

COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 3rd June 2015.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Diane Churches, Greg Jones, Tiffany Kearton, Stephen King, Vicki Olivier, Geoffrey Walker and Hugh Thomas.

IN ATTENDANCE: Stanislaw Berkieta (Parish Clerk), Dean Ruddle (SCC/SSDC), Steve Page (SSDC).

There were/was 7 member of the general public present

Public Participation - None at this stage

134.1 Apologies for Absence - None required

134.2 Declarations of Interest – Cllr. V Olivier declared a personal interest in item 134.4b/1 and pecuniary interest in item 134.4c/1.

134.3 Minutes of the previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council held on 20th May 2015 as a true record and Cllr Greg Jones signed the minutes.

134.4 Planning

a) Notifications of district council planning determinations – None received

b) Responses to planning and legal consultations

1. 15/02219/S73A: Mr. S Green, Orchard End, Hayes Road, Compton Dundon, TA11 6PF, (GR:346904/132717). Application to remove condition 4 of planning application 782176 dated 12/10/1979. Following an explanation by the applicant it was determined that the Clerk should contact SSDC Planning to seek a deferment of the consultation end-date to ensure the S73A application is resolved in tandem with the application to convert a redundant barn into a tied dwelling.

2. 15/02155/FUL: Mr. M Say, Cobwebs, 1 Hayes Lane, Compton Dundon TA11 6PB (GR:347913/132021). Conversion of existing outbuildings to provide residential annex ancillary to main dwelling.

Following a brief discussion it was unanimously **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL** with a recommendation that it be conditional on the annex remaining tied to the main dwelling.

3. 15/02262/FUL: Mr. & Mrs. Scott Mitchell-Harris, Decoy Farm, Peak Lane, TA11 6NZ, (GR:348436/131794). Partial demolition of dwelling, erection of a single storey and a two storey extension. Change of use of land and erection of a double garage.

Following general discussion it was unanimously **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of the application as it applied to the main building. Technical concern was raised with regard to the change of use of land and location of the garage however by majority decision it was **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL.**

c) Other planning related issues

1. Pre-planning application: Mrs. Jo Fryer - Land adjacent to 9 Ham Lane, Compton Dundon.

The proposal to build a pair of semi-detached houses with new access on the land currently used for grazing was presented to the Council. During the subsequent discussion strong views were raised regarding the precedent of allowing building on the north side of Ham Lane. Observation were also made regarding the well in the centre of the proposed plot and the regular problems with sewage and flooding at the nearby properties. The Chairman recommended that the issue of housing needs in the village should be addressed in the application.

2. The Chairman advised the councilors that the appeal relating to Land adjacent to Keepers Cottage had been dismissed.

3. Cllr. Thomas advised the meeting that he had met with Mr. J Atwell regarding his property on Coombe Hollow Lane. He advised that a member of the public had reported to SSDC Planning and to himself that work was being carried out without planning permission. SSDC had visited the site and confirmed that there was no contravention of regulations. However, since the reporting to SSDC had continued, Mr. Atwell had advised him that he was now seeking a solution with his solicitors.

134.5 Accounts.

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 3 June 2015		3,263.65
Less - Unpresented cheques: 00899 SALC		172.22
Plus - Uncleared lodgments		0
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 2 June 2015		3,091.43
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 2 June 2015		36,860.06
Overall Bank Balance		39,951.49
Overall Ledger Book Balance		39,951.49

b) The following cheques were tabled for approval

Zurich Insurance premium	000905	410.70
J Parry grass cutting inv 02	000906	129.50

Parish Magazine inv no.0790 June newsletter	000907	60.71
Clerk salary & expenses CD124	000908	283.81
HMRC – Paye month 2	000909	57.80
Total value of cheques		942.52

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

134.6 Reports

a) Report from the County Councillor

Cllr. Dean Ruddle advised that he had nothing to report since the last meeting. Things are very quiet and the only issue is the apparent lack of Highways related extra funding.

b) Reports from District Councillors

Cllr. Steve Page introduced himself and apologized for his absence from the last meeting but he had been on training. He lives in Keinton Mandeville so knows the local villages. He is rapidly coming up to speed.

Cllr Dean Ruddle advised that he has been elected Vice Chair of the Area North Committee.

c) Report of the Chairman – Nothing to report since the last meeting 2 weeks ago.

d) Report from the Police

The report from PC Terri lines was noted as was the Police Strategy for 2015-2017.

e) Rights of Way report

The volunteers are due to meet on 14 June to continue Orchard management work and the repair of stiles.

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

134.7 Highways Report

The Speed Indicator Device due to be located in the village in June has been delayed and a new date will be arranged. Notification has been received that the road closure (New Rd and Langport Rd) in Othry has been extended to 9 August. It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged with J Nicholson to review progress on outstanding highways issues – the Clerk to arrange.

134.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

a) Approval of electronic form of summons – change to Standing Orders article 3b.

The Clerk explained the proposed change to Standing Orders and it was **RESOLVED** to adopt the change.

b) Appointment of representative to Village Hall management committee.

Cllr. Tiffany Kearton volunteered to be the representative but advised that on some Thursdays she needs to be in London. Cllr Stephen King volunteered to act as an alternate on such occasions as Cllr. Kearton was unable to attend so that continuity was maintained. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr. Kearton would be the Council's representative on the Village Hall Committee and that Cllr. King would act as alternate.

c) Approval of playground inspection provider.

The Clerk reported on the various quotes received for annual inspection of the playground and recommended that for 2015-2016 Playdale, the original manufacturer, should be appointed. He cited the fact that the equipment had now been in place for over two years and would increasingly require actual maintenance. The Council **RESOLVED** to appoint Playdale as the provider of Inspection, Risk Assessment and maintenance services for the coming year.

d) Approval of a subscription to Zurich Local Council Advisory Service (LCAS).

The Clerk described the H&S advisory service provided by Zurich and stated that it might be something that the Council would share with the Village Hall Committee. It was agreed that the matter would be raised with the Committee prior to a decision being taken.

e) Review of superfast broadband service status. – Cllr Thomas described the issues facing the Parish and action that had been taken to date. It was agreed that parishioners should be encouraged to communicate with wsSCC and other influencers to ensure that action is taken to include the Parish in the policy extension to 95% coverage.

f) Attendance at AGM of South Somerset Together (8/7/2015, 18:00-20:30) – The topics to be covered at the AGM were explained and Councillors interested in attending should advise the Clerk.

g) Applications for Flood Mitigation Fund 2015-16 – It was agreed that the prior year application should be renewed. However, it was recommended that the specific issue should also be discussed with John Nicholson at the proposed Highways meeting.

134.9 Correspondence for information

The following correspondence was received in the last two weeks of May and circulated to Councillors: South Somerset Police Crime Plan 2015-2017; Knightstone Host Family recruitment; Somerset Community Foundation e-newsletter; SCF – working with Parish Councils, Rural Services Network news digest.

134.10 Councillors' requests for agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting – None made.

134.11 Date of the next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as scheduled for 7pm, 1st July 2015.

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

Signed as a true record

Cllr. Greg Jones (Chairman)

Date: 1st July 2015