

## SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7pm at Symondsburry School. **These minutes will be ratified at the March Parish Council Meeting.**

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Sir Philip Colfox, S Holmes, A Streatfeild, S Ralph, and J Tinker. In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk. Eight 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:**

A member from 'ADVEARSE' updated the council regarding the recent judicial review for Vearse Farm. On the 31<sup>st</sup> January the judge decided to reserve judgement and will notify parties by email. It has been a fair process. Members of the ADVEARSE group are grateful of the support within the community.

The planning application of Lower Eype Farm was presented to the council by the owners. The council were corrected of misinformation that had been circulated around the area. The councillors were advised that it has always been a dream of the owners to run a small farm since they were 19 years old. They wish to build a barn to hold machinery, 1000 plus bales and to hold a small flock of sheep. They have sought advice throughout the process and made amendments where necessary. The owners presented an Introductory Landscape Statement to the council. A parishioner, objecting to the proposal, advised the council that originally the owners wanted to start a glamping site. The proposed barn would be in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, on a World Heritage Site and also referred to UNESCO. He had sought guidance from DEFRA who felt that the number of animals they proposed to keep was excessive. In addition guidance had been sought from a vet. Photos were shown to the council to show how the proposed building would look and impact the landscape from different directions. A further parishioner, also opposing to the application, advised that the application was put in within a very short timescale for consideration. He questioned the size of the barn, the position of the barn and said that it should be considered by a full planning committee.

**Information from DC Councillors and Dorset Police:** Cllr Bolwell spoke of the Number 6 bus and advised that a lot of people were upset on the proposed withdrawal. A meeting has been set up between Councillors D Bolwell, S Williams and K Clayton with the Portfolio Holder. Cllr Clayton advised of a full Dorset Council Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> February where the Council Plan will be discussed. A Climate Emergency Meeting is taking place on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 4 to 9pm. No report was available from the Police.

**987 To receive and approve apologies for absence:** Apologies had been received from Councillors S Ainley and J Roddy which were accepted.

**988 Declarations of Interest:** Cllr P Colfox regarding item number 995. Cllr S Holmes also declared an interest regarding item number 993 (Gatesmead and Whinridge).

**989 To approve the Minutes of last meeting:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020 were approved and signed.

**990 Chairman's Announcements:** Cllr P Colfox advised that rather big posters had been seen on our noticeboards recently and not conforming to our guidelines. The Clerk will write to the offending organisations to stop.

**991 Clerk's Report:** The Clerk advised that she attended the recent BLAP Parish Liaison Meeting.

**992 Finance:** a) **Bank Balances:** Current account: £5,589.99                      Deposit: £25,353.02

b) **Payments of Account for approval:** i) Clerk's Salary. On the proposition of Cllr Colfox, seconded by Cllr Streatfeild, it was **Resolved** that the above accounts be paid.

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

**WD/D/19/002994 LOWER EYPE FARMHOUSE, BARTON LANE, EYPE, BRIDPORT, DT6 6AW** – Erection of agricultural barn for storage of livestock, fodder, bedding and machinery – The site had been visited and felt that the barn was being built sympathetically. Whilst the size of building may be of a concern it was felt that with landscaping would soften the impact. A fair democratic approach was taken to all parties and it was agreed that Symondsburry Parish Council would **support** the application.

**WD/D/19/003080 EGDON, THIRD CLIFF WALK, WEST BAY, BRIDPORT, DT6 4HX** – Erection of single storey extension; erection of garden room/studio; external alterations – The proposed height of the garden room will have a negative impact to a neighbouring property. **Object** due to the layout and density.

**WD/D/19/003035 LUSHAYS, BRIGHTHAY LANE, NORTH CHIDEOCK, BRIDPORT, DT6 6JZ** – Erection of garden shed and greenhouse – **Support**.

**WD/D/19/003077 BREWERY BRIDGE, SKILLING HILL ROAD, BRIDPORT** – Repairs and painting of bridge steelwork – **No Objection**.

Cllr S Holmes left the meeting.

**WD/D/19/002989 WHIN BRIDGE, MOUNT LANE, EYPE, BRIDPORT, DT6 6AL** – Erection of single storey annexe – **No Objection**.

**WD/D/19/003169 GATESMEAD, BACK LANE, EYPE, BRIDPORT, DORSET DT6 6AL** – Demolition of existing side and rear extensions and erection of two storey and single storey extensions. Conversion of loft space and insertion of dormer windows – **No objection subject to restrictions: Remain within the existing footprint and height of the Garden Room.**

Cllr S Holmes re-joined the meeting.

**994 Projects (A35 Underpass, Use of social media/new website, planning protocol – engaging earlier, defibrillator at Eype Beach)** – Cllr P Colfox had previously circulated a draft Parish Planning Protocol. The Clerk will place this onto the website. The Clerk had heard from the owner of the Boat House regarding the installation of a defibrillator and was awaiting a response from the owner of a potential power source.

Cllr P Colfox left the meeting.

**995 Hallam Land re proposed A35 Underpass** – The Clerk to write to Hallam Land to put forward SPC proposal regarding the possibility of ramps either side of the underpass making Symondsburry accessible for all parishioners.

**Cllr P Colfox re-joined the meeting.**

**996 Neighbourhood Plan Referendum** – Cllr Streatfeild handed out posters and leaflets to promote the forthcoming voting process on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

**997 Annual Meeting/Climate Emergency Focus** – Cllr Kelvin Clayton was asked if he would be our Guest Speaker to present on Climate Change at our Annual Meeting, to be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2020 which he accepted. The Clerk to liaise with Cllr Clayton further.

**998 Dorset Local Plan** – Cllr Streatfeild had recently attended the meeting and advised the Council that it was about bringing Dorset together and defining settlements. A response is required by 28<sup>th</sup> February.

**999 Dorset National Park – The Glover Review** – It was agreed to **support** the Dorset National Park.

**1000 Citizens Advice Bridport and District – Grant Request** – The Clerk will write to CAB and ask for the number of parishioners who have used the service in the past year. It will be discussed further at our next meeting.

**1001 Reports from lead members:**

- a) Footpaths – Cllr Ralph reported scramblers were continuing to use our footpaths.
- b) A35 – The Clerk read a letter that had been received from the A35 Diversion Group asking whether we would like to be alerted should the A35 get closed for any reason. It was agreed that The Clerk could be contacted by Text alerts and would notify them accordingly.
- c) Transport – A press release had been presented by Bridport Town Council and it was agreed that we would support it.
- d) Allotments – Two plots will be available from May 2020 with one person on the waiting list. The Clerk will communicate accordingly.
- e) Resilience – The Clerk will arrange for the Resilience Plan to be placed onto the website.
- f) Coastal Matters – Cllr Tinker will investigate the Marine Consultation to see if its relevant to SPC, response due by 6<sup>th</sup> April 2020.
- g) DAPTC – Nothing new to report.
- h) BLAP Report - The Clerk attended the parish liaison meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. David Powell provided information on the work of the Bridport Rights Respecting Project which a previous Mayor had declared in 2018 and the Town Council has committed itself to exploring how best it can adjust its activity to ensure that Human Rights of all Bridport citizens are upheld.
- i) Lengthsman Link – Cllr Ralph will ask the lengthsman to look at the footpath alongside the A35 from Dolton House towards Bridport. It was also asked if the Lengthsman could varnish some noticeboards.
- j) Tree Officer – Nothing new to report.
- k) Ancient Monuments – Nothing new to report.
- l) Symene Voice – Articles to be sent to Cllr Roddy as soon as possible.
- m) Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Streatfeild provided an update under item 996.
- n) Finger Posts – Nothing new to report.
- o) Symene CLT – Community Led Housing meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020.

- p) Community Governance Review – Nothing new to report.
- q) Climate Emergency – Guest speaker at our Annual Meeting.

**1002 Correspondence List:** The list for January/February had been previously circulated. The Clerk read out correspondence received regarding Full Fibre Broadband being made available within DT6 6HF, DT6 6HD, DT6 6AA and DT6 5JU. (The Old Rectory, Symondsburry Manor, Sheer Plot, Manor farm Cottages, Duck Street, some properties along West Road and Foundary Knapp).

**1003 Items for inclusion at our next meeting March:** Allotment at Pine View, Projects, Annual Meeting/Climate Emergency, A35 Underpass and footpath, Dorset Local Plan, Citizens Advice Bureau.

**1004 To confirm date of next meeting:** Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at Symondsburry School at 7pm.

**Meeting closed at 9.08pm**

**Signed.....**

**Councillor Sir Philip Colfox**

**Date.....**

**978 Water Supply to Pine View/West Road Allotments:** The Clerk reported that she had not yet received a quote from Chris Scadding and will chase for quotations 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.

**979 Consultation: Strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments:** Cllr Streatfeild will complete the questionnaire and return.

**980 Request to support the Local Electricity Bill:** Cllr Roddy advised that she is attending an Energy Local.org.uk meeting on Monday and will investigate further.

**981 Refresh of the Dorset Heathland Framework Supplementary Planning Document 2020 to 2025:** No heathlands within the Parish of Symonds bury. No further action.

**982 Reports from lead members:**

- r) Footpaths – Cllr Ralph reported that there have been deep ruts made within some footpaths by mountain bikes. He also advised that he will meeting the lengthsman regarding the footpath alongside the A35. Cllr Holmes reported that a footpath within Eype is near falling into a calvert which could have an adverse effect to a main sewage pipe.
- s) A35 – The forthcoming meeting has been cancelled as Chris Loader will not be available.
- t) Transport – Nothing new to report.
- u) Allotments – Nothing to report.
- v) Resilience – Cllr Streatfeild advised that any communication should be forwarded to Pelham Allen.
- w) Coastal Matters – Nothing new to report.
- x) DAPTC – Nothing new to report.
- y) BLAP Report - Both Cllr Colfox and the Clerk will attend the next parish liaison meeting on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 4.15pm.
- z) Lengthsman Link – Cllr Ralph will ask the lengthsman to look at some blocked drains.
- aa) Tree Officer – Nothing new to report.
- bb) Ancient Monuments – Nothing new to report.
- cc) Symene Voice – Councillor Roddy would like ideas by the meeting in February 2020 for the next edition.
- dd) Neighbourhood Plan – The Referendum version has been distributed. A flyer will be organised to encourage people to vote by the deadline of 27<sup>th</sup> February. The clerk to contact the Symondsburry Primary to ask whether they can send out to parents. Cllr Streatfeild proposed whether Symondsburry Parish Council could help to cover costs of up to £100. On the proposition of Cllr Streatfeild, seconded by Cllr Ralph, it was **Resolved** that the above would be paid.
- ee) Finger Posts – Nothing new to report.
- ff) Symene CLT – Nothing new to report.
- gg) Community Governance Review – Nothing new to report.
- hh) Climate Emergency – Cllr Roddy said that we should get serious about this. The Clerk suggested that we could incorporate this within the Annual Meeting. It was agreed to place this on next month’s Agenda for further discussion.

**983 New Projects**– A35 Underpass, Planning Protocol (engaging earlier), New website and use of social media – **Underpass**: A representative from Hallam Land will be attending our meeting in February. The clerk read communication from a supporter of the proposed scheme. **Planning Protocol**: Cllr Colfox to produce a first draft. **Internet**: The new Facebook page has already started.

**984 Correspondence List**: The list for December/January had been previously circulated.

**985 Items for inclusion at our next meeting February**: Allotment at Pine View, Projects, National Park (The Glover Review), Annual Meeting/Climate Emergency, Hallam Land.

**986 To confirm date of next meeting**: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Symondsburry School at 7pm.

**Meeting closed at 8.44pm**

**Signed**.....

**Councillor Sir Philip Colfox**

**Date.....**