

COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 2nd September 2015.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Stanislaw Berkietta (Parish Clerk)

There were 3 members of the general public present.

Public Participation – None at this stage.

137.1 Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Dean Ruddle and Stephen Page sent their apologies

137.2 Declarations of Interest

 – None at this stage.

137.3 Minutes of the previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 1st July 2015 and Cllr Greg Jones signed the minutes as a true record. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes for the extra meeting held on 30th July 2015 as a true record and Cllr Stephen King signed the minutes as a true record.

137.4 Planning

a) Notifications of district council planning determinations

1. 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 – **PERMISSION GRANTED.**

2. 15/02983/FUL: Mr. Chiffers, Lollover Mile House, Peak Lane, TA11 6NZ (GR: 348235/131941). Erection of a garden room extension to dwelling house – **PERMISSION GRANTED.**

b) Responses to planning and legal consultations

 – None received

c) Other planning related issues

1. Advice of Appeal Receipt APP/R3325/W/15/3129012 re: Mr J Rowland – Prior approval for change of use of agricultural storage building to dwelling at Beacon Bottom Peal Lane, Compton Dundon, TA11 6NZ.

2. Advice of Appeal Receipt APP/R3325/W/15/3129002 re: Mr. J Rowland – Prior approval for change of use of a covered cattle stall into residential at Land OS7314 Street Road, Compton Dundon.

The Council noted the two appeals.

137.5 Accounts.

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 1 September 2015		1,051.22
Less - Unpresented cheques:		0
Plus - Uncleared lodgments		0
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 1 September 2015		1,051.22
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 1 September 2015		36,864.71
Overall Bank Balance		37,915.93
Overall Ledger Book Balance		37,915.93

Cllr King confirmed he had independently verified the ledger to bank statement reconciliation.

b) The following cheques were tabled for approval

SSDC Parish Ranger june/july inv 06000025106	000917	306.00
J Parry grass cutting inv 04 & inv 05	000918	259.00
Village Hall inv 32/15	000919	88.00
Data Protection Registration Ref Z1841789 2015/2016	000920	35.00
HMRC PAYE month 4	000921	72.20
Clerk salary & expenses CD126 and CD127	000922	642.29
HMRC – Paye month 5	000923	57.80
Grant Thornton fee for external audit	000924	120.00
Parish Magazine Printing inv 886	000925	75.28
Total value of cheques		1,655.57
Transfer from BIA to Treasurer A/C	-	5,000.00

The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the cheque payments and the transfer between accounts.

c) The Clerk presented a report of year to date expenditure and the Council noted that it was fully in line with the budget.

Reports

a) Report from the County Councillor

 – not applicable

b) Reports from District Councillors

 - not applicable

c) Report of the Chairman

- 1.The Chairman advised that he had met with Mr. Brereton and had discussed the status of the Shephards Close development. He explained some of the history of the project and reported that Mr Brereton wishes to consult with the Parish on revised plans for the development and proposals for the recommencement of work at the site. The Clerk was requested to add the issue to the October agenda.
- 2.He advised that the Clerk had registered with NALC our interest in pursuing the Local Council Award Scheme and the issue would be further explained at the October meeting.
- 3.A Voluntary and Community Fair is to be held on 27 October at Yeovil College and is a free event with councillors invited to register their interest to attend.
- 4.The dates for nominations for Youth Awards and the SCC Chairman's Gold Awards are very close with none received so far.

d) Report from the Police

The report from PC Terri Lines was noted. Some discussion took place regarding recent theft from outbuildings. Cllr Jones advised that the only formal Neighbourhood Watch Scheme is coordinated by Simon Dore and covers Compton Street. Chris Mitchell runs an informal scheme covering parts of Dundon and closely liaises with Simon. Anyone wishing more information should contact Simon or Chris.

e) Rights of Way report – No report received.

f) Report of the Village Hall Committee – The June and July reports were noted.

137.6 Highways Report

a) Stock Elm issues – On behalf of the Council, Cllr Jones thanked Elizabeth Bezzant and Jason Norton for the very comprehensive report they had circulated and confirmed the Council's full endorsement. Extensive discussion took place with regard to what action should be taken since all avenues seem to have been explored. Of particular concern was the total lack of any formal police record of incidents at the location. It was agreed that as a next step the Clerk should forward the report with an accompanying letter, to the Cabinet Officer for Highways and with copies to the press and local MP.

a) Other Issues – The Highways report was reviewed and 2 items added.

137.7 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- a. Review of audit and annual return – The Clerk advised that Grant Thornton had completed the external audit and that the relevant notices had been displayed.
- b. Flood Mitigation Fund 2015/16 application – The Council received notification that its application for a grant had been approved. An updated quotation had been received according to which the Council's contribution would be £1,400 after VAT refund. The Council **RESOLVED** to approve the expenditure and acceptance of the FMF grant. The Council expressed its thanks to Cllr Thomas for his work over the past 2 years in putting together the application.
- c. The Village Hall MUGA project – John Gordon on behalf of the Village Hall Committee described the proposed development of a multi-use games area. The Parish Council would formally be the owners of the MUGA but he and a specially formed committee would manage the project including fund raising. The Council agreed to continue supporting the project but needed answers to a number of questions raised. The Clerk was asked to provide the Chairman with a quotation for an older child swing set.
- d. Flood Risk Management Event 28th September - noted
- e. Health and Well Being grant – It was agreed that the MUGA project should apply for the available grant.
- f. Attendance at SALC AGM 26th September – Noted
- g. "Superfast broadband" status – Cllr Thomas reported that for "27" exchange numbers there appeared to be some better news in so far as BT would update the existing cabinet. However the Council should request that BT move it to a more central location. For "44" exchange numbers there is currently no update.
- h. Proposal for a tailored safety educational presentation for older adults – the offer was noted and should be coordinated with the Village Hall Committee.
- i. Parish Strategy – It was felt that there was no appetite at this moment for a repeat of the exercise.
- j. Data protection registration renewal - Noted

137.8 Correspondence for information

The following correspondence was received in August and circulated to Councillors: Further SSDC Planning Training; Somerset Waste Partnership July and August briefings; Somerset Choices new website; Fields in Trust –outdoor spaces; Broadband public meeting; South Somerset Together presentation slides; Somerset Joint Strategic needs assessment; SSDC Consultation on local tax support schemes; SSDC Area North Committee 24/6; SLCC branch meeting; Somerset Speed restriction stickers; Rural Services Network (Fuel Poverty, Rural transport, Email weekly news digests, Survey).

137.9 Councillors' requests for agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting –

- MUGA project decision

137.10 Date of the next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as scheduled for 7pm, 7th Oct 2015.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 09:20 pm

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

Date: 7th October 2015