

## SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

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

**Minutes will be ratified at the April Parish Council Meeting.**

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

**Democratic Half Hour** Dan White, Lead Responder of the Community First Responders, provided a presentation on the benefits of having a defibrillator within the Symondsbury Parish. Although Symondsbury itself is a 6 minute drive on 'blue lights' away from Bridport Ambulance Station, a defibrillator nearby could give an increased chance of survival from a cardiac risk by 50%. Survival reduces by 7% per minute once the patient has collapsed so a defibrillator would be vital. A new defibrillator would cost £1,800 plus VAT, although the Parish council could reclaim the VAT, and includes the box, green light, replacement pads, replacement battery and protection if it gets stolen. Training would be included within the package and would be open to all interested members of the parish.

**Information from DCC, WDDC Councillors and Dorset Police:** Cllr Turner reported that the Unitary submission went before the Secretary of State and a reply is due at the end of next week. He also reported that the County Councillors elections are on the 4<sup>th</sup> May and he will be standing for election.

**447 To receive and approve apologies for absence:** None

**448 To receive Declarations of interest:** None

**449 To approve the Minutes of last meeting:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were approved and signed.

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

**451 Vearse Farm:** There is a Masterplan meeting on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at which Cllr Streatfeild is attending. The roundabout idea is preferred, as a solution for Miles Cross Junction on the A35, however cost is an issue. No houses are to be occupied until the roundabout is completed. The roundabout needs to be designed and built with completion, if agreed, estimated at around 2019.

**452 Clerks Report:** The Clerk reported that she had contacted the Waste Partnership and regular sweeping had now commenced, although we need to check this. The submission supporting the BLAP response to the NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group had been actioned. The clerk had communicated to Adrian Powell regarding the Broomhills site. The Clerk also advised on the current position of her CiLCA qualification.

**453 Finance: a) Bank Balances: Current account** £5,835.55 **Deposit account** £15,137.18

**b) Payment of Account for approvals:** Clerks Salary January £499.80, Clerk Expenses £142.14, CB Reid Payroll £31.20. **Proposed by** Cllr Streatfeild, seconded by Cllr Ralph, it was resolved that the above accounts be paid.

**c) Bank Mandate** – It was proposed that the Clerk could become a second signatory on the account **proposed by** Cllr Roddy and seconded by Cllr Holmes.

#### **454 Planning Applications:**

**WD/D/17/000331 1 West Walk, West Bay, Bridport, DT6 4HT**, Erection of a first floor extension to property above existing living room, insertion of velux roof lights in rear roof slope and replacement of balustrading to balcony over garage. Strip and recover existing roof using fibre cement slates. Concerns were raised over the change in character of dwellings on this hillside due to buildings increasing in height and blocking neighbouring views and therefore an objection was agreed.

#### **455 Reports from lead members:**

- a)** Footpaths – Cllr Ralph reported that footpaths are still muddy. The Highways Agency have cut the trees down. Concerns were raised over walkers getting over a fence to the side of the Rectory (opposite the school) and maybe not knowing the correct way. Cllr Ralph to walk the footpath together with ‘way markers’ to put in situ if needed.
- b)** A35 – Cllr Roddy made reference to a report previously circulated to Councillors and referred to earlier under Vearse Farm. Cllr Ralph will make contact with Dawn Atkin (Dorset County Council) regarding a turning from Eype onto the A35 which presently allows turning right, but is dangerous.
- c)** Transport – The summer timetable starts on 9<sup>th</sup> April. The X51 (Dorchester/Axminster route) will be an hourly service together with the X53 (Weymouth/Axminster) also being hourly. These services will run seven days a week resulting in a 30 minute frequency through the parish. Cllr Driscoll reported that he will be attending the Axe Valley and West Dorset Ring and Ride committee meeting.
- d)** Allotments – There are no vacancies. The Pine View allotment holders had a meeting recently and they are absolutely delighted with the reduction in the annual rental per plot.
- 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 – Cllr Streatfeild is attending the next meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2017. In addition she will be attending together with Cllr Roddy the ‘working together’ meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> April.
- j)** Lengthsman Link – Work is being done and almost completed at Watton Park.
- k)** Symene CLT – A meeting took place last night and has been reinvigorated.

**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 (each page to be A4) was agreed by the PC. 80 flyers, advertising the Annual Parish Meeting in May, will be produced to be given to the children of Symondsbury School. The clerk to contact the local press to advertise the Annual Parish Meeting.

**o)** Neighbourhood Plan - Nothing to report.

**p) Finger Posts** – Thanks were given to Cllr Roddy for doing such a good job with the finger post at Watton. The clerk to ask Sir Colfox for a donation.

**456 Best Kept Village Competition** – This was discussed but concluded that we would not be entering the competition.

**457 Relocation of footpath at Lower Eype Farm** - A councillor raised concerns that our representatives may have been misinformed at the recent meeting on site. The new bridleway route would join a private right of way and the council must be aware when this application is sought.

**458 BT Green Fibre Distribution Box on the Green space owned by DCC at the junction known as Cock Crowing** – This box has been located in a conservation area and will need to be moved and looks an eyesore. There is a more sensible place to locate it and it is in the planner's hands for the time being.

**459 BT Phone Boxes** – Cllr Roddy reported that the phone box within Symondsbury is listed. The clerk confirmed that this telephone box is not on the list previously circulated by BT for withdrawal of service.

**460 Website** – Communication had been received from Westbay Webmaster that they are finishing. It was agreed for the clerk to take up this responsibility.

**461 DAPTC Conference 23 March Delegate required** – No councillors can attend this meeting due to other commitments.

**462 Reports to receive and adopt** - None

**463 Correspondence:** The list for February had been previously circulated.

**464 Items for inclusion on April Agenda:** Defibrillator, Dorset Local Access Forum, Clerks Pay, Dorset Community Trust donation .

**To confirm date of next meeting:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Symondsbury School at 7pm.  
**Meeting closed at 8.50pm**

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