

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 9th January 2018. **These minutes will be ratified at our meeting in February 2018.**

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

Democratic Half Hour: Mr Hutton from Baker Estates spoke regarding Watton Park development advising the council that the Development Management Committee are meeting on the 18th January 2018 and asked that the council send a representative to speak for up to three minutes in support. In this connection he thanked the council for their support and felt that working together and attending the parish council meetings were exemplary. He added that Baker Estates had done everything compliantly offering affordable housing, and taking into consideration the visual impact modifications. A member of the public advised that whilst he has only lived in Watton Park for one month he felt that his property would overlook the development and would eliminate his glorious views towards West Bay and West Cliff. Looking at a big slab of roofing is a concern for him. Whilst Baker Estates have communicated with all properties this particular property fell short due to the previous owners' death. Mr Hutton responded by offering the parishioner a conversation with him after the meeting and added that the back to back distance is 38 metres, over the requirement.

A parishioner reported concerns of a piece of land at Legs Lane is being used for disposing of building waste and a white van has been seen, possible fly tipping. Cllr Turner added that he will send some communication to the clerk.

Christopher Fearn provided the council visual plans of the proposed new one bedroom cottage style self-contained property designed for a disabled person together with parking for up to 11 cars (4 existing plus 7 more). Concerns were raised: who will police the proposed car park? Drainage issues may be a problem? If phase one and two go ahead then will that open the door for the proposed new shepherd huts? Increase in traffic? Poor visibility, too narrow for emergency vehicles, safety, congestion were all added to the list of concerns. The proposed dwelling is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It was also added that the principle of it seemed a lovely idea.

David Keating of Lower Eype Farm presented to the council the plans for his existing planning application and offered to answer any questions that the council may have when his application is being discussed.

Information from DCC, WDDC Councillors and Dorset Police: Cllr Turner reported that Christchurch had recently held their LGR vote (Local Government Review) recently. 84% voted not to join. He advised that council that Minutes of the Joint Committee Meetings are on the Dorset For You website. Cllr Turner advised that he is attending a meeting with the Police Commissioner regarding traffic issues and asked the council if they had anything they would like to raise: traffic in the Marshwood Vale was totally gridlocked two weeks ago which is a concern. Cllr Turner reported that Land Registry is extremely poor and very slow presently.

Cllr Christopher (arrived at 8.30pm) advised that there is a lot of change taking place throughout 2018. He spoke of the imminent closure of Charmouth Post Office and the closure of a local WI after 100 years. He advised that Fred Horsington is back chairing the Planning Committee

596 To receive and approve apologies for absence: None.

597 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Colfox declared an interest in item Defibrillator, and item Planning application, Old Scout Hall.

598 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th December 2017: The minutes of the last meeting held on 12th December 2017 were approved and signed after an amendment to item 588(h).

599 Chairman's Announcements: Cllr Driscoll welcomed everyone to the meeting. He added that he would like to attend the Integrated Transport Review Meeting on 26th February. Cllr Driscoll advised that Tim Beer would be leading the scrutiny committee.

600 Clerks Report: The Clerk showed the council her CiLCA qualification certificate which she has now received. She advised that she has received confirmation from the Head Teacher of Symondsburry Primary School that they will remind parents of parking and not blocking entrances.

601 Co-opt Vacancy Postponed to next meeting.

602 Finance a) Bank Balances: Current £10,032.92 Deposit £15,142.50

b) Payment of account for approval: i) Clerks salary as per contract ii) Clerk expenses £15.99, HMRC £81.00. On the proposition of Cllr Streatfeild and seconded by Cllr Ralph, it was **resolved** that the above accounts be paid.

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

WD/D/17/002595 – Old Scout Hall, Shutes Lane, Symondsburry – Demolish existing scout hut and build up ground level to form new car parking area. Erect detached dwelling for disabled use – As the development is outside the defined development boundary it has to be seen as sustainable but with no public transport within the village is a disadvantage. The house is labelled as for disabled use but, however, you cannot have a tie to one particular type and should be for general market housing. The question was posed as to what would happen to the scout hut (in situ having moved from Thorncombe in 1970) if nothing was done? Object to this application due to this development being built outside of the development boundary, even though the Local Plan stipulates that we are behind numbers in the local plan, one house will not have a huge impact on this, concerns over the additional car parking which is beginning to encroach into the countryside, sustainability is a concern due to having no public transport within Symondsburry.

WD/D/17/002667 – Moon Cottage, Higher Eype Road, Higher Eype, Bridport, DT6 6AS – erection of two storey rear extension – no objection.

WD/D/17/002599 – Lower Eype farm, Barton Lane, Eype, Bridport – single storey dwelling (convert redundant silage clamps) – reserved matters and fulfils its original application. It appears to be higher than originally intended. Adequate screening will be in place and no properties overlook the development. It was said that the sedum roof was not a planning condition and the owners are looking for the best affordable alternative, however, sedum was the preferred route. In any eventuality the roof will not be seen by neighbouring properties or from the public pathway. Symondsburry Parish Council have no objection but stress that it must adhere to the schedule of planning conditions.

604 Reports from lead members:

- a Footpaths – presently muddy.
- b A35 – Cllr Roddy has a meeting with Rt Oliver Letwin on Friday 12th January.
- c Transport – Cllr Driscoll reported that due to road closure at Uplyme during January, Monday to Friday, bus journeys (X51 and X53) may be 15 minutes longer.
- d Allotments – Cllr Ainley will take on the councillor responsibility of the West Road allotments.
- e Resilience – Due to heavy rain the river in Eype has flooded a couple of times recently. It would seem the existing pipe is not sufficient anymore. It was asked whether this is a highways job or maybe our Lengthsman can take a look as a temporary fix.
- f Coastal Matters – Nothing to report.
- g DAPTC – Nothing to report.
- h BLAP – Nothing to report.
- i Lengthsman Link – Cllr Ralph will be meeting with the Lengthsman in two weeks. It was advised that possible fly tipping had there was concern over animals being parked up in a nearby layby.
- j Tree Officer – Nothing to report.

K Ancient Monuments – Previously it had been brought to light that the wall around the Fishermens Green area in Eype is not in good condition. The owner has been contacted and grants are being sought, however, in the meantime it was asked whether a temporary fencing could be installed. Cllr Colfox said that he would contact the owner.

l Symene Voice – Any new items to be sent to Cllr Roddy with the next edition due in April.

m Neighbourhood Plan – Nothing to report.

n Finger Posts – Thanks to Peter Bailey for assisting with the finger post at Down House Lane. Clerk to place finger post information onto the website.

o Symene Community Land Trust – A meeting is due on 22nd January.

605 Cockcrowing Triangle: Letter to be completed and sent to Matt Prosser, Rt Hon Oliver Letwin, DT Turner, C Christopher.

606 Consideration of Parish Boundaries: Delayed until meeting in February.

607 Adoption of telephone box: Delayed until meeting in February.

608 Defibrillator: Nothing new to report.

609 Reports to receive and adopt: None

610 Correspondence and information for distribution per attached listing (December): None

611 Items for inclusion on February Agenda: Consideration of planning boundaries, Co-opt vacancy, Adoption of telephone box, defibrillator, Chideock Bypass. The monthly reports from lead members will be removed for February.

612 To confirm date of next meeting Tuesday 13th February 2018 at Symondsby School at 7pm

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.