

# COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 6th July 2016**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Stanislaw Berkieta (Parish Clerk)

There was 1 member of the general public present.

**Public Participation** – None at this stage

### 148.1 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Stephen King sent his apologies and it was **RESOLVED** to accept them and the reasons for the absence.

### 148.2 Declarations of Interest

 None at this stage.

### 148.3 Minutes of the previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016 and Cllr Greg Jones signed the minutes as a true record.

### 148.4 Planning

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

- Ms Caroline Williams, Land at OS 0049, Church End Farm, Peak Lane, Compton Dundon. Siting of Shepherd's hut in garden for use as holiday let and reconfiguration of hard standing to allow turning and parking. (GR:348011/132545). **PERMISSION GRANTED** with conditions.
- Mr D. Davis, Land Rear of Maismore, Compton Dundon. Erection of a single dwelling and associated garage with some matters reserved. **PERMISSION GRANTED** with conditions.
- Ms Vickie Olivier, Clarendon House, Street Road, Compton Dundon. Proposed single dwelling, amended access and extended curtilage to include cottage orchard. **PERMISSION GRANTED** with conditions.

**(b) Planning consultations** – None received for consideration.

**(c) Other planning issues** - No issues raised.

### 148.5 Accounts.

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2016		<b>3,402.71</b>
Less - Unpresented cheques:		<b>0</b>
Plus - Uncleared lodgments:		<b>0</b>
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2016		<b>3,402.71</b>
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2016		<b>35,226.50</b>
Overall Bank Balance		<b>38,629.21</b>
Overall Ledger Book Balance		<b>38,629.21</b>

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

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT Paid	Recover
Parish Magazine inv.1353 (June/July)	000993	100.20	0	N/A
J Parry grass cutting Inv 3 - June	000994	129.50	0	N/A
G A Doble (Civil Eng.) – Petanque Terrain VAT	000995	400.00	400.00	In Full
Compton Dundon Village Hall – Hire inv 29/16	000996	48.00	0	N/A
Clerk salary & expenses CD137	000997	419.34	10.66	In Full
HMRC – Paye month 3/2016-17	000998	73.00	0	N/A
Total value of cheques		1,170.04		£410.66

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

### 148.6 Reports

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

Cllr Dean Ruddle reported that the devolution strategy was moving forward but there would be no Mayor for the combined Authority. Following the recent referendum result there is significant concern over whether the Government will fully cover the current funds that come from the EU.

#### (b) Reports from District Councillors

Cllr Stephen Page reported that at the SSDC level the referendum consequences are still being gauged. He reported that SSDC is still skeptical about the devolution plans and reported that 30 applications had been received for the open, SSDC CEO position.

#### (c) Report of the Chairman

Cllr. Greg Jones reported that a good number of parishioners took part in the Glastonbury Festival and their voluntary services contribute significant funds to Parish activities. Cllr Tiffany Kearton proposed a vote of thanks to all the volunteers and this was agreed unanimously.

#### (d) Report from the Police – Noted

**(e) Rights of Way report**

The Volunteers met on 12<sup>th</sup> June and repaired stiles on Footpaths L7/8 and L7/411 south of Peak Lane/Decoy Lane.

**(f) Report of the Village Hall Committee** – report noted.

**148.7 Highways Report**

It was reported that 2 accidents had occurred at Stock Elms in the previous month. Cllr. Dean Ruddle indicated he would follow-up on the status of the SCC project for the site. Cllr. Geoff Walker reported that at a recent meeting he had met with the Clerk from Street PC and that they were working on traffic issues at Marshall's Elm. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to his opposite number to coordinate any action that may be taken.

**148.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision**

- a. Council response to SCC Survey – All survey questions were discussed and a consensus obtained. The Clerk will relate the responses back to the organisers.
- b. The Rural Housing Action Plan 2016-18 – Cllr. Greg Jones explained why under the Plan as it stands (drafted some years ago) Compton Dundon does not qualify and the adverse consequences for people in the village requiring housing. It was agreed that the Clerk will write to SSDC strongly protesting the current treatment.
- c. Update on broadband issues – Cllr Hugh Thomas reported that the new contract is still being negotiated but that Compton Dundon needs to be on the list for phase 2. The main point being that although Street is classified as commercially viable there is no strategy or plan to improve the situation between Street and Compton Dundon.
- d. Attendance at SLCC meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> July, Wedmore – the Clerk will be attending.
- e. Next action on a bus shelter proposal – Cllr. Geoff Walker produced a drawing indicating the positioning of a proposed bus shelter at The Cross. The next steps required are: contact with Highways to establish approval procedures; contact with BT to take over the Telephone Box site and existing power supply; contact with adjoining properties with regard to the plan; finalizing price quotations for the shelter and fixing costs.
- f. Review of the results of recent opinion survey – 32 completed responses were received and analysed. A good range of positive suggestions were made which the Chairman will communicate directly.
- g. Report on the Health & Well Being Conference – Cllr. Geoff Walker reported on the conference he had recently attended. The main topics covered were ways in which Parish Councils try to bridge the service gaps appearing in the community. A key point made was the need for joint Parish meetings on items of mutual interest.
- h. Gold Star Awards 2016 - noted
- i. SALC's planning courses – The 3 courses were described and it was agreed that Cllr. Stephen King will attend the October course and report on its effectiveness prior to booking the later ones.

**148.9 Correspondence for information**

The following correspondence was circulated to councilors: Area North Agenda 25/5 and Minutes for 27/4; SWP-May Briefing; Mineral and Water policy statement; Flood Re: letter; Fields in Trust; Somerset Wildlife Trust – Hedgehog day; Armed Forces Day letter; Community Health & Welfare Conference notice; Somerset Choices newsletter; Community Council for Somerset letter; Somerset Community Foundation May newsletter; SSDC Health & Well-Being Service May letter; Rural services Network (Rural opportunities Bulletin, Weekly digests)

**148.10 Councillors' requests for agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting** - No requests made.

**148.11 Date of the next normal meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as 7pm, 7th September 2016.**

It was also agreed that if a planning meeting is required it would be held on the 10<sup>th</sup> August with the normal notice applying

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20:46.

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

Date: 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016