

# COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**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 Berkietta (Parish Clerk)

There were 10 members of the general public present.

**Public Participation** – None at this stage.

### 145.1 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Stephen Page (SSDC) sent his apologies.

### 145.2 Declarations of Interest -

Cllr Diane Churches declared a personal interest in agenda item 145.4.b/3 and Cllr Vicki Olivier declared pecuniary interests in agenda items 145.4.b/1, b/3 and 145.4.c/1.

### 145.3 Minutes of the previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2016 and Cllr Greg Jones signed the minutes as a true record.

### 145.4 Planning

#### (a) Notifications of district council planning determinations

1. 15/04738/OUT GW & RJ Napper, Land at Trays Farm, Street Road, Compton Dundon. Outline application for the erection of two dwellings (GR 349344/133474). **PERMISSION REFUSED.**

2. 16/00178/FUL Mr Adrian Smith, Manor Barn Farms, Littleton, TA11 6NP. Erection of a polytunnel in a small agricultural field. (GR: 3489064/130541). **PERMISSION GRANTED.**

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

1. 16/00678/OUT Ms Vicki Olivier, Clarendon House, Street Road, Compton Dundon, TA11 6PY. Proposed single dwelling, amended access and extended curtilage to include cottage orchard.

#### ► At this stage Cllr. V Olivier left the meeting

Councillors expressed their concerns at the lack of detail as to the size of the proposed dwelling in comparison to the existing bungalow. Following extensive discussion it was unanimously agreed that a **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL.**

#### ► Cllr V Olivier rejoined the meeting.

2. Mr & Mrs J Button, Land OS 3663 Somerton Road, Compton Dundon. Erection of 4 polytunnel, 1 chicken shed, 1 Hay barn, 1 Workshop/turkey shed, 1 Workers Shelter/Feed and Vet Store and laying a hard surface access track from existing field gateway (partially retrospective).

An extensive discussion took place regarding the application and it was unanimously **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND REFUSAL** on the grounds that (a) there was a failure to demonstrate the viability of the business proposition, (b) the development was adjacent to a grade 2 listed building of architectural interest, (c) this is not an agricultural application but a hobby led development (c) the plot is small for the number of buildings proposed and (d) the proposal does not respect the countryside.

3. 16/01011/FUL Mr A and Mr L Hill, Woodland View, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon TA11 6PQ. Retention of existing outbuilding and external works.

Cllr Diane Churches gave a short statement regarding the history of the applicants' family as it pertains to the property and application.

#### ► At this stage Cllrs D Churches and V Olivier left the meeting

Councillors discussed at length the proposal itself and alternative options available to the applicant. Sympathetic to the needs the Council **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL** under two conditions: (1) The approval be for a temporary solution not exceeding 5 years and (2) occupancy be restricted to the immediate family.

#### ► Cllrs D Churches and V Olivier rejoined the meeting

#### c) Other planning issues

#### ► At this stage Cllr G Jones declared a personal interest and left the meeting

1. Decoy Farm development proposal – continued consultation following an amendment.

The amended plan reflects a reduced development and a business proposition of two holiday lets. Councillors agreed that the amended plans looked better and those present were in general support of the application.

#### ► Cllr G Jones rejoined the meeting

2. The traveller site at Street Road – enforcement inspection result.

The memo from the planning officer was noted without discussion.

### 145.5 Accounts.

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2016		<b>3,460.89</b>
Less - Unpresented cheques:		<b>0</b>
Plus - Uncleared lodgments:		<b>0</b>

Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 6 April 2016		<b>3,460.89</b>
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 6 April 2016		<b>23,692.50</b>
Overall Bank Balance		<b>27,153.39</b>
Overall Ledger Book Balance		<b>27,153.39</b>

(b) The following cheques and transfers were tabled for approval:

SSDC Parish Ranger inv. 2742X & 27742	000970	301.92
SSDC Qtly playground inspections inv. 04510086919	000971	127.20
Village Hall hire inv. 12/16	000972	64.00
St Andrews PCC grant for floor stone work	000973	500.00
Clerk salary & expenses CD134	000968	341.70
HMRC – Paye month 12	000969	72.20

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

The Clerk reported that the Council's financial year had ended and he presented the full year financial results versus the budget. Allowing for outstanding VAT refunds, the Council had under spent by some £2,000.

## 145.6 Reports

### (a) Report from the County Councillor

Cllr Dean Ruddle reported on the Somerset Rivers Authority information document regarding where the £2.7m council tax money will be spent. He advised that it will be June before any information regarding the superfast broadband plans are announced.

### (b) Reports from District Councillors

Cllr Dean Ruddle advised that SSDC are about to sign a 30year lease for Westlands and that the District Council has established a Transformation Board and an Income Generation Board.

(c) **Report of the Chairman** – The Chairman had nothing to report.

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

### (e) Rights of Way report

Mr Shears reported that the Parish volunteers met on 13<sup>th</sup> March and replaced two posts on Footpath 17/11 next to Walnut Cottage and erected the traffic direction post at the junction of the B3151 and Peak Lane.

### (f) Report of the Village Hall Committee

Minutes of the 2015 AGM were received as were the Minutes from March 2016. It was noted that the 2016 AGM was to be held 7<sup>th</sup> April and Cllr Tiffany Kearton agreed to attend as the Council representative.

## 145.7 Highways Report

The On-Line report was reviewed but nothing added. There was a brief discussion regarding the notice of the closure the Littleton Hill road for a lengthy period.

## 145.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- a) The creation of a Petanque terrain at Meadway Hall - It was unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council will apply to the Village Hall for an occupational licence for a Petanque terrain. Following a discussion it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to make a grant of £500 to the cost of the project.
- b) Contract for grass cutting at Meadway Hall and the Cross – It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to renew the contract for grass cutting to Jim Parry.
- c) The Parish emergency plan – An updated version was presented by Cllr Tiffany Kearton and approved by the Council.
- d) Review of plans related to the Queen's 90th Birthday celebrations – The Clerk reported he had received 15 names for the commemorative medal. It was agreed that a reminder will be put on the website and on Twitter.
- e) Update on broadband and community fibre partnerships – Cllr Hugh Thomas reported Devon and Somerset Connects voucher scheme for broadband users with less than 2mb download speeds. He described satellite connection as an option and a broader wireless community scheme which he is investigating further.
- f) Membership of the Community Council of Somerset (CCS) – request noted
- g) Update on action related to compliance with the Transparency Act – The Clerk advised that the Council had received a grant from SALC for a computer, printer and software to enable compliance with the Act.
- h) Membership of the Campaign to Protect Rural England Somerset (CPRE) – request noted.
- i) Adoption of revised Financial Regulations – It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to adopt the revised version.

## 145.9 Correspondence for information

Area North Agenda 23 March; SWP update March; South Somerset Together "Welfare Reform Assembly"; The Stream update; Fields in Trust; Somerset Wildlife Trust – Nature Reserve Appeal; Rural Spotlight on Young People; SSVCA Newsletter; Somerset Play Forum; Somerset Community Foundation; Wiser Money; Rural services Network (Rural opportunities Bulletin, Weekly digests)

145.10 **Councillors' requests for agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting** – None suggested.

145.11 **Date of the next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as scheduled for 7pm, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 21:09

Signed as a true record .....

Cllr. Greg Jones (Chairman)

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016