

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 12th November 2019 at 7pm at Symondsburry School. **These minutes will be ratified at the December Parish Council Meeting.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Sir Philip Colfox, S Holmes, S Ainley, S Ralph, J Tinker and J Roddy. In attendance: Cllr D Bolwell (Dorset Council) and Marilyn Stone, Clerk. 2 members of the public were present. All names were recorded in the Attendance book.

Democratic Half Hour during which members of the public are invited to raise matters of interest:

The applicant of the planning application spoke of their application to build an adjoining cottage to their existing property at 7 Foundary Knapp, West Road. It is unlisted and has a big gap next to the cottage. It will be used for long term tenants. It was questioned about the parking as no parking was proposed and applicant said that they would incorporate this into the plans.

Information from DC Councillors and Dorset Police: Dorset Councillor, Dave Bolwell, provided some information regarding the consultation of the Dorset Council Plan and all responses can be either filed electronically or via himself by 20th December 2019.

939 Planning Applications:

Councillor Sir P Colfox left the meeting for this next item.

WD/D/19/002324 – 7 Foundary Knapp, West Road, Bridport, DT6 5JU - Develop land by the erection of 1 No. dwelling. (Outline application with all matters reserved). Support subject to off road parking being incorporated.

Councillor Sir P Colfox re-entered the meeting

WD/D/19/001906 Tuckers Cottage, Watton lane, Bridport, DT6 5JZ - Application for approval of reserved matters for access, appearance, landscaping and scale in relation to outline approval WD/D/18/00204. No objection.

WD/D/19/002231 17 West Walk, West Bay, Bridport, Dorset DT6 4HT – Erection of first floor extension over existing garage. No comments to make.

WD/D/19/002421 23 West Walk, West Bay, Bridport, DT6 4HT – Erect single storey front extension and replacement external steps, form terrace over garage and carry out alterations. No comments to make.

Extension request to planning application Gladwyn, West Road, Bridport WD/D/19/002522 and will be discussed at our next meeting.

940 To receive and approve apologies for absence: Apologies had been received from Councillor A Streatfeild which was accepted.

941 To receive Declarations of interest: Cllr P Colfox regarding item number 939 (7 Foundary Knapp).

942 To approve the Minutes of last meeting: The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th October 2019 were approved and signed.

943 Chairman's Announcements: None.

944 Clerks Report: The clerk reported that she had prepared the draft Precept/budget for 2019/2020.

945 Finance: a) **Bank Balances:** Current account: £11,830.54 Deposit: £20,302.02

b) **Payments of Account for approval:** i) Clerk's Salary ii) Bridport Town Council (planning training) £240.00. The Clerk advised the Council that we should transfer £5,000 from the current account into the Deposit and on the proposition of Cllr Ainley, seconded by Cllr Tinker, it was **Resolved** that the above accounts/transfer be paid.

c) **Strategic Planning and Precept 2020/2021:** The Clerk provided the Councillors with the proposed budget for 2020/2021. She advised that the proposed precept of £14,910 would result in a 3.1% increase on last year. This would result in Band D £28.86. The Clerk advised that there is no Local Tax Support going forward. The Clerk felt that £5,000 of the reserves of £25,302 could be earmarked for specific projects. To be discussed, and finalised, at December's meeting.

946 Water Supply to Pine View/West Road Allotments: The Clerk reported that she had not yet received a quote from Chris Scadding in relation to the digging up and installing a pipe from the water cock outside near the garages at Pine View together with one or two water troughs.

947 BT Phone Box – Eype: Cllr Ralph reported that he had received 8 communications from residents. It was concluded that, due to the phone box being on private land and that the landowner does not wish to retain it, we could not express an interest in keeping it. The Clerk added that if an organisation wished to purchase it they could via the company appointed by BT.

948 Grant Request: St Johns Ambulance: £150 and **Proposed by Councillor Ralph and seconded by Councillor Holmes, all in favour.**

949 Dorset Council Plan/Engagement with Town and Parish Councils Consultation: Cllr Bolwell had provided the Council with a detailed presentation earlier in the evening. He advised that we should put together an generalised/aspirational list. The present list does not include the Arts. All councillors to advise the clerk of their thoughts.

950 Reports from lead members:

- a) Footpaths – Cllr Ralph has had no reply from Russell Goff recently regarding a couple of enquiries.
- b) A35 – Cllr Roddy advised that we may see a new MP on this due to the forthcoming elections.
- c) Transport – Nothing new to report.
- d) Allotments – Already discussed earlier.
- e) Resilience – Cllr Streatfeild had previously circulated her report. Specifically it was felt that a defibrillator was needed as close to Eype Beach as possible. A new grit bin is required at the allotments.

- f) Coastal Matters – Nothing new to report.
- g) DAPTC – Nothing new to report.
- h) BLAP Report - Cllr Streatfeild had previously circulated her report. In particular it was advised on change of speed restrictions in Chideock, climate change policy, and a new Symondsburry Parish Council representative is required.
- i) Lengthsman Link – Cllr Ralph will ask the lengthsman to look at a footpath where the stile has been broken.
- j) Tree Officer – Nothing new to report.
- k) Ancient Monuments – Nothing else to report.
- l) Symene Voice – Councillor Roddy would like ideas in January 2020 for the next edition.
- m) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Streatfeild had previously circulated a report but in particular it was asked if £1,000 could be set aside for the Neighbourhood Plan.
- n) Finger Posts – Next finger post at Quarr Lane.
- o) Symene CLT – Nothing new to report.
- p) Community Governance Review – Cllr Colfox advised that we need a strategy re Vearse Farm.
- q) Climate Emergency – Nothing new to report.

951 New Projects– A35 Underpass, Planning Protocol (engaging earlier), New website and use of social media –The councillors had met and walked the proposed footpath/underpass and this would allow access from Eype into Symondsburry. The clerk will contact a representative at Hallam Land to request a meeting to pursue some ideas going forward.

952 Correspondence List: The list for October/November had been previously circulated. The Clerk read out a letter received from Bridport Area Development Trust regarding an invite to their 2019 AGM.

953 Items for inclusion at our next meeting December: Precept/budget, Allotment at Pine View, Projects, Dorset Council Plan/Engagement with Town and Parish Councils Consultation.

954 To confirm date of next meeting: Tuesday 10th December 2019 at Symondsburry School at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 8.49pm

Signed.....

Councillor Sir Philip Colfox

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