

# COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors Diane Churches, Greg Jones, Graham Napper, John Rowland, Sue Solle and Hugh Thomas.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dean Ruddle (SCC), Cllr Pauline Clarke (SSDC) and David Norris (SSDC)

There were 2 members of the general public present.

**Public Participation** - None at this stage

### 128.1 Apologies for Absence

Cll. Irene Parsons sent her apologies and the Council **RESOLVED** to accept them and the reasons.

128.2 **Declarations of Interest** - None at this stage.

### 128.3 Minutes of the previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014 and 10<sup>th</sup> December as a true record. Cllr Greg Jones signed the minutes.

### 128.4 Planning

#### a) Notifications of district council planning determinations

- 14/05001/FUL: Mr G Linham, Land adjoining Keepers Cottage, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon. Erection of a dwelling house (revised application) (GR:348431/132798). **PERMISSION REFUSED**
- 14/04593/FUL: Mrs. C Williams, Church Farm, School Lane, Compton Dundon TA11 6TE. Single storey extension to existing barn conversion to provide 2 no. 1 bed holiday let apartments and 1 no. 1 bed B&B unit. Current use is 4 no. 1 bed B&B units. (GR: 347990/132481). **PERMISSION GRANTED** with conditions.
- 14/04987/PAMB: Mr C Higgs and Ms V Searle, Lower Hurst Farm, Hurst Drove, Compton Dundon. Prior approval for change of use of agricultural building to dwelling house (GR:348075/133455) **WITHDRAWN**

#### b) Planning and legal consultations

- 14/05708/FUL Mr B Popham, Red Lake Farm, Littleton, TA11 6NS. Erection of 3 no. fisherman/holiday lodges and conversion of existing storeroom to farmshop/reception (GR: 349448/131031).

Following a presentation by the applicants and a general discussion the Council **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of the application

#### c) Other planning related issues - None raised.

### 128.5 Accounts.

a) The Clerk gave the following report on bank account reconciliation in writing:

Treasurers A/C Statement at 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2015		<b>3,906.81</b>
Less - Unpresented cheques 000861 Polden Hills Pony Club		<b>50.00</b>
Plus - Uncleared lodgments		<b>0.00</b>
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2015		<b>3,856.81</b>
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2015		<b>23,534.41</b>
Overall Bank Balance		<b>27,391.22</b>
Overall Ledger Book Balance		<b>27,391.22</b>

b) The following cheques and transfers were tabled for approval

SSDC Parish Ranger November invoice	000875	150.96
Total value of cheques		150.96

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the cheque payment.

c) The Clerk reported in writing that SSDC had advised the level of Council Tax Reduction Scheme Grant and that at £680.00 it was higher than expected due to a change in band D numbers. As a result of the change, the approved Precept for 2015-16 would reflect an increase of 0.8% per household over the previous year.

### 128.6 Reports

#### a) Report from the County Councillor

Cllr D Ruddle stated he had nothing to report over the Xmas period.

b) **Reports from District Councillors** – nothing to report.

c) **Report of the Chairman** – nothing to report

d) **Report from the Police - PCSO Elaine Seaward was present and wished the Parish a happy new year.**

#### e) Rights of Way report

The members met in December and put up the Parish Christmas Tree.

f) **Report of the Village Hall Committee** – none received

128.7 **Highways Report** – The “On-Line” list of issues was updated as follows:  
Item 45 – potholes at Walnut Tree Cottage and Yard Acre Farm, Ham Lane  
Item 46 – Gullies on B3151 Littleton (Flooding).

A discussion took place regarding grit bins and the Clerk was requested to ensure that the bin in Peak Lane is filled and that necessary action be taken to site 3 additional bins at: junctions:- Ham Lane/Peak Lane; Peak Lane/Hayes Lane and The Nook/Ham Lane.

**128.8** Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- a) Adoption of Policy on Recording of Council Meetings – It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the policy. However it was recommended that a suitable note be added to the agenda rather than a physical sign displayed at the meeting location. It was also recommended that the Council itself records the meeting to ensure accuracy of any public recording.
- b) Adoption of revised Standing Orders – It was **RESOLVED** to accept the proposed revision to Standing Orders as of 7<sup>th</sup> January 2015.
- c) Response to Brookside Admissions Arrangements Consultation 2016-17 – Councillors agreed to support the proposed changes.
- d) Decision on felling licence application FLA/018/341/14-15 for New Hill and Tannager – Following a brief discussion of the application from Somerset Wildlife Trust the Council agreed that it had no objections to the application.
- e) Determination of response to Rights of Way Improvements Plan 2 – it was agreed to postpone discussion on this item to a future meeting.
- f) Determination of attendance at SALC South Somerset Area Meeting 26<sup>th</sup> January - The Clerk indicated he would be attending but no Councillors expressed interest.

**128.9** Correspondence for information

The following correspondence was received in December and circulated to Councillors: Mendip Local Plan adoption; Somerset Local Access Forum; Rural vulnerability service; Area North Committee 17.12.2014 agenda and minutes; Somerset Wildlife Trust; Rural Services Network bulletins.

**128.10** Councillors' requests for agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting

The Chairman advised he would requesting the following issues to be tabled:

- Internal audit changes
- Community Car Scheme
- May elections

**128.11** Date of the next meeting of the Parish Council.

The next formal meeting **was confirmed as 7pm, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015.**  
There being no further business the meeting ended at 20:16.

Signed as a true record .....

Cllr. Hugh Thomas (Vice Chairman)

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> February 2015