

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL
ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on
Tuesday 7th May 2019 at 7.00pm at Symondsburry School

These minutes will be ratified at the 2020 Annual Parish Council Meeting

PRESENT: Cllrs B Driscoll, A Streatfeild, S Ralph, S Holmes, J Roddy, S Ainley, J Tinker, Marilyn Stone – Clerk. 9 members of the Public also attended and names have been recorded in the Attendance Book. **Apologies** were received from Cllr P Colfox.

- 1. Welcome:** The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council. The Annual Report together with a copy of the Symene Voice has been circulated to most homes in the Parish and with some deliveries still to carry out.
- 2. Presentation – Professor Denys Brunsten:** Professor Brunsten provided a very fascinating presentation of our coastline between West Bay and Eype and described the history of the area and man's impact. Those who were present were very appreciative and several questions were asked. He was given a vote of thanks by the Councillors, and the discussion continued after the main business of the meeting, over refreshments.
- 3. To confirm the minutes of last Annual Parish Meeting held on 8th May 2018:** Cllr Streatfeild proposed that they were a true record, seconded by Cllr Roddy.
- 4. To receive the Annual Report:** Cllr Driscoll offered the Annual Report as read and advised that it had been distributed to virtually all dwellings in the parish.
- 5. To receive the Annual Financial Report:** The Clerk highlighted some key points within the Annual Report which had previously been circulated. £2,960 had been spent on various purchases: a new laptop, and the first defibrillator for the parish which had been located at Symondsburry Estate and the Clerk expressed her thanks to Philip and Julia Colfox for allowing this. Plans are being made for further defibrillators within the parish. The finger post project is going well with all but one completed and she expressed her thanks to Councillor Holmes for his hard work. The Clerk thanked Denhay Farms Limited for their kind donation towards this project for the year. We have given a total of £900 to various organisations including Axe Valley Ring and Ride, Citizens Advice Bridport and District, Dorset Community Transport, Broadoak Village Hall and monies towards the new flagpole situated on Colmers Hill. We welcome grants from new and existing organisations. The clerk advised that with no local council tax support in 2018/2019 going forward we approved a precept of £14,308 and we have done our utmost to keep increases at a minimum.
- 6. To consider other questions and issues of interest:** A question was raised regarding the recent elections and asked why he was given a voting paper for Bridport South when he actually resides in the parish of Symondsburry. This also happened at the last election but as yet has not received a logical explanation.

Review of bodies to which SPC donate grants: During the last year we received requests from and agreed modest grants to: Citizens Advice Bridport and District, Axe Valley Ring and Ride, Broadoak Village Hall, Dorset Community Transport and a new

flagpole at Colmers Hill. All had demonstrated they had provided service to a considerable number of parishioners.

On behalf of all the council Councillor Streatfeild offered vote of thanks to Councillor Driscoll for all his hard work over the year and wished him well for the future.

The Meeting Closed at 8.36pm