

COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL



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MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 4th March 2015.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Diane Churches, Greg Jones, Irene Parsons, John Rowland, Sue Solle and Hugh Thomas.

IN ATTENDANCE: Stanislaw Berkieta (Parish Clerk), Dean Ruddle (SCC), Pauline Clarke (SSDC), David Norris (SSDC)

There was 1 member of the general public present

Public Participation - None at this stage

130.1 Apologies for Absence – none required

130.2 Declarations of Interest – Cllr Greg Jones declared a pecuniary interest in 130.9(f)

130.3 Minutes of the previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council held on 7th February 2015 as a true record and Cllr Greg Jones signed the minutes.

130.4 Planning

a) **Notifications of district council planning determinations** – None received

b) **Planning and legal consultations**

1. 15/00673/S73: Mr A Smith, Land at Manor Farm, Littleton Road, Compton Dundon, (GR:349011/130546). Section 73 application to vary conditions 2&18 of application 11/00702/FUL to allow changes to external appearance and flexible use of the lower barn.

Cllr Thomas described the proposed changes and the Council unanimously **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of the application.

2. 15/00523/REM: Mr J Lovell, Land west of The Gammons, Ham Lane, (GR: 348840/132858). Erection of 2 detached bungalows and associated access, garaging and outbuilding.

Following a brief statement of proposed changes the Council unanimously **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of the changes to the approved plans

3. 14/05001/FUL: Mr G Linham, Land adjoining Keepers Cottage, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon. Erection of Dwellinghouse (GR:348431/132798) – Notice of Appeal Reference APP/R3325/W/15/3003540).

Councillors discussed the grounds for appeal and requested that the Clerk writes seeking assurance that the Planning Inspectorate physically inspects the site.

c) **Other planning related issues**

1. 15/00912/TPO: Mr P Robertson, Lime Tree House, Compton Street, TA11 6PS (GR: 349199/133279) Application to fell a Lime tree subject to SSDC (Compton Dundon No.2) Tree Preservation Order 1985.

Mr Robertson explained that the tree in question had become fatally diseased and that the SSDC Tree Preservation Officer had recommended it be felled. Cllr Napper questioned whether the Officer was properly qualified to make the recommendation. Mr Robertson advised that he would be replacing the lime tree with a commensurate specimen tree.

130.5 Accounts.

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

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| Treasurers A/C Statement at 4 th March 2015 | | 2,646.60 |
| Less - Unpresented cheques 000883 | | 19.82 |
| Plus - Uncleared lodgments | | 0 |
| Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 4 th March 2015 | | 2,626.78 |
| Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 4 th March 2015 | | 23,536.41 |
| Overall Bank Balance | | 26,163.19 |
| Overall Ledger Book Balance | | 26,163.19 |

b) The following cheques and transfers were tabled for approval

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| SSDC Parish Ranger Jan inv. no.06000023141 | 000885 | 150.96 |
| Somerset Wildlife subscription | 000886 | 30.00 |
| Citizens Advice Bureau grant | 000887 | 50.00 |
| Parish Magazine Printing inv. No 0651 March | 000888 | 59.30 |
| Clerk salary & expenses CD121 | 000889 | 270.83 |
| HMRC – Paye month 11 | 000890 | 57.80 |

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

130.6 Reports

a) **Report from the County Councillor**

Cllr Dean Ruddle advised that Stock Elm was still on his action list and that some money may eventually come through to take further road calming action. However, he indicated that Highways themselves were at a loss to understand the reason for so many accidents on that stretch. He went on to advise that free internet access would be made available at Somerton Library.

b) Reports from District Councillors

Cllr David Norris reported that the Local Plan was due to be adopted on 5th March. He advised that this would be his last Parish Council meeting since he was due to be away in April and was standing down in May.

Cllr Pauline Clark reported that SSDC had approved a council tax cut of 1.99% but that the police related tax had been increased.

c) Report of the Chairman

Cllr Greg Jones reported that he had visited David Moores to thank him for his work over the years in keeping the Cross looking nice. The Chairman also advised that Mr Wills had received approval for his planning application at the Area North Committee.

d) Report from the Police

A report had been received indicating that 57 crimes had been investigated in February in Area North culminating in 14 arrests. There was no breakdown for the Parish itself.

e) Rights of Way report

The volunteers attended an orchard management course. 8th March is the next scheduled meeting with the aim of clearing the area under the bridge behind the Village Hall.

f) **Report of the Village Hall Committee** – February minutes received and noted. The Council agreed that since the elections were in May it would not make sense to recommend a council representative at this stage.

130.7 Highways Report

No update had been received from Highways. Cllr John Rowland noted that all potholes needed to be reported immediately since Highways will take no responsibility for damage where no report has been issued. The Clerk was asked to formally note the most recent accident at the foot of Stock Elm.

130.8 Review and Approval of the Financial Regulations

The Clerk presented the revised Financial Regulations and explained the changes. The Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to adopt the revised regulations.

130.9 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- a) Attendance at “Planning your community’s future” workshop on 23 March – Cllrs Diane Churches, Greg Jones and Hugh Thomas together with the Clerk will attend the all-day session at the Meadway Hall.
- b) Attendance at the Water Management event in April – Cllr Hugh Thomas responded formally to the invitation to raise questions. The Council now awaits notification of the actual meeting.
- c) The election timetable – The Clerk described the process for nominating councilors to the seven vacant positions and the events thereafter. All current councilors will retire on 11th May when new councilors will take up their positions. Their first Parish Council meeting will be 20th May. Nomination papers may be obtained from the Clerk or from the Returning Officer at SSDC. Nominations must be delivered by hand to the Returning Officer between 9:00am 19th March and 4:00pm on Friday 9th April.
- d) Parish response to the Rural Lettings Policy document – The Parish has more than 20 lettings currently and therefore falls outside the policy.
- e) Right of Way document 2 – Cllr Greg Jones completed a response to the formal document.
- f) To review a grant application from Compton Dundon Cricket Club - Cllr Greg Jones described the written request for a grant of £200 which would go towards the £1800 cost of a Flicx portable wicket. With the club itself providing £500 and other requests for support going to other grant making bodies.

► At this stage Cllr G Jones left the meeting

Councillors commented on the Cricket Club’s important position in Parish life and the Clerk advised that the sum requested was within the current year financial budget. The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the grant.

► Cllr G Jones rejoined the meeting

130.10 Correspondence for information

The following correspondence was received in January and circulated to Councillors: Free disabled cricket coaching sessions; Care provider event; SSDC Health & Well being newsletter; Somerset Waste Partnership briefing, Rural vulnerability service-spotlight on older people; Somerset Mineral & Waste plan adoption by SCC; Rural Services Network News Digest.

130.11 Councillors’ requests for agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting

- Shepherds Close development issues

130.12 Date of the next meeting of the Parish Council.

The next formal meeting was confirmed as 7pm, 1st April 2015.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20:30

Signed as a true record
Cllr. Greg Jones (Chairman)

Date: 1st April 2015