

# COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 7th September 2016**

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

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

There were 7 members of the general public present.

**Public Participation** – None at this stage

### 149.1 Apologies for Absence

Councillor Hugh Thomas sent his apologies and it was **RESOLVED** to accept them and the reason.

### 149.2 Declarations of Interest

 None at this stage.

### 149.3 Minutes of the previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 6th July 2016 and Cllr Greg Jones signed the minutes as a true record.

### 149.4 Planning

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

- 16/00678/OUT: Ms V Olivier, Clarendon House, Street Road, Compton Dundon. Proposed single dwelling, amended access and extended curtilage to include cottage orchard. **PERMISSION GRANTED** with conditions.
- 15/02220/FUL: Mr S Green, Hayes Farm, Hayes Rd, TA11 6PF. Demolition of farm buildings and the conversion of redundant barn to provide two dwellings (one to be rural worker's dwelling). **PERMISSION GRANTED** with conditions.
- 15/02219/S73A: Mr S Green, Hayes Farm Hayes Rd., Section 73A application to remove condition 4 (Agricultural worker tie) of planning approval 782176 dated 12/10/1979. **PERMISSION GRANTED.**
- 16/01569/OUT: 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.
- 16/01761/S73A: Ms E Brown, Hedgerow Meadow, Street Rd, TA11 6PY. Application to vary Conditions ,3,4,5, 7,8,9 and 10 of approval 13/04943 to regularize the existing development; 2 additional touring vans; external lighting; turning and parking area and hard standing; landscaping schedule; 1 additional storage container materials and the substitution of plans. **PERMISSION REFUSED.**

#### (b) Planning consultations

- 16/03045/FUL: Mr B Brereton, Land OS8335 Northeast of Robins Way Compton Dundon. Proposed development of 14 dwellings, replacing in part an already approved scheme of 17 dwellings (07/04651/FUL) to create a total of 26. Development to include underground LPG tank installation and access road and pedestrian paths.

Following a lengthy discussion of the proposed development and its history the Council, by majority decision **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL.** Whilst supporting the application in principal, the Council recommended that: (a) 9 of the proposed 26 dwellings be under the "affordable housing" category, (b) a condition that, no enlargement of individual properties be allowed without formal planning permission, be included as per the original 2007 approval and (c) traffic calming measures be considered at the exit onto the B3151 due to its "accident blackspot" nature.

#### (c) Other planning issues

- 16/03429/PAMB: Mr A Stacey, Barn at Land OS5974, Worely Lane, Littleton – Prior approval for the change of use of agricultural storage building to dwelling house. The Council noted the application.
- Dundon Beacon Woodland Management Plan – The Reserves Manager is willing to attend a Council meeting to explain the overall strategy. The Clerk was requested to arrange this for the November meeting.
- An Appeal in respect of 15/04738/OUT, Mr G Napper has been received by SSDC – noted.

### 149.5 Accounts.

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2016		2,155.53
Less - Unpresented cheques:	-	0
Plus - Uncleared lodgments:	-	0
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2016		2,155.53
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept 2016		40,460.93
Overall Bank Balance		<b>42,616.46</b>
Overall Ledger Book Balance		<b>42,616.46</b>

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

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Parish Magazine inv.1477 (Sept Newsletter)	000999	121.00	0	N/A
J Parry grasscutting Inv 4&5 – July/August	001000	259.00	0	N/A
SSDC Parish Ranger June	001001	150.96	25.16	Y
SALC inv 1528 Planning Course	001002	95.00	0	N/A

Data Protection registration ICO-Z1841789	001003	35.00	0	N/A
SSDC Directory printing	001004	52.15	0	N/A
Clerk salary & expenses CD138/139	001005	622.86	7.74	Y
HMRC – Paye month 4/2016-17 (SB)	001006	58.40	0	N/A
HMRC – Paye month 5/2016-17	001007	73.00	0	N/A
Total value of cheques		1,467.37		32.90
Transfer from BIA to Treasurer's Account		-	5,000.00	

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

#### 149.6 Reports

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

Dean Ruddle advised that a large budget shortfall was envisaged for the forthcoming 4 year period and as a result Parish Council's should budget for taking on more expenses on their own books. Regarding superfast broadband it is expected that phase 2 details will be known by January. However, since SSDC did not participate in the SCC fund pool due to their doubts over viability, there may not be support in phase 2 for the District.

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

Stephen Page reported that the new SSDC CEO takes up his position on 1<sup>st</sup> October. He advised that SSDC had had a £360,000 cut in its budget which is being challenged. He advised that he was following up with the PCC and the NUF the issue of agricultural vehicles on public highways – the speed they are driven at relative to their size and the width of public highways requires strong guidance to be published as well as enforcement of driving standards. He commented on how he enjoyed the Compton Dundon Village Show.

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

- Greg Jones advised councilors that a pre-planning consultation on Land at junction of Touch Lane and Behind Town would be held on Monday 12 September at 19:00.
- The Bus Shelter project would be on the next agenda. He stated that he favoured using local craftsmen for a purpose built building. Cllr. Geoff Walker advised that he would get obtain quotations for comparison.
- The 3 dog waste bins are ready to be installed by the RoW volunteers and the locations were confirmed.
- He advised that the landlords of the Castlebrook Inn would be departing at the end of the year. He requested that the Clerk writes formally to Punch Tavern Group requesting information on the future for the pub.

##### (d) Report from the Police – report noted.

##### (e) Rights of Way report

The parish volunteers met on the 10<sup>th</sup> July and replaced a stile with a pedestrian gate on Peak Lane at the track entrance that leads to Heck's orchard (footpath L7/8) and removed a willow tree that was across the footbridge north of Mead Run (footpath L7/30). The volunteers met on 14<sup>th</sup> August and repaired a stile on Decoy Lane (footpath L7/4) and cleared a route around Lollover Hill (footpath L7/20 and open access land).

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

#### 149.7 Highways Report

An updated status was received from Highways and as a result a number of outstanding items were deleted. However, the Goose Lane culvert issue was re-instated since no corrective action followed up the initial solution. The item relating to the ditch along Compton Street will be scheduled for the Parish Ranger.

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

- a) Determination of process for compliance with auto enrollment requirements – The Clerk explained the process that the Council would need to follow and recommended that the issue be put on the January 2017 agenda.
- b) Grant request from the PCC – It was unanimously **RESOLVED** to grant £500 towards the purchase of a ride-on mower.
- c) Data Protection registration – The Clerk explained the annual registration process and the purpose.
- d) Update on broadband issues – Discussion deferred to next meeting.
- e) Attendance at SALC AGM on 17<sup>th</sup> September, Somerton – The Clerk will attend
- f) Attendance at CCS meeting "Supporting Action in your Community" 6<sup>th</sup> October, Somerton – noted

#### 149.9 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)

#### 149.10 Councillors' requests for agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting – No other items

#### 149.11 Date of the next normal meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as 7pm, 5th October 2016.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 21:18

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

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016