

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 November 2015.**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Dean Ruddle (SCC and SSDC), Stanislaw Berkieta (Parish Clerk)

There were 2 members of the general public present.

Public Participation

Nigel Berry and Caroline Leijters raised the issue of a building and caravan appearing on a plot of land below Redland Farm. Conversations with the land owners revealed conflicting statements as to purpose and compliance with planning processes. They requested the Council to follow-up the matter with the relevant authorities. They were advised that the Council was already in touch with the planning officer concerned.

139.1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Stephen Page (SSDC) sent his apologies.

139.2 Declarations of Interest

Cllrs Thomas and Jones declared personal interests in item 139.8(b) and Cllr Jones declared further personal interest in items 139.4 b) 1&2.

139.3 Minutes of the previous Meeting

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

139.4 Planning

a) Notifications of district council planning determinations - None received.

b) Responses to planning and legal consultations

1. 15/04443/FUL: Mr. & Mrs. Farrow, Old Tavern Castlebrook, Compton Dundon TA11 6PP. Extension to existing Annex with internal alterations. Removal of existing rear conservatory to main house. Replaced with timber framed rear lobby linking with existing rear tiled roof. Installation of full height timber fitted cupboard to be formed around existing door and window opening (GR: 348906/132949).

Following a report by subcommittee members and general discussion it was **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of the application.

2. 15/04444/LBC: Mr & Mrs Farrow, Old Tavern, Castlebrook, Compton Dundon TA11 6PP. As above.

As a consequence of the above decision it was **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of the changes.

3. 15/04642/REM: Mr & Mrs Wills, Compton Randle, Castlebrook, Compton Dundon, TA11 6PR. Approval of reserved matters following outline application 14/04863/OUT for the erection of a dwelling (GR: 349009/132805).

Following extensive discussion of the application, by majority decision, it was **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND REFUSAL** on the grounds that the large size of the property does not meet local needs and that the size of build will adversely impact the neighbouring small property.

c) Other planning related issues – none raised.

139.5 Accounts.

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 3 rd November 2015		3,798.24
Less - Unpresented cheques:		0
Plus - Uncleared lodgments:		0
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 3 rd November 2015		3,798.24
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 3 rd November 2015		31,867.51
Overall Bank Balance		35,665.75
Overall Ledger Book Balance		35,665.75

b) The following cheques were tabled for approval

Parish Magazine Printing inv 0979	000934	75.28
J Parry grass cutting inv 07	000935	129.50
SSDC Parish Ranger inv 6000025714	000936	150.96
Clerk salary & expenses CD129	000937	276.13
HMRC – Paye month 7	000938	57.80
Total value of cheques		689.67

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payments and for the cheques to be signed.

139.6 Reports

a) Report from the County Councillor

Cllr Dean Ruddle indicated that it had been a quiet period at County Hall. He was able to confirm that a highways improvement request for funding related to Stock Elm had been received by the relevant body.

b) Reports from District Councillors

Cllr Dean Ruddle reported that further substantial savings were being sought. Sedgemoor looked to be the favoured partner for joint services rather than Mendips. Discussions are proceeding to retain some form of permanent police presence in Somerton by offering facilities in Edgar Hall.

c) Report of the Chairman

The Chairman reported that approximately 30 people had attended a conference in Meadway Hall on the subject of Broadband and the use of Social Media. There are places available for the South West Regional Conference run by the Devon Association of Local Councils and any councilor interested in attending should contact the Clerk. There is also a spare place on the Chairman course on 11 November.

d) Report from the Police – The report from Terri Lines was noted.

e) Rights of Way report - There was nothing to report.

f) Report of the Village Hall Committee – The October report was noted

139.7 Highways Report – There was no update on previous reports.

The Clerk presented a report of a meeting with PC Lines and traffic officers regarding incidents at Stock Elms. There is concern that data is not being properly reported and meshed with Road Safety Injury and Police data. The Parish is collecting all data internally but this is not reflected in the public data. It would appear that the police definition of what constitutes an accident might be the cause of discrepancies.

139.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- a. The “Community Resilience in Somerset” (CRISP) project – it was determined that an appropriate response was in place in the Parish but a review of other Parish data would assist in determining any shortfall.
- b. Grant request from the CD Footpath’s Group – Following a review of the group’s ongoing plans and responsibilities it was **RESOLVED** to approve a grant of £240.
- c. Outstanding loan with the Public Works Loan Board – It was agreed not to repay the loan at this stage.
- d. Review of progress on Broadband in the Parish – The issue was broadly discussed.

139.9 Correspondence for information

The following correspondence was received in October and circulated to Councillors: Somerset Waste Partnership October briefing; South Somerset Together’s Housing Assembly invitation; Area North Committee Agenda; SCC’s Listening, Learning, Changing online survey; SCC request for volunteer drivers; SCC’s Egress switch software; Somerset Wildlife Trust October news; SCC single phone number reminder; South Somerset Highways winter services booklet; Rural Services Network (Email weekly news digests, Rural vulnerability-Rural Broadband, Rural vulnerability-Fuel Poverty,)

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

- A review of the Long Sutton CRISP Plan
- Xmas Tree order
- Bus shelter at the Cross - issues and cost

139.11 Date of the next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as scheduled for 7pm, 2nd Dec 2015.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20:47

Signed as a true record

Cllr. Greg Jones (Chairman)

Date: 2nd December 2015