

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsbury Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th October 2017. **These minutes will be ratified at our meeting in November.**

Those present: Cllrs B Driscoll, J Roddy, and S Holmes. In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk, Cllr S Christopher, 1 member of the public.

Democratic Half Hour: Cllr Christopher reported that the Planning Committee meet this Thursday. The meeting with regards to Vearse Farm is due on Friday 3rd November in Dorchester in what will be a third decision. Jean Marshall is the lead officer for this case. A full district council meeting will take place next week. As yet there is no announcement from The Secretary of State in relation to Local Government Reform. Cllr Christopher added that there are a lot of vacancies within the planning department and within the enforcement department presently.

547 To receive and approve apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cllr Streatfeild, Cllr Ralph and Cllr Colfox which were approved.

548 Declarations of Interest: None.

549 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2017: The minutes of the last meeting held on 12th September 2017 were approved and signed.

550 Chairman's Announcements: Cllr Driscoll advised that Cllr Jenny Jack had offered her resignation shortly after the last meeting which has been accepted. A statutory vacancy will be advertised within the ward of Pine View.

551 Clerks Report: The Clerk informed the council that her qualification is going well and she has 42 days to complete the final 3 units. She confirmed that Minutes are able to be placed on noticeboards provided they are said to be ratified at the next meeting.

552 Finance a) Bank Balances: Current £7,010.55 Deposit £15,135.90

b) Payment of account for approval: i) Clerks salary as per contract ii) DCC Allotment Rent £235.00, iii) CPRE membership £36.00, iv) Bridport Town Council (Lengthsman) £1,080.00, v) HMRC £116.40.

On the proposition of Cllr Roddy and seconded by Cllr Holmes, it was **resolved** that the above accounts be paid.

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

Cllr Christopher left the meeting prior to item 553.

WD/D/17/001908 – 4 Pine View, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 5AE – create dropped kerb to frontage. Erect single storey rear extension (Full) By 13th October 2017 – Both neighbours are happy. Highways have no objections. No objection.

WD/D/17/002070 – 6 Pine View, Bridport, Dorset, DT6 5AE – Create dropped kerb and retain existing hard standing. No objection.

WD/17/002137 – Elmgrove, West Road, Symondsburry, DT6 6AA – erect conservatory to north elevation (Full) – Cllr Roddy has spoken to some of the neighbours who are happy with this application. She will speak to others and will confirm to the clerk the response.

554 Reports from lead members:

- a Footpaths – A report had been earlier communicated via email to all councillors.
- b A35 – A meeting with Oliver Letwin is taking place on 20th October 2017; Cllr Roddy will attend.
- c Transport – The First Wessex winter timetable (X51 and X53, which commenced 03 September) saw a reduction in services, primarily an hourly service between Bridport and Axminster, and 2 hourly between Weymouth/ Dorchester and Bridport. With effect from 19th November, there will be no buses at all on a Sunday in Bridport. In the absence of Cllr Turner, Cllr Driscoll gave a resume of the situation regarding the service no. 40 which ran between Bridport Hospital and Yeovil via Bridport Town Centre and Beaminster. The service had been deregistered by Damory after it (Damory) lost the secondary school contracts to First Wessex. Dorset County Council operated the service from 24 July until 15 September, on Mondays to Fridays, to the same timetable as was operated by Damory. Then, without notice, a revised timetable was introduced, by First Wessex; this no longer served Bridport Hospital, Netherbury or Broadwindsor, and caused a huge amount of upset. A press release issued yesterday (Monday 09 October) by DCC confirms the reintroduction of an hourly Bridport Hospital to Beaminster service, supplemented by additional services to Yeovil. This will only operate Mondays to Fridays, and no timetable or implementation date has been announced. Cllr Christopher said that there should be more bus services not less. Most of our villages do not have a bus service and there are no visible timetables. To increase Tourism we need more buses.
- d Allotments – Nothing to report.
- e Resilience – Nothing to report.
- f Coastal Matters – Nothing to report. To seek new lead at next meeting.
- g DAPTC – AGM 4th November 2017, 10am at County Hall. Cllr Driscoll will attend.
- h BLAP - Steering Group Meeting 28th September 2017 – The meeting was well attended with special guest, Stephen Hill, The Strategic Director for North Dorset District Council and Weymouth and Portland Borough Council (called Dorset Councils Partnership). The importance of volunteers was emphasized. Problems regarding verge cutting was mentioned. The Town Guide is now out; this highlights the services available. Cllr Streatfeild mentioned Broadband boxes not being connected at that meeting and the fact that they are positioned without consultation.
- i Lengthsman Link – A meeting for clerks will be taking place on 23rd October 2017 at Bridport Town Council.
- j Tree Officer – Cllr Holmes advised of a sycamore tree on the site of Symondsburry Primary school which has been classified as a dangerous tree and therefore must be cut down. He advised that another tree will be planted in its place. It is a shame but if it fell it could harm someone in the playground. It will be removed during the October half term.
- k Ancient Monuments – Nothing to report.
- l Symene Voice – Cllr Roddy will kindly take over the editing of this. The next edition will be in the Spring.

- m Neighbourhood Plan – An invitation has been sent out to all councillors to attend a meeting on Tuesday 31st October 2017 at 6pm. The 'potential green spaces', for which there had been correspondence between Cllr Streatfeild and Sal Robinson (minute taker for BANP Steering Group), were discussed. No decision was made.
- n Finger Posts – Nothing to report.
- o CLT – A meeting is taking place on Monday 16th October 2017 which Cllr Roddy will attend.

555 Cockcrow Triangle: A site visit will be urgently requested to the leader of the Conservation Department of DCC in regard to the positioning of the Broadband cabinet. It was further proposed that the Clerk approach Western Power Distribution (WPD) requesting the removal of cables and poles in Eype, as it is doing in Loders. Cllr Christopher proposed that a walk around Eype should be organised with Oliver Letwin MP, Cllr Christopher, Symondsbury Parish Council and WPD. Cllr Driscoll will organise a letter to relevant parties.

556 Precept: Transport will need to be considered in our next precept.

557 Defibrillator: The clerk thanked the Symondsbury Flower and Produce Show for the donation of £400 to be used towards a defibrillator. Jane Tamone (a Symondsbury resident) and Martin and Jenifer Roddy will, together, also make a donation of five hundred pounds towards the funding of a defibrillator for Symondsbury Parish. It was noted that the defibrillator, which is planned for installation on the wall of the New Inn, is being organised by the Eype Schoolroom. Concerns were raised regarding the rest of the Parish being able to access a defibrillator. It was agreed that we are trying to raise funds for one at Eype beach and in all parts of the Parish. Cllr Holmes suggested there may be some funds to come from a sale of land at Eype.

558 Axe Valley and West Dorset Ring and Ride – Grant Application – The clerk had received correspondence requesting a donation. She advised that we donated £100 last year. 50 parishioners used the service so far this year. A total of 493 parishioners have used the service since 2009. A grant of £100 was **approved by Cllr Roddy and seconded by Cllr Holmes.**

559 Reports to receive and adopt: None

560 Correspondence and information for distribution per attached listing (September): None

561 Items for inclusion on November Agenda to include: Defibrillator, Cockcrowing Corner, Precept, Grant Application for Broadoak Village Hall

562 To confirm date of next meeting Tuesday 14th November 2017 at Symondsbury School at 7pm

The meeting closed at 9.08pm.