

# COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016**

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

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

There were 5 members of the general public present.

**Public Participation – None at this stage**

**151.1 Apologies for Absence – None required**

**151.2 Declarations of Interest – None at this stage**

**151.3 Minutes of the previous Meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and Cllr Greg Jones signed the minutes as a true record.

**151.4 Planning**

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

1. 16/03429/PAMB: Mrs. A Stacey, Barn at Land OS5974 Worely Lane, Littleton. Prior approval for change of use of agricultural storage building to dwelling house. **PLANNING PERMISSION NECESSARY.**

2. 16/03834/FUL: Mr. M Dunthorne, The Shop, Peak Lane, TA11 6NZ. Erection of a first floor extension over existing ground floor extension and new two storey rear extension. **PERMISSION GRANTED.**

3. 16/03592/S73A: Mr. H. Thomas, The Beacon, Peak Lane, TA11 6NZ. S73 application to amend condition 2 of approval 13/04759/FUL to allow the substitution of plans for a proposed bio mass boiler.

**PERMISSION GRANTED.**

**(b) Planning consultations**

1. 16/04305/FUL: Mr. R Stevenson, 1 Manor Farm Cottage, TA11 6NP. Erection of an extension to garage and erection of shed.

Councillors discussed the application and **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL.**

2. 16/04307/OUT: Mr. & Mrs. Strudwick, Land at Old Farmyard, Behind Town, Compton Dundon. Outline application for the erection of a dwelling and formation of vehicular access.

Following discussion regarding access to the property and the effect on neighbours it was unanimously **RESOLVED to NOT OBJECT** to the outline planning application.

3. 16/04312/OUT: Mr. S Atwell, Land east of 9 Ham Lane, Compton Dundon. Erection of 2 detached dwellings and formation of associated accesses. Alteration of existing access to 9 Ham Lane.

Discussion covered the effect of the switch from two semi-detached to two detached dwellings on the neighbours and the affordability of detached houses versus local need. It was unanimously **RESOLVED to NOT OBJECT** to the outline planning application.

**(c) Other planning issues**

1. Presentation of Woodland Management Plan for Dundon Beacon – Mr. Mark Green of the Forestry Commission described the proposal, which will run to 2025, to return the woodlands back to native species. Cllr. Greg Jones thanked Mr. Green and stated how good the accompanying historical and archaeological write-up had been.

2. Pre-planning consultation on amendment to Clarendon House development – Cllr. V Olivier presented the plans for the addition of a garage at the front of the property based on Planner's objections to the joint use of the main drive. The Council had no observations.

3. Parish consultation re: Barn at Land OS 5974, Worely Lane, Littleton – A Stacey advised that they had been misled in applying under a PAMB for the change of use of the Barn. The purpose of the consultation was to openly inform of their plans and the rationale. The Council observed that in a PAMB application it was not formally consulted for its opinion.

► *At this stage the Chairman proposed to advance Agenda Item 151.6(d) to be followed by other Reports*

**151.6 (d) Report from the Police**

PCSO Fiona Wilson advised that she was now covering the Somerton and Langport areas. She reported that there had been a number of opportunistic thefts in the area with tools stolen from garden sheds, break-ins to landrovers and theft of digger equipment. Information was posted on Farm Watch and Neighbourhood Watch notices but people should be vigilant at this time.

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

Cllr. Dean Ruddle reported that the Civic Contingency Unit in Taunton is extremely knowledgeable and willing to come to Council meetings and present their experience in contingency planning. He advised that he had been granted two Highways projects and the Stock Elm information should be received in the New Year.

**(b) Report from District Councillors**

Cllr. Stephen Page reported that the Transformation Plan was expected to generate saving of £300,000 in year one. He also advised that SSDC had agreed a four year financial settlement with the Government.

**(c) Report of the Chairman – Nothing to report**

**(e) Rights of Way report**

The parish volunteers met on 9<sup>th</sup> October and erected Dog Waste bins at School Lane and at the Cross.

**(f) Report of the Village Hall Committee** – October report noted with no observations.

**151.5 Accounts.**

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2016		4,467.29
Less - Unpresented cheques:		0
Plus - Uncleared lodgments:		0
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 2016		4,467.29
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 2016		35,464.14
Overall Bank Balance		<b>39,931.43</b>
Overall Ledger Book Balance		<b>39,931.43</b>

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

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Parish Magazine inv.1590 (Nov Newsletter)	001016	121.00	0	N/A
B Green & Sons - Hedgecutting	001017	480.00	80.00	Y
SSDC Parish Ranger work in Sept	001018	150.96	25.16	Y
Eventbrite - Risk Training inv 559803416	001019	50.26	8.38	Y
SLCC membership fee	001020	88.00	0	N/A
Clerk salary & expenses CD141	001021	265.04	0	N/A
HMRC – Paye month 7/2016-17	001022	58.40	0	N/A
Total value of cheques		1,213.66		113.54

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

**151.7 Highways Report**

The various reports of Highway road closures and speed indicator results were noted. The On-Line report was reviewed. It was agreed that the Parish Ranger needed to create a full siding on the road to Stock Elm.

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

- a. Somerset Community Justice Partnership grant request – It was **RESOLVED** to approve a £30 grant.
- b. Huish Episcopi Academy grant request – The request was noted.
- c. Update on the Bus Shelter project – Cllr. Geoff Walker recommended that thatching should be a second phase item if required; determination be made as to any utilities positioned under the site; Highways be consulted with regard to the specific location and consequences. The recommendation was upheld.
- d. Action on broadband issues – Cllr. Hugh Thomas presented the current situation. 32 households have vouchers; end date for application is 30<sup>th</sup> November; no confirmation whether Compton Dundon is in CDS Phase 2; various options available but dependent on voucher numbers. He recommended the Council supports a meeting with Voneus on 11<sup>th</sup> November at 19:00 in Meadway Hall at which they would describe their solution in comparison with other broadband packages. Cllr Greg Jones added that this would be a good opportunity to assist more parishioners get vouchers. It was agreed that the Council would cover the cost of Hall hire.
- e. Report on recent Planning Course – Cllr Steve King described the course and the value he had personally got out of it. He circulated the documents handed out at the all-day session and focused on the “material planning considerations”.
- f. Future courses: Council Tax Setting Workshop (14/11) – Clerk will attend and will take a councillor with him; Risk Assessing (22/11) – Clerk will attend; CIL (23/11) – No interest from councillors.

**151.9 Correspondence for information**

The following correspondence received by the Clerk was circulated to councillors in October: St Andrew’s PCC letter, Fields in Trust newsletters; SWP monthly briefings Sept; Area North Agenda 26/10; SSDC Historic Environment Strategy notice; Summer Play Forum news; Somerset Wildlife Trust; Countryside Alliance – rural Oscars; Fields in Trust letter; Rural Services Network newsletters and circulars.

**151.10 Councillors’ requests for agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting**

- a. Decision on Xmas tree expense (11/12 set as date to position the tree)

**151.11 Date of the next normal meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as 7pm, 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016.**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20:45

Signed as a true record .....

Cllr. Greg Jones (Chairman)

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