

SYMONDSBURY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Symondsburry Parish Council held on Tuesday 10th November 2020 at 7pm by remote means during the COVID-19 Pandemic. **These minutes will be ratified at the December Parish Council Meeting. PRESENT:** Cllrs Sir Philip Colfox, A Streatfeild, S Ralph, S Ainley, J Roddy, P Allen and N Mawditt. In attendance: Marilyn Stone, Clerk, Cllr K Clayton (Dorset Council), Cllr S Williams (Dorset Council), Cllr D Bolwell (Dorset Council) and two members of the public.

Democratic Half Hour during which members of the public are invited to raise matters of interest: Lucy Rowland, on behalf of The Bridport Tree Planting Group, spoke about their latest project. The group, which mainly consists of volunteers, currently have a significant number of saplings ready to be planted in the Spring. The National Plan states that 180,000 hectares of tree planting should be undertaken by 2042 (a 25 year plan). In this connection SPC were asked if we had any land to benefit from this project such as the land at Vearse Farm. The Clerk will include an article within the next edition of the Symene Voice asking for potential tree planting sites. Selwyn Holmes asked the council if we could support a request from some of the residents at Eype to amend the name of Back Lane to Seaview Lane. The neighbouring properties on the lane had agreed to the change. (We suspended the Democratic half hour in order to formally open the meeting in order that councillors could take the vote on this motion). **Name change of Back Lane to Seaview Lane, Eype - Proposed by Cllr Streatfeild and seconded by Cllr Roddy, all in favour.**

Information from DC Councillors and Dorset Police: Cllr Williams spoke of the Shoppers Parking Permit Consultation (responses by 6th December) with some car park charges increasing by double. A Public Order had been served to **temporary close Hell Lane, North Chideock & Shutes Lane, Symondsburry**, starting on 23rd November 2020 for a period of 18 months. Cllr Clayton commented on the Climate Emergency Strategy Consultation advising that it is not 'SMART' (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic or Timely) in particular not being realistic or achievable presently. A massive team of experienced and knowledgeable officers are working on the consultation but unfortunately there seems to be a lack of leadership.

0084 To receive and approve apologies for absence: No apologies for absence had been received.

0085 To receive Declarations of Interest: Cllr P Colfox offered his declaration of interest to item Vearse Farm.

0086 To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2020: The minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2020 were approved and signed.

0087 Finance: a) **Bank Balances:** Current account: £11,908.16 Deposit: £25,525.59

b) **Payments of Account for approval:** i) Clerk's Salary ii) DAPTC Planning Training £39.00 iii) CPRE (Countryside charity) £36.00 iv) JCC Neighbourhood Plan £264.40 v) CB Reid (payroll) £31.20 **Proposed by Cllr Allen and seconded by Cllr Ralph, all in favour.**

0088 Planning Applications and to consider any other planning/enforcement issues:

WD/D/20/002171 MANOR FARM, HIGHER EYPE ROAD, HIGHER EYPE, BRIDPORT, DT6 6AT - Proposed inset swimming pool, wood terrace with stairs, replacement of window and doors. **No Objection.**

Cllr Colfox left the meeting

WD/D/20/002129 LAND AT VEARSE FARM, WEST ROAD, BRIDPORT Outline application for the development of up to 760 dwellings, 60 unit care home (Use Class C2), 4 hectares of land for employment (Use Classes B1, B2, B8), mixed use local centre (Use Classes A1,A2, A3, A4, A5, B1, C3 and D1), primary school and associated playing fields (Use Class D1), areas of public open space and allotments, drainage works, the formation of new vehicular accesses to West Road and the formation of new pedestrian and cycle links (with variation to conditions 18 and 19 of Planning Approval WD/D/17/000986 to allow flexibility to the delivery of the accesses to the site). No complications were foreseen therefore **No Objection.**

It was raised how we would approach this going forward; the development being on land within the Symondsburry Parish and the impact it will directly have on Bridport. Cllr Allen had previously attended the recent Stake Holder Working Group which had been re-established and advised that this development is the biggest in the country on land within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. **On a proposal from Cllr Allen and agreed unanimously** it was agreed to formally write to Bridport Town Council to request that we collaborate jointly going forward as a 'united front'.

Cllr Colfox re-joined the meeting.

0089 Climate Emergency Strategy Consultation: (We brought this discussion forward in order to involve the Dorset Councillors) The consultation is broken down into various separate headings and was felt that it was too overwhelming for people to comment on. The action plans seem to be lengthy and complicated and do not appear to be user friendly. Clerk to distribute the various separate headings and will do our best by inviting councillor input ahead of our next meeting. Consultation expires on 20th January 2021. **Cllrs Bolwell, Williams and Clayton then left the meeting.**

0090 High Sheriff Community Award: Symondsburry Parish Council would like to nominate Bev Chisnall and the Eype Schoolroom Sewing Group of whom should be awarded for their extraordinary work that has been undertaken during the COVID 19 Pandemic. Bev and the team have worked tirelessly producing face coverings, scrub bags and aprons etc and well worthy of this Award. **Clerk to send nomination.**

0091 Equality Diversity and Inclusion Strategy – Draft Consultation: This consultation appears to be straightforward. Cllr Roddy will take a further look at it.

0092 Standards in Public Life Consultation: No comments to make.

0093 Planning the Future White Paper – Response previously circulated: Thanks were passed on to Cllr Allen for his hard work on this paper. The response had been previously circulated and it was felt that it should be placed onto the website by the clerk. **All in favour.**

0094 Projects: The Chair announced that the intention is to convert the projects to a paper or plan with timelines so that we don't have to discuss them every time but only when relevant. **Defibrillator at Eype Beach:** Nothing new to report. **Water Supply at Pine View:** The quotations for the work had been received and it was felt that it was substantial. The clerk will investigate water troughs as a much cheaper solution. **Fence at West Road:** Work has been completed - S Lee (Fence at West Road) £1,260.00 **Proposed by Cllr Allen and Seconded by Cllr Ralph, all in favour.** **Footpath from Dolton House:** Cllr Ralph reported that he is awaiting a meeting with the lengthsman to discuss further. **Bins:** After discussion it was agreed that SPC would take up the kind offer from Symondsburry Estate to regularly empty the bins for free rather paying £5.10 per bin per collection. **On a proposition by Cllr Ralph and seconded by Cllr Sreatfeild, all in favour it was agreed** for the Clerk to order 6 x sticker signage regarding clearance of fouling to place on the bins.

0095 Reports from lead members had been circulated prior to the meeting and taken as read although the following amendments were agreed: **Footpaths:** Signage had been placed at West Cliff reading 'PRIVATE, RESIDENTS ACCESS ONLY' thus blocking Public Rights of Way. **Cllr Ralph has raised the issue direct with Dorset Council.**

Coastal Matters: Dorset Council have been informed by SPC of the concerns raised over a potential big landslip due to cracks appearing on the coastal path between Eype and West Bay. Dorset Council are dealing with this and communicating with Martin Cox of Highlands End whose land is adjacent to see if the path can be re-directed.

0096 Correspondence and information for distribution per attached listing (October/November): The list for October/November had previously been circulated. The clerk advised specifically of communication from a parishioner in Broadoak requesting support for obtaining full fibre optic technology within that area. Cllr Allen will respond.

0097 Items for our next meeting in December: Cycle Path, projects plan which will form the basis of the budget.

0098 To confirm date of next meeting Tuesday 8th December 2020 at 7pm. **Meeting closed at 20:48 pm.**