430 Items for inclusion on February Agenda: Citizens Advice Bureau donation request, Parking at Shutes Lane, Speaker for Annual Meeting, telephone boxes and replacement of door to box at Watton.

To confirm date of next meeting: Tuesday 14th February 2017 at Symondsbury School at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed..... **Date**