

COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 1st April 2015.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Stanislaw Berkieta (Parish Clerk), Pauline Clarke (SSDC),

There was 5 member of the general public present

Public Participation - None at this stage

131.1 Apologies for Absence

Dean Ruddle (SCC) and David Norris (SSDC) sent their apologies.

131.2 Declarations of Interest – None at this stage

131.3 Minutes of the previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council held on 4th March 2015 as a true record and Cllr Greg Jones signed the minutes.

131.4 Planning

a) To receive notifications of district council planning determinations

- 14/04863/OUT: Mr&Mrs Leslie Wills, Compton Randle, Compton Dundon TA11 6PR (GR: 349128/132830). Erection of single storey dwelling in the garden of Compton Randle. **PERMISSION GRANTED.**

b) To agree responses to planning and legal consultations

- 15/00877/FUL: Mr&Mrs Beck, Beckbury Orchard, Compton Street TA11 6PS (GR: 348969/132877). Erection of a detached dwelling.

A number of observations were made regarding the need to keep the water course clear and the need to ensure no on-road parking at this busy and narrow part of the road. The Council unanimously **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL** but made the following points regarding the application: (a) no mention was made of the proximity to the stream (b) no mention was made of the hedge that was removed just prior to the application being submitted (c) a retaining wall should be maintained along the ditch (d) the building material should be blue lias in keeping with properties at the Cross (e) Highways should be satisfied that access across the stream should not impact the listed monument.

c) To discuss other planning related issues

- 15/00831/COL: Mr&Mrs Walker, Shetland, Compton Street TA11 6PS. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed construction of a dormer roof extension to the rear elevation and insertion of roof lights to the front and rear elevations.

Following a brief explanation of the plans the Council concluded it had no issue with the proposals.

- Beckbury Orchard Tree Preservation Order – Compton Dundon No.1 (provisional) – noted
- Shepherds Close – The Clerk was instructed to write to Wessex Water requesting a copy of the proposal for handling waste from the properties and a reassurance that there will be no capacity issues.

131.5 Accounts.

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 1 st April 2015		2,034.99
Less - Unpresented cheques		0
Plus - Uncleared lodgments		0
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 1 st April 2015		2,034.99
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 1 st April 2015		23,537.31
Overall Bank Balance		25,572.30
Overall Ledger Book Balance		25,572.30

b) The following cheques and transfers were tabled for approval

► Cllr G Jones indicated an interest in this item and did not participate in the resolution

SSDC Parish Ranger March inv. no.06000023526	000891	150.96
Cricket Club grant	000892	200.00
Cancelled cheque	000893	0.00
Village Hall hire	000894	48.00
SSDC Playground inspections (inv. 04510082621)	000895	127.20
Clerk salary & expenses CD122	000896	291.98
HMRC PAYE - month 12	000897	57.80
Parish Magazine Printing inv. No 0651 March	000898	75.28
Total value of cheques		951.22

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

The Clerk presented the preliminary Accounting Statement for 2014/15 and indicated that an internal audit would commence within two weeks.

131.6 Reports

a) **Report from the County Councillor** - None received

b) **Reports from District Councillors**

Clr Pauline Clarke described her 14 years as County and District Councillor as extremely interesting and stimulating. She had great pleasure working with such a caring Council and her contacts with Compton Dundon will continue.

c) **Report of the Chairman**

The Chairman advised that a report had been received indicating that the Mobile Library service covering Compton Dundon was to be withdrawn. He also reported on a WI initiative to get Webber buses to do a Dundon loop and reported on his and 2 councillors' attendance at a Planning Conference held at the Meadway Hall. The Chairman produced a map showing which areas of the parish were covered by the Street Exchange and which by the Somerton Exchange. The map also indicated the route of the existing fibre optic channel infrastructure which BT refuses to acknowledge as potentially useful.

d) **Report from the Police**

An e-mail report was received covering incidents in the Area for March. Unfortunately the online report for the Parish only covers up to January 2015.

e) **Rights of Way report**

In March the volunteers worked to clear the area under the bridge behind the Meadway Hall.

f) **Report of the Village Hall Committee** – March minutes were noted.

131.7 Highways Report

Following a meeting with John Nicholson of Highways a new report was prepared but there is still a lack of information on the detailed work scheduled. Two old items were added to the list following deterioration of completed repair work.

131.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- a) The Local Council Award Scheme – The Clerk described the new scheme of which Compton Dundon is a Foundation Member. The new logo is now on all headed paper. An action plan will be required to achieve the Gold Quality level.
- b) Tender for grass cutting – Three quotes were received and following review the Council **RESOLVED** to award the contract for the 2015 season to Jim Parry.
- c) The Clerk outlined the changes (in italics) to the previously approved Risk Assessment and the reasons for the changes. Following a brief discussion and explanations the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the document as tabled and the Chairman and Clerk signed the document.
- d) The Pensions Regulator notice – The Clerk advised that a notice regarding auto-enrollment had been received but that at this stage it did not affect the Council.
- e) Consultation on SSDC new Leisure Play and Youth Strategy - noted
- f) Discussion on the recent Conference “Planning for your community’s future – covered by the Chairman’s report
- g) Playground inspections – The Council agreed to seek 2 more quotes for the 2015-16 inspections
- h) Grant to the St John’s Ambulance – The Council **RESOLVED** to award £30 but asked the Clerk to comment on the very high fees charged for individuals attendance at first aid courses.
- i) Invitation from South Somerset Together for its Assembly meeting on 22 May – noted.
- j) Review of insurance cover – Cllr J Rowland agreed to participate in a review of the Council’s insurance requirements and new providers.
- k) SSDC Local Plan consultation – dates for objection were noted

131.9 Correspondence for information

The following correspondence was received in March and circulated to Councillors: Adoption of SSGarden Waste Collection service; Dundon Bus service campaign; Superfast Broadband update; CAB thank io9j8you letter; SWP Briefing; Adopt a Kiosk by BT; Caledonia Play designs; National Plant Monitoring scheme; Rural vulnerability service-spotlight on older people; Rural Services Network News Digest.

It was recommended that the Clerk write to BT regarding the use of the box at the Cross as a defibrillator point but with the suggestion of moving the Moor Close box to replace the newer one positioned there at the moment.

131.10 Councillors’ requests for agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting – None made.

131.11 Date of the next meeting of the Parish Council. Annual Parish Meeting for 7pm, 6th May 2015 and the next meeting of the Parish Council scheduled for 7pm, 20th May. 2015.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 21:10

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

Date: 16th April 2015