

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 13th March 2018. **These minutes will be ratified at our meeting in April 2018.**

Those present: Cllrs B Driscoll, J Roddy, P Colfox, S Ralph, S Ainley and S Holmes. In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk, Cllr D Turner, Cllr S Christopher and 11 members of the public.

Democratic Half Hour: Concerns were raised in relation to a planning application on land west of Watton Park; comments included that it is outside the defined development boundary, in an area of outstanding natural beauty, large developments already committed to Bridport, affects the wildlife/habitats, views, Watton Lane is very narrow to accommodate a new entrance, boundary not screened on three sides and privacy is an issue. Whilst permission has been granted in previous applications it should not set a precedent for the future.

Concerns were raised about a local business using a skip as a tipping place and were we aware of it.

Concerns were raised regarding the public telephone box at Watton which is in an awful state, an iconic feature but requires major restoration work. It would require considerable capital input to make right and an offer was made to maintain it in the future if it was restored. However at present it is an eyesore.

It was asked how long a camp-site would be at the top of Legg Lane?

Information from DCC, WDDC Councillors and Dorset Police: Cllr Turner updated the councillors on the Local Government Review process – a decision was made on 26th February 2018 and currently there are 10 work streams in place such as Council tax harmonisation, budgets. He added that very little will be devolved to parish/town councils by May 2019.

The WDDC 'Devolution of Services Assets to Town and Parish Councils' survey was discussed, and the Clerk will complete the on-line version based on the decisions made.

Cllr Christopher presented the Delegation Agreement Flow Diagram to the councillors. The clerk will send a copy to all councillors.

628 To receive and approve apologies for absence: Apologies were received from Cllr Streatfeild and were accepted.

629 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Colfox declared an interest in item 641 a) footpaths.

630 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th February 2018: The minutes of the last meeting held on 13th February 2018 were approved and signed.

631 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 24th April through to May 2019. September 2018 - draft recommendations consultation.

632 Clerks Report: The Clerk advised that we must set a date for the Annual Parish Meeting. It was agreed to move the present monthly meeting from 8th May to 15th May 2018 to ensure that the

meetings are done in order and allows us time to distribute the Symene Voice incorporating the Annual Report. The Annual Parish Meeting will therefore take place on 8th May 2018 at 7pm.

633 Co-opt Vacancy: John Tinker was formally co-opted as a councillor. The Clerk will forward details of New Councillor courses to Cllr Tinker and Cllr Ainley.

634 Finance a) Bank Balances: Current £9,417.99 Deposit £15,142.50

b) Payment of account for approval: i) Clerks salary as per contract ii) Normtec (finger posts) £407.00. On the proposition of Cllr Ralph and seconded by Cllr Ainley, it was **resolved** that the above accounts be paid.

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

WD/D/18/000232 – Land west of Watton Lane, Bridport – outline application for the erection of 1no dwelling (outline) – A vote was undertaken with 4 objections and 2 who abstained. SPC to **object** on the grounds of:- outside the permitted development boundary, cannot prove sustainable development, access onto a very narrow lane.

WD/D/18/000323 – Highway Farm, West Road, Bridport – Use of the dwelling house without compliance with condition 2 of planning approval 1/W/2002/1698 (agricultural occupancy condition). (Certificate of Lawfulness (Existing)) – A vote was undertaken 5 support and 1 who abstained. SPC are fully in support of this application: farming has not been maintained for in excess of 10 years, agricultural tie is no longer relevant and farmers were encouraged to diversify.

Issue – Camp-site/tipping at a property at the end of Legg Lane – An enormous skip had been removed from the private land and a new one put in its place currently with 3 baths within and it would seem that it is being used for business purposes. Cllr Ainley to investigate and to see if a Waste Transfer Licence had been applied for? A strip of land had been fenced off at the far end towards Legg Lane with a lavatory block and a small number of caravans. Cllr Christopher kindly offered to investigate the regulations. Cllr Roddy will liaise and report back.

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.

636 Eype Telephone Cable Removal – Cllr Holmes has a meeting planned with our MP Sir Oliver Letwin. No communication from AONB.

637 Chideock Bypass – Nothing to report

638 Telephone Box Proposition – Watton – The box has deteriorated and it was agreed to have it either removed or fully restored. If removed, the site must be left clean and tidy with the possibility of a further bench. Cllr Driscoll will liaise with BT. It was agreed that Symondsburry PC will not contribute to any refurbishment costs.

639 Defibrillator – nothing new to report.

640 Reports to receive and adopt – none.

641 Reports from lead members:

- a Footpaths – Application for a public path diversion order – pre application consultation had been received in respect of Footpath numbers 54 and 55. Plans were shown and the Councillors agreed unanimously to indicate 'I support the proposal outlined above at the present time but reserve the right to withdraw support later'.
 - b A35 – Nothing to report.
 - c Transport – Cllr Driscoll will circulate a copy of the power point presented by Amanda Evans, Community Engagement Officer. The meeting of WATAG is on 22nd March. The new First Bus timetable is now available with the re-introduction of the Sunday bus service from 25 March.
 - d Allotments – Nothing to report.
 - e Resilience – Re-siting of grit bins in Eype may be required.
 - f Coastal Matters – Cllr Colfox is investigating a Revival grant.
 - g DAPTC – Nothing to report.
 - h BLAP – Nothing to report.
 - i Lengthsman Link - The new 2018/2019 Agreement was discussed and signed accordingly.
 - j Tree Officer – Nothing to report.
 - k Ancient Monuments – Nothing to report.
- l Symene Voice – Any new items to be sent to Cllr Roddy by the end of the week. The Annual Parish Meeting Annual Report to be incorporated.
- M Neighbourhood Plan – Nothing to report.
- n Finger Posts – Nothing new to report.
- O Symene Community Land Trust – Nothing to report.

642 Correspondence and information for distribution per attached listing (February): None

643 Items for inclusion on April Agenda: Telephone Box Watton, Defibrillator, Chideock Bypass, Coastal Revival Grant, Eype Telephone Cable Removal, Tipping Waste Transfer Licence.

644 To confirm date of next meeting Tuesday 10th April 2018 at Symondsby School at 7pm

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.