

DRAFT Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th February 2018.

These minutes will be ratified at our meeting in March 2018.

Those present: Cllrs B Driscoll, P Colfox, A Streatfeild, S Ralph, S Ainley and S Holmes.

In attendance: Cllr D Turner, and 10 members of the public.

Democratic Half Hour: Several members of the public expressed their dismay at the proposed development around the disused Scout Hut. The issues of increased traffic in the cul-de sac would cause disruption to the inhabitants, danger to children and cyclists, restricted access to services and emergency vehicles and increased noise from party-goers returning to the site in the early morning. It was felt that the concept was good but that such development should be away from the residential area of Shutes Lane and back to the area around the Manor Yard. Sir Philip Colfox outlined the plan, pointing out that it was important that the demolition of the derelict building was replaced with some development and that more accommodation had to be provided, in order to support the evening service of the café. The shepherds' huts would be set back into undergrowth which had spread from the neighbouring houses' boundaries, providing screening. The increased parking would reduce some parking on the road. He would be meeting with local residents on Thursday 15th.

Information from DCC, WDDC Councillors and Dorset Police: Cllr Turner reported that the LG reform should be confirmed at the end of February, but that the Dorset Area Joint Committee was still meeting to set the process in motion. The Dorset Council would have 82 members. DCC had received an extra £748K for highway repairs, and Land Searches were now down to approx. 30 days. BT/Openreach had provided broadband to Symondsburry now, but had not released server space to other providers yet.

To receive and approve apologies for absence: Cllr Roddy – on holiday and the Clerk – ill and Cllr Christopher. Accepted.

613 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Colfox declared an interest in items 618 (Shepherds' Hut development).

614 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2018: The minutes of the last meeting were approved and signed.

615 Chairman's Announcements: Cllr Driscoll welcomed everyone to the meeting and sent best wishes to the Clerk, who was unwell. Cllr Streatfeild had offered to take the minutes. He confirmed that he would be attending the Integrated Transport Review Meeting on 26th February but was dismayed to see that no representative from First buses was on the list.

616 Clerks Report: in her absence, the Clerk had asked for ideas for the Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed to defer the arrangements for the meeting, which had been poorly attended in previous years, to enable the Clerk to check exactly what meetings were statutorily required as two meetings in May could be onerous.

617 Finance a) Bank Balances: Current – unconfirmed Deposit £15,142.50.

Payment of the Clerk's Salary as per contract. On the proposition of Cllr Streatfeild and seconded by Cllr Ralph, it was **resolved** that the above account be paid.

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

WD/D/17/002937 –Shepherds Huts, Shutes Lane, Symondsburry. Having listened to the petitions from local inhabitants, it was felt that not enough consideration of increased traffic had been taken, that appreciation of the iconic Colmers' Hill could be damaged and that the reference in the Local Plan was relevant. *ECON7. CARAVAN AND CAMPING SITES iii) All development (including the change of use from touring to static units) must not, individually or cumulatively, have a significant adverse impact on the distinctive characteristics of the areas landscape, heritage or*

built environment. Whilst appreciating that the Symondsburry Estate had greatly improved the village in recent years, and needed to be sustainable, further tourism should be restricted to the area around the Manor Yard. The decision was made **to object** to the application and a vote taken with 4 in favour and 1 abstention.

619 Cock Crowing Triangle. Cllr Holmes had met with a representative from Dorset AONB, who was supportive of our application for the Broadband Green Box to be moved away from the triangle to an area at the side of the road. There were concerns that the bench had been removed, and Cllr Holmes would investigate who might have taken it. Cllr Streatfeild undertook to raise the matter at the BLAP Steering Group meeting on 15th February to gain support for any petitions with regard to the complete lack of consultation on the siting of green boxes.

620 Consideration of Town and Parish Boundaries. Cllr Streatfeild had circulated a report including information from BTC about a review they wanted to request reference town and parish boundaries. There was some concern from councillors that this would lead to a considerable change in the nature of Symondsburry Parish, though recognised that the area would be growing particularly if Vearse Farm was developed. There would be further discussions on this and any review would involve consultation with the parish.

621 Adoption of Telephone Box. Cllr Ralph would follow up the possibility that those in Watton might want to look after the box, though might require some funding to replace the vandalised glass.

622 Defibrillator. Still awaiting visit from Dan Stone (?) to locate suitably.

623 Chideock By-pass. Cllr Streatfeild said that she had received new information, and would prepare a report on the current position for the next meeting.

624 Reports to receive and adopt. Still awaiting clarification as to what this really meant.

625 Reports from lead members where relevant:

(c) **Transport:** Cllr Driscoll reminded councillors that there was no public **transport** on Sundays and Cllr Ainley commented how this was making life difficult for both locals and tourists and consequently damaging the local economy. A Sunday bus service would be recommencing on 25th March.

(d) **Allotments:** A letter had been received with regard to a plot at Pine View which abutted a house which had recently changed hands. The new owner would like to take over the allotment, and it was agreed that as there was no waiting list, she could apply for that allotment. An allotment at West Road had not been worked for some time; Cllr Driscoll will confirm if the current tenant is handing it back so the allotment can be made available to others. A mention in the ECV Magazine would be a good way to advertise and Cllr Roddy could be approached to do this.

(h) **BLAP Report:** Cllr Streatfeild had circulated a report on the **BLAP** Parish Liaison meeting which was bringing together the majority of the parish councils surrounding Bridport and briefing them on the future of the unitary council and how resources could be pooled to fund activities no longer paid by WDDC.

(k) **Ancient Monuments:** Cllr Colfox had been in contact with the owner of the car park at Eypes Mouth who would be repairing the wall, of **historic interest**, at some point.

(l) **Symene Voice:** All the councillors agreed to send an article for **Symene Voice** to Cllr Roddy by the next meeting.

(m) **Neighbourhood Plan:** Cllr Streatfeild had circulated a report on the recent Joint Council Committee which had overarching responsibility for the delivery of the **Neighbourhood Plan**. She reported that David Dixon had been appointed as the new Project Manager, and that FERIA Urbanism (a consultancy) was undertaking the scrutiny of the plan so far, prior to its submission to WDDC and the submission to the Examiner.

(n) **Finger Posts:** Cllr Holmes updated the progress on the **Finger Post** restoration and a plan submitted by Cllr Colfox for the Symondsburry post was agreed, with thanks to Symondsburry Estate.

626 Correspondence: some queries on the list could not be followed up, due to the absence of the Clerk.

627 Items for inclusion: telephone box, co-option of new councillor, defibrillator, Eype telephone cable removal, Chideock by-pass.