

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 20th June 2017. **These minutes will be ratified at our meeting in July.**

Those present: Cllrs B Driscoll, A Streatfeild, J Roddy, S Ralph, S Holmes and Cllr J Jack. In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk, Cllr D Turner and 16 members of the public.

Democratic Half Hour: Many concerns regarding the proposed development at Vearse Farm were put forward to the council; new patients at an already busy surgery, Road infrastructure problems, Flood plain, cycling routes, car parking in the town, storm drains, character of area, non-supportive of AONB, insurance problems due to a flood plain property could be too costly for affordable housing purchasers. It was suggested that the need for additional care homes could be built in already empty buildings within the town. It was said that following the recent fire at Grenfell Tower, London, local authorities are being held to account for negligence to their community and this is a warning to all councils. It was felt that the council is being putting under pressure to find sites to expand, however, it was concluded that the site at Vearse Farm is not suitable for such a proposition and that Hallam Land had failed to address the traffic and flooding concerns.

Information from DCC, WDDC Councillors and Dorset Police: Cllr Turner advised that Cllr Rebecca Knox is the new leader of the Council following the recent elections. He advised that the Number 40 bus was going to be run by First Bus on a commercial basis from Beaminster to Bridport commencing on 24th July 2017. The decision on the Local Government Review is due soon from the State.

500 To receive and approve apologies for absence: Apologies had been received from Cllr Christopher which was accepted.

501 Declarations of Interest: None

502 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2017: The minutes of the last meeting held on 9th May 2017 were approved and signed.

503 Chairman's Announcements: None

504 Planning Applications and to consider any other planning/enforcement issues:

WD/D/17/000986 – Land at Vearse Farm – outline application for the development of up to 760 dwellings, 60 unit care home (Use class C2), 4 hectares of land for employment (Use class B1, B2, B8), mixed use local centre (use classes A1, A2, A3, A4, A5, B1, C3 and D1), primary school and associated playing fields (Use class D1), areas of open space and allotments, drainage works, the formation of new vehicular accesses to West Road and formation of new pedestrian and cycle – Cllr Driscoll started the discussion by advising that Andrew Martin of Hallam Land, presented information at the meeting of Bridport Town Council last week. Cllr Driscoll said that he understood the concerns from the parishioners here tonight. Cllr Streatfeild advised that Symondsburry Parish Council has petitioned for a new roundabout over the last 20 years plus. The proposed planning application would certainly help get this much needed roundabout. She added that we should see this as an opportunity to get housing for our locality and said that the CLT could be involved. You should consider that it will take 10 years plus to build, solutions may appear in relation to transport issues.

Cllr Streatfeild added that our population has grown over the last 60 years and the development will allow Bridport to continue to grow. Cllr Holmes advised that we are becoming more reliant upon to solve West Dorset's housing problems and that we should be firstly looking at utilising the existing empty buildings within the town. He added that we should get a roundabout anywhere whether there is a new build or not. Cllr Roddy offered her concerns regarding where young people should live, however, this can be solved in a different way. She added that the proposed development will not solve the issue of housing for young people. **Symondsbury Parish Council to object to the outline planning application for the Vearse Farm development on the grounds of inadequate vehicular accesses. It is considered that the B3162, which is already heavily congested, would be unable to cope with additional traffic.**

505 Co-option of new Councillor: A vacancy had become available at West Cliff and Cllr Driscoll welcomed Sir Philip Colfox to be co-opted as a new councillor for Symondsbury Parish Council which he accepted.

506 Clerks Report: The Clerk advised that the invoices for the allotment rental had been sent and all but 3 had been received together with payment. The clerk had taken some paperwork for retaining to the Dorset History Centre. She advised that the emails were now up and running and apologised for the inconvenience caused to the parishioners. The clerk reported that the Audit had been sent together with a report to the BDO.

507 Finance a) Current account £9,640.01 Deposit account £15,135.90

b) Payment of account for approvals: i) Clerks salary as per contract, ii) Bridport PC Repair £50.00, iii) Normtec (fingerposts) £220.00, £188.90, £145.05, iv) DAPTC (Essentials for Councillors) £65.00, v) Chairpersons Honarium (Cllr Driscoll) £100.00

The Clerk advised that a transfer should be undertaken of £5,000 from Current to the Deposit account. On the proposition of Cllr Ralph, seconded by Cllr Streatfeild, it was **resolved** that the above accounts be paid.

508 Reports from lead members:

- a) Footpaths – Cllr Ralph reported that work had been done on the path at West Cliff. The bridleway at Eype had overgrown and photographic evidence had been forwarded to County Council to rectify.
- b) A35 – Speed limits were still a concern and Oliver Letwin MP is aware.
- c) Transport – Nothing to report.
- d) Allotments – Invoices had been sent.
- e) Resilience – The hot weather recently was addressed and we need to check that people are okay? The clerk to research First Aid Courses.
- f) Coastal Matters – Nothing to report.
- g) DAPTC Reports – Cllr Ralph attended the meeting last month, attended by a record number of councils.
- h) BLAP Report – This is ongoing. There are 15 parishes in the area and considering what will happen if they become unitary. BLAP have made the undertaking that they will report to

County Council on the Parish Councils behalf. There will be opportunities to get things done better.

- i) Lengthsman Link – Peter Smith had pointed out all the key areas in the parish together with Cllrs Driscoll and Ralph.
- j) Tree Officer – Nothing to report.
- k) Ancient Monuments – Nothing to report.
- l) Symene Voice – There are plans for an Autumn edition.
- m) Neighbourhood Plan – Undertaking a drop-in surgery, Cllr Streatfeild will advise of the date in due course. A document is being sent to all households in July. The shop in Symondsburry will be a drop off point for replies.
- n) Finger Posts – Cllr Holmes is currently renovating some lettering. He advise that 3 finger posts have been completed.
- o) CLT – Cllr Roddy attended a recent meeting and currently looking and what they can do in relation to Vearse Farm and at Watton Park.

509 Finger Post Proposition: The proposition from Symondsburry Estate was put to the council. Cllr Holmes to research the specific rules regarding finger posts.

510 Cockcrowing Triangle (update): Concerns were raised over the positioning of the Green BT Box. Broadband has got worse. Clerk to chase.

511 Dorset Community Transport: Cllr Driscoll advised that they have been invited to apply for funding.

512 Defibrillator: The clerk had advised that communication had been received from Palmers Brewery who advised that we are unable to position a defibrillator at the Ilchester Arms due to it being a listed building. Clerk to investigate one for Eype also.

513 Speed Concerns Broadoak: No further correspondence had been received. Cllr Turner advised that we could obtain a Traffic Regulatory Order.

514 Reports to receive and adopt: None

515 Correspondence and information for distribution per attached listing (May): None

516 Items for inclusion on July Agenda: Bakers Meeting (Watton Park), defibrillator, Finger post proposition, Cockcrowing Corner.

The meeting closed at 9.03pm.