

# 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 December 2015.**

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

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

There were 6 members of the general public present.

**Public Participation** - None

### 140.1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Stephen King sent his apologies and it was resolved to accept them and the reason for the absence.  
Cllr Stephen Page (SSDC) sent his apologies.

### 140.2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Greg Jones declared a personal interest in agenda items 140.4 (b)/3, 140.4 (b)/4 and 140.5 (b).  
Cllr Hugh Thomas declared a personal interest in agenda item 140.5 (b).

### 140.3 Minutes of the previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2015 and Cllr Greg Jones signed the minutes as a true record.

### 140.4 Planning

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

**(b) Responses to planning and legal consultations**

1. 15/04791/LBC: Mr. & Mrs. Penton, Lilac Cottage, Compton Street, Compton Dundon, TA11 6PS. Removal of conservatory and construction of new extension and alterations.

Following a report from the planning sub-committee and general comments it was **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL**, one councillor did not vote.

2. 15/04738/OUT: Mr. & Mrs. Napper, Land at Trays Farm, Street Road, Compton Dundon. Outline planning for the erection of two dwellings. (GR: 349344/133474).

A report was given by the sub-committee which was followed by an extensive discussion. Generally councillors were unhappy that the applicant's agent was not present to answer questions since the outline planning application appears to be a master plan with little detail. The Council unanimously **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND REFUSAL** of the application on the following grounds: (a) support of the community for the application has not been demonstrated, (b) the affordable nature of the proposed housing has not been supported by detail of the tenure or local allocation criteria, (c) proposed access from Drove Lane is deemed unsuitable for larger vehicles and (d) no master plan provided for what is stated as being the first of successive applications.

3. 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). Amended plans/additional information. A brief explanation of the proposed changes was given. The Council **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL** of the revised application.

4. 15/04444/LBC: Mr & Mrs Farrow, Old Tavern, Castlebrook, Compton Dundon TA11 6PP. As above. The Council **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL.**

**(c) Other planning related issues** – None tabled.

### 140.5 Accounts.

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 2nd December 2015		<b>2,789.59</b>
Less - Unpresented cheques:		<b>0</b>
Plus - Uncleared lodgments:		<b>0</b>
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2015		<b>2,789.59</b>
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2015		<b>31,868.86</b>
Overall Bank Balance		<b>34,658.45</b>
Overall Ledger Book Balance		<b>34,658.45</b>

(b) The following cheques were tabled for approval

Parish Magazine Printing inv 0979	000939	81.00
B Green & Sons – Hedgerow trim, Hall/Allotments inv 1178	000940	468.00
SSDC Parish Ranger inv 600002604 October	000941	150.96
SALC Councillor Training inv 1017	000942	40.00
Cupboards Direct – 2xgrit bins inv 22941	000943	259.20
SCC - opening road licence for stormwater work Hayes Lane	000944	340.00

Clerk salary & expenses CD130	000945	283.29
HMRC – Paye month 8	000946	57.80
D Shepherd ROW grant	000947	240.00
Total value of cheques		1,920.25
Transfer from BIA A/c to Treasurer A/c	-	3,000.00

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

The Clerk distributed a report on expenditure to date versus budget and advised that at the January meeting a decision on the Precept would need to be taken.

#### 140.6 Reports

##### (a) Report from the County Councillor

Cllr Dean Ruddle advised that with regard to the Precept the Council needed to be aware that further severe cuts in services should be expected. He also reported that he had not yet received the Health and Wellbeing grant application and that he was meeting with Highways next week to discuss Stock Elms related issues. He advised that on 21 January 2016 there would be a Public Forum in Taunton with Police and Crime Commissioner Sue Mountstevens.

##### (b) Reports from District Councillors

In his SSDC capacity Cllr Ruddle gave an update on the Somerton school issues and advised that the Town Council has specific ideas how to get the project moving positively forward..

##### (c) Report of the Chairman

Cllr Greg Jones reported on the following matters:

- The last Parish Council meeting agreed to a small increase in the number of Newsletters published. Since then, the publisher has made a further proposal in the quality of printing which would increase the annual cost by approx. £240. Councillors were shown an example of the end product and unanimously agreed to the new print methodology.
- An inspection of the playground area was made by Playdale and confirmation was given that a new junior swing set could be located between the “toddler” swing and the “birds nest” equipment. An order will be placed when the Children’s Club money has been confirmed as received.
- The Chairman advised that SSDC had confirmed that Councillors’ Register of Interest Statements have been scanned onto their website and are in the public domain.
- Training courses were available on Dementia Awareness Training for customer facing roles (13/1/2016) and Negotiating a Better Planning Outcome (9/3/2016). Any interest in attending should be expressed to the Clerk.

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

**(e) Rights of Way report** - The chairman reported that the Parish volunteers met on 8 November and replaced the post for the kissing gate where footpath L17/11 meets L7/23. It was also advised that the volunteers will be setting up the XMAS tree on 13 December as well as looking at the kissing gate damaged by a fallen tree where footpath L7/23 meets the B3151.

**(f) Report of the Village Hall Committee** – The November report was noted and specific concern was raised with regard to the viability of the Post Office following a call to cover Council Tax for the location.

#### 140.7 Highways Report

An update was received from Highways indicating that 3 had been cleared and that 5 had been assigned to 2016/17 funding plan. The Drove Lane fallen sign has been referred to the Engineering Section but requires follow-up. Incident reporting was discussed with 2 more occurring below Redlands Farm and below Millway Farm last week, as well as a serious accident between Marshalls Elm and Stock Elm. A SID device at Castlebrook showed an average speed of 38mph and an 85<sup>th</sup> percentile of 44mph. The readings qualify the location for a regular SID installation.

#### 140.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- a. To decide whether to opt out of the Sector Led Body Audit procurement – Following a brief discussion it was **RESOLVED** to remain in the scheme.
- b. To agree Xmas tree order – The Clerk was instructed to order a 14-16ft tree at the agreed rate.
- c. To discuss the lessons from the Long Sutton CRISP report – The report appeared as a study in an SSDC presentation and Cllr Ruddle agreed to provide access. The matter will be raised at a subsequent meeting.
- d. To discuss the need and location for a bus shelter – The Clerk provided cost data including planning and installation. It was agreed that further consultation was necessary to come to a conclusion on the matter.
- e. To receive a report on the storm-water improvement project at Hayes Lane – The Clerk reported that a road opening licence had been applied for by G A Doble Ltd and that John Nicholson of SCC Highways had received and approved a copy of the proposed work plan.
- f. To receive an update on Broadband solutions for the Parish – No new developments reported.
- g. To determine attendance at Parish Environment Wardens’ Meeting 13/1/2016 – Date noted.

#### 140.9 Correspondence for information

The following correspondence was received in November and circulated to Councillors: SSDC Flood Event questions arising; Housing and Planning Bill 2015; Agenda for Area North 25/11; Mindline Somerset; Dredging Briefing; Bus Services Consultation Notice; South Somerset Links; Somerset Waste Partnership November briefing; Somerset Play Forum newsletter; SSVc report on Fair; Rural Services Network (Weekly emails, Rural Broadband, Rural Transport); South Somerset Careline notice.

**140.10 Councillors' requests for agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting**

- Precept approval
- Website rework proposal

**140.11 Date of the next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as scheduled for 7pm, 6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20:50

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

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> January 2016