

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 14th April 2020 at 7pm by remote means during the COVID-19 Pandemic. **These minutes will be ratified at the May Parish Council Meeting.**

PRESENT: Cllrs Sir Philip Colfox, S Holmes, A Streatfeild and S Ainley. In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk, Cllr K Clayton and Cllr Bolwell, Dorset Council.

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

No members of the public were present.

Information from DC Councillors and Dorset Police: Cllr Clayton advised that he had communicated by telephone to Chris Loder, MP, and advised him of the current lack of PPE within care homes and domiciliary care. He will be continuing with weekly/fortnightly updates from Chris Loder, MP. He reported that Dorset Council have 2,500 staff working from home with technology put in place within such a short timescale. He advised that lockdown could continue to at least 4th May.

Cllr Bolwell advised that whilst initially he was in favour of the barn application at Lower Eype Farm, he had later decided not to call it in front of the planning committee. Lots of positive action had been done around COVID-19 with lots of hard work by everyone.

001 To receive and approve apologies for absence: Apologies had been received from Councillors J Roddy. Cllr S Ralph tried to access the remote meeting several times but to no avail. Apologies were accepted.

002 Declarations of Interest: None.

003 To approve the Minutes of last meeting: The Minutes of the meeting held on 10th March 2020 were approved and signed.

004 Chairman's Announcements: None.

005 Clerk's Report: The Clerk thanked Pelham Allen and his team for delivering the Symene Voice as part of his resilience visits. The clerk also thanked Creeds the Printers for getting the Symene Voice printed in record time before they closed due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The end of year Financial Accounts had been completed and are presently with the Auditor. The clerk added that she had been inundated with COVID-19 communications, however advised that it was all manageable.

006 Finance: a) **Bank Balances:** Current account: £5,470.77 Deposit: £25,433.40

b) **Payments of Account for approval:** i) Clerk's Salary ii) Bridport Town Council (lengthsman Link) £1,200.00. On the proposition of Cllr Streatfeild, seconded by Cllr Ainley, it was **Resolved** that the above accounts be paid.

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

- **WD/D/20/000458 - WHITELANDS, MOUNT LANE, EYPE, BRIDPORT, DT6 6AL – Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement with new dwelling.** - The new house is much lower than the previous application WD/D/18/002788 and occupies the existing footprint of the existing building, although slightly longer. It will not impact neighbouring properties. **SUPPORT.**
- **WD/D/20/000421 HIGHLANDS HOUSE, HIGHLANDS END, EYPE, BRIDPORT, DT6 6AR – Erection of replacement dwelling** - It shows that the building is within the same footprint, same height and the site plan is identical. **No objection.**

- **WD/D/20/000088 STOKE MILL FARM, STOKE MILL LANE, BROADOAK, BRIDPORT, DT6 5NR – Erect two storey rear extension** - The extension will improve the existing cottage and therefore we have **no objection** to this application.
- **SECTION 119, HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 – PROPOSED DIVERSION OF BRIDLEWAY 39, SYMONDSBURY AT LOWER EYPE FARM** - This application will move the Bridleway onto an existing footpath and permissive right of way. The bridleway has run through the farmyard for generations and the applicant would have been aware of that. We pointed out to the planners previously that there was a bridleway right past the front door of the proposed house and it should have been sorted before planning permission was granted. We believe that it is a reserved matter and work has already commenced. The footpath that will become a bridleway was an 'informal' track put in by the former Lee family to stop people coming through the farmyard. The permissive part of the track isn't even official, it is just where people wander trying to find the unmarked bridleway. The current bridleway is a better alternative, a hard surface, not muddy and it is flat instead of the proposed route which has a steep beginning heading west.
OBJECTION.
- **WD/D/20/000619 DOLTON HOUSE, WEST ROAD, BRIDPORT, DT6 6AF – Erect timber framed annexe.** For information during this time of Covid-19 Pandemic, Symondsburry Parish Council have submitted a **No Objection** response to this planning application.

008 Resilience/COVID-19 – The clerk advised that whilst Pelham Allen and his team had delivered most of the Symene Voice there were still a few areas needing a volunteer. It was agreed for the clerk to deliver it within the Watton Park, Watton and Broad Lane areas. Cllr Ainley will deliver it to the areas of Quarr Lane and Symondsburry Village. Cllr Streatfeild advised that she is attending remote resilience meetings taking place each week with 12 representatives. She advised that The Walbridge Trust has small grants available for people living within the parish. The Tithe Barn has had a group, West Dorset Scrubbers, there recently making scrubs for local hospitals. The Eype School Room have also been involved.

Cllr Ainley asked if we could offer Symondsburry Primary School to apply for a grant from Symondsburry Parish Council to help children living within the parish to maintain their studies, offering technology if needed, especially the higher end of the school.

009 Standing Orders – Special Arrangements during COVID-19 Virus Pandemic – Parts A, B and C and previously been circulated to all Councillors as part of the Standing Orders. **Unanimously agreed.**

0010 Correspondence and information for distribution per attached listing (March/April) – The list for March/April had previously been circulated.

0011 Items for our next meeting in May – Vearse Farm – The clerk to invite Hallam Land to the next meeting.

0012 To confirm date of next meeting – Annual Meeting: Tuesday 5th May 2020 at 7pm – The Clerk advised that it was not a statutory requirement to have this meeting and it was felt that it would be more beneficial to have this meeting at a time when it was allowable face to face. It was therefore agreed to cancel this meeting. **Our next monthly meeting will take place on Tuesday 12th May at 7pm.**

Meeting closed at 7.58pm.

