

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 11th September 2018.

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

Those present: Cllrs B Driscoll, J Roddy, S Ralph, P Colfox, S Ainley, A Streatfeild and S Holmes. In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk, Cllr S Christopher and 5 members of the public.

Democratic Half Hour: A request has been received to keep chickens on a plot of communal land at Pine View Allotments, which is unused. No more than 4 chicken each would be kept by two allotment holders. The plot does not back onto anyone. A petition had been undertaken and one objection had been received.

It was reported that motorcycles are using the lane off Shutes Lane and it was questioned whether this was legal. It was added that the lane (beyond Shutes Lane) had been closed about 8 years ago whilst repairs to an ancient pavement took place. The concern is that the pavement is likely to be damaged and it is considered dangerous; it is felt that it is an accident waiting to happen at this spot as a lot of people use the road.

Information from DCC, WDDC Councillors and Dorset Police: Cllr Christopher advised that West Dorset District Councillors are incredible busy at the moment. The Strategy Committee had met regarding the Community Governance Review of the parish boundary between Bridport and Symondsburry. Budget Task and Finish Group had met and he advised that more focus on finances is required within adult care/residential, children in care, children at risk. Cllr Christopher advised that 4 Bridport based councillors felt the CGR was a good idea and 2 councillors (one from Bridport) felt it was a bad idea.

727 To receive and approve apologies for absence: Apologies had been received from both Cllr Tinker and Cllr Turner which had been accepted.

728 Declarations of Interest: Cllr Driscoll offered a declaration of interest in item 738.

729 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 14th August 2018: The minutes of the last meeting held on 14th August 2018 were approved and signed.

730 Chairman's Announcements: None.

731 Clerks Report: The clerk thanked Cllr Streatfeild for undertaking the minutes at the meeting held in August in her absence. The Clerk reported that she had done a lot of work to the website prior to going on annual leave, however, whilst she was away the website was closed, which was out of anyone's control. She reminded the council of the background in that Westbay Webmaster had retired and was ending his business. It has taken a while to establish an audit trail of where our website has been hosted but has made positive progress. She apologised to all who have tried accessing the website in the interim. The clerk has made contact with the original host and arranged for the transfer of the website to a new host, Jurassic Design, for a small fee of around £60 per annum.

732 Finance a) Bank Balances: Current £10,935.91 Deposit £15,148.18

b) Payment of account for approval: i) Clerks salary ii) CPRE annual subscription £36.00 iii) Mrs S Gunning (Audit) £25.00 iv) Jurassic Design £133.14 On the proposition of Cllr Holmes and seconded by Cllr Ainley, it was **resolved** that the above accounts be paid.

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

WD/D/18/001279 – Highway Farm, West Road, Bridport, DT6 6AE – Making alterations to sub-divide agricultural tied house into two units and convert one unit to holiday accommodation – Removal of condition 2 of planning approval 1/W/02/001698 – to allow occupation of dwelling without complying with agricultural tie (Variation of Condition) – No objection.

734 Defibrillator – The Clerk reported that the defibrillator had been ordered and paid for and was being delivered to Symondsburry Estate on Wednesday 12th September. Councillors expressed thanks to Symondsburry Estate.

735 Joint Local Plan Review Consultation (West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland) 13th August to 8th October: The Joint Local Plan Review Consultation is taking place at Bridport Leisure Centre on Thursday 13th September 2018 between 10am to 7pm. Cllr Streatfeild will put together a report and circulate ahead of the Clerk submitting the report.

736 Dorset AONB Management Plan 2019 to 2024: Cllr Colfox and Cllr Streatfeild are perusing the report and will circulate the response before submission.

737 Water Supply to Pine View Allotments: Allotment holders at Pine View have requested a water supply at their allotments. Cllr Driscoll reported that Bridport Town Council offer this to their allotment holders. He added there would have to be an additional charge to the allotment holders (Bridport currently charge theirs around £6 per annum to cover the cost of the metered water supply). The clerk to research Grant funding.

738 Allotments – re keeping chicken: The Clerk reported that she has researched DEFRA guidelines: chicken require 1 square metre per chicken. Cockerels are excluded from allotments due to the noise that they make. As a point of lay hens may lay up to 5 eggs in any one week, so the average family would require no more than 2 or 3 hens. Under the 1950 Allotment Act the keeping of hens are prohibited unless they are for the tenants use only and not for business or profit. The people requesting the keeping of chickens confirm that they would be for personal use. Two key issues: one letter of objection (although not from an allotment holder) regarding use of the communal land. The councillors felt that more information is required and therefore a decision was postponed.

739 Coastal Revival Grant: Mrs. Wingfield Digby's son has advised that a complete rebuild of the wall is required and will get some quotes. Cllr Colfox will be meeting with her this weekend.

740 Tipping Waste Transfer Licence – The clerk will write to Mrs. Wrixton to discuss the way forward.

741 Reports to receive and adopt – None. This agenda item will be removed from future Agendas.

742 Reports from lead members:

- a **Footpaths** – Thanks expressed to Cllr Colfox regarding work done at a style that had been reported as unsafe.
- b **A35** – A meeting is due on 12th October 2018 together with Oliver Letwin MP.
- c **Transport** – Bridport Town Council has started a "Bridport Circular Bus", running on Wednesdays and Saturdays. It will operate for a minimum of 6 months as a pilot; this is to replace some of the services withdrawn by Dorset County Council last year. The winter timetable for the X51/ X53 Jurassic Coast services starts on 23 September; the main change is withdrawal of all Sunday services until next Easter.
- d **Allotments** – A request had been requested from a tenant to place a shed and greenhouse in their plot which was agreed.
- e **Resilience** – A meeting is due shortly before the Winter period.
- f **Coastal Matters** – Nothing to report.
- g **DAPTC** Cllr Ralph will attend the meeting at Mountfield as Cllr Ainley will be away.
- h **BLAP** – Cllr Streatfeild had circulated her report earlier.
- i **Lengthsman Link** - A request had been made to move a "dog poo" bin to a more suitable position within Symondsburry as it is inappropriately placed adjacent to the door of the public telephone box. Cllr Ralph will communicate with the Lengthsman to re-locate it.
- j **Tree Officer** – Nothing to report.
- k **Ancient Monuments** – Nothing to report.
- l **Symene Voice** – It was discussed whether to do a Spring issue as the next edition.
- m **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Streatfeild will circulate a report.
- n **Finger Posts** – Nothing to report.
- o **Symene Community Land Trust** – The next meeting is on Monday 17th September.
- p **Planning** – Discussed earlier.
- q **Community Governance Review** – See Cllr Christopher remarks earlier.
- r **Local Governance Review** – Nothing new to report.

743 Correspondence and information for distribution per attached listing (August): The list had been previously circulated.

744 Items for inclusion on October Agenda: Communication from Spud Box, Defibrillator training, Tipping Waste Transfer Licence, Land held by WDDC/DCC.

716 To confirm date of next meeting: Tuesday 9th October 2018 at Symondsburry School at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 9.14pm.