

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsbury Parish Council held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2018. **These minutes will be ratified at our meeting in May 2018.**

**Those present:** Cllrs B Driscoll, A Streatfeild, J Roddy, P Colfox, S Ralph, S Ainley and S Holmes. In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk, Cllr D Turner, Cllr S Christopher and 1 member of the public.

**Democratic Half Hour:** Concerns were raised in relation to footpaths within the parish where some styles had completely broken down and one footpath blocked by a padlocked gate. Cllr Ralph will investigate.

**Information from DCC, WDDC Councillors and Dorset Police:** Cllr Turner updated the councillors on the Local Government Review process. He added that the WDDC are undertaking land searches within 15 days. Cllr Christopher advised that Jacqui Andrews, Corporate Manager, Democratic and Electoral Services is conducting the Community Governance Review for Bridport which has an impact on the parish of Symondsbury and he advised of the timetable of events. Cllr Streatfeild added that both groups of electorates cannot object to it on financial grounds.

Report received from PCSO Alex Bishop – There are no crimes to report on within the Symondsbury Parish, however, to be vigilant and to report any suspicious activity to 101.

**645 To receive and approve apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllr Tinker and were accepted.

**646 Declarations of Interest:** None.

**647 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018:** The minutes of the last meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018 were approved and signed.

**648 Chairman's Announcements:** Cllr Driscoll welcomed everyone to the meeting. A boundary review with Bridport Town Council is taking place. A series of meetings in relation to 'Community Governance Review' will commence on 24<sup>th</sup> April through to May 2019. A timetable of events has been received. It was agreed to invite Jacqui Andrews, Corporate Manager, Democratic and Electoral Services to our Annual Meeting as Guest Speaker. Cllr Driscoll said that it has been a tremendous privilege to be our Chairman, however, is quite keen for someone to take on that role in the future. He advised that at the next meeting we will be distributing the general roles to councillors.

**649 Clerks Report:** The Clerk advised that she will be attending the Asset Devolution Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2018 at 6pm at South Walks House. The chair or Cllr Colfox will also attend.

**650 Finance a) Bank Balances: Current £8,645.48     Deposit £15,142.50**

**b) Payment of account for approval:** i) Clerks salary as per contract ii) Clerks expenses £116.55, Bridport Town council (Lengthsman) £1,080.00, Symondsbury School (Room Hire) £120.00. On the proposition of Cllr Streatfeild and seconded by Cllr Ralph, it was **resolved** that the above accounts be paid. A payment of £250.00 towards the fingerpost proposition had kindly been donated by Denhay Farms Limited.

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

**WD/D/18/000657 – Manor Farm Cottages, Higher Eype Road, Higher Eype – Request for compliance.**

**WD/D/18/000204 – Tuckers Cottage, Watton Lane, Bridport, DT6 5JZ** – Erection of dwelling (outline application) – outside of the defined development boundary. Councillors Holmes and Driscoll will visit the property and liaise with the clerk.

**WD/D/18/000381 – Dairy Cottage, Barton Lane, Eype, Bridport, DT6 6AW** – erection of single storey extension – no objection.

Concerns were raised regarding 8 camping pods at Highlands End, previously applications had been withdrawn in this connection. The clerk to communicate with Debbie Redding to investigate.

**652 Coastal Revival Grant** – Cllr Colfox has communicated with the owner of the wall on Fishermans Green and has offered to assist with the form/grant completion process. It was discussed whether a ramp for launching boats would be suitable. Symondsbury Parish Council to signal interest to the grant proposal.

**653 Chideock Bypass** – Cllr Streatfeild had previously circulated a report to all councillors. A bypass had been approved in the 1990's following a Public Enquiry held in 1994, later withdrawn in 1997 and a 'Revocation Order' issued in 1998. There is a Government petition currently on-line requiring 10,000 votes for the Government to investigate, but with only one week to go there are currently 440 votes. A recent poll of the Local Government Electors of the Parish of Chideock held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017 showed the following: Q Do you support the construction of a new A35 trunk road Chideock by-pass which does not pass through any part of the parish of Chideock? Yes 155 No 34.

Q Do you support that the A35 from Dorchester to Honiton be de-trunked and therefore designated a scenic route? Yes 104 No 71. **Turnout 37.4%.**

**654 Telephone Box Proposition – Watton** – Postponed to next meeting.

**655 Defibrillator** – The clerk reported that Dan White is no longer in post with western Ambulance Services and a replacement Kathy Fisher is now in situ, this has delayed the instalment of defibrillator. Cllr Driscoll will investigate the use of the Symondsbury Telephone Box for the defibrillator.

**656 Tipping Waste Transfer Licence** – Cllr Ainsley has attempted to make contact by visiting the owners of the property in question but to no avail. Cllr Ainsley will telephone and report at the next meeting.

**657 Telephone Cable Removal (Eype)** – Cllr Holmes has reported that Oliver Letwin has written to the Chair of BT Openreach and as yet not had a reply. BT have no money to remove the poles and any works done with the poles means a road closure. Cllr Holmes will pursue further.

**658 Reports to receive and adopt** – Report on Chideock By-pass was approved and adopted.

**659 Reports from lead members:**

- a Footpaths – Cllr Ralph will walk all footpaths. It was asked whether trail bikes are allowed on by-ways?
  - b A35 – Nothing further to report.
  - c Transport – Nothing to report.
  - d Allotments – New tenants for number 3 and 4 on West Road.
  - e Resilience – Survived the winter. Re-siting of grit bins in Eype will be required.
  - f Coastal Matters – Nothing to report.
  - g DAPTC – Nothing to report.
  - h BLAP – Liason Meeting is taking place on 18<sup>th</sup> April at 4.15pm.
  - i Lengthsman Link - Cllr Ralph met with the lengthsman and discussed a few jobs to be done: staining noticeboards, strimming an allotment, and work on Broad Lane.
  - j Tree Officer – Nothing to report.
  - k Ancient Monuments – Nothing to report.
  - l Symene Voice – Currently being printed.
- m Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Streatfeild had previously circulated the report to all councillors. The process is now in its final year. Main points: Reg 14 Consultation – circulation May-June 2018. Consultation amendments by Steering Group following discussions with parishes – July 2018. Reg 15 Submission to Parish Councils for final approval – September-October 2018. Appointment of examiner and consultation with WDDC – Nov-Dec 2018. Consideration of Examiners Report – Jan-Feb 2019. Referendum - March 2019. Preparation of a Mission Statement for symondsburry for a) distinct vision and b) and how that vision fits in with wider area plan.
- n Finger Posts – Fingerpost with lots of lettering is currently in progress.
- O Symene Community Land Trust – Cllr Roddy attended a recent meeting and will circulate a report to all.

**660 Correspondence and information for distribution per attached listing (March):** The Clerk will provide a report on Speed signage.

**661 Items for inclusion on May Agenda:** Telephone Box Proposition Watton, Defibrillator, Coastal Revival Grant, Eype Telephone Cable Removal, Tipping Waste Transfer Licence.

**662 To confirm date of next meeting: Annual Meeting - Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at Symondsburry School at 7pm followed by our regular meeting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at Symondsburry School at 7pm.**

**The meeting closed at 9.06pm.**