

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 December 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) and Stanislaw Berkieta (Parish Clerk)

There were 8 members of the general public present.

Public Participation – None

152.1 Apologies for Absence

Stephen Page (SSDC) sent his apologies.

152.2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Tiffany Kearton declared personal interest in agenda items 152.4 (b)/2 and (b)/3.

152.3 Minutes of the previous Meeting

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

152.4 Planning

(a) Notifications of district council planning determinations

1. 16/01880/FUL & 16/01881/LBC: Ex'ors of The Late Mrs. M Vining. South Barn, Middle Farm, Peak Lane. Proposed restoration and change of use of barn to dwelling with ancillary works to access, parking and boundary treatment. **PERMISSION AND CONSENT GRANTED.**

2. 16/01887/FUL & 16/01888/LBC: Ex'ors of The Late Mrs. M Vining. North Barn, Middle Farm, Peak Lane. Proposed restoration and conversion of barn to dwelling with provision of linked annexe building together with ancillary works to access, parking and boundary. **PERMISSION AND CONSENT GRANTED.**

3. 16/01882/FUL: Ex'ors of The Late Mrs. M Vining. The Barn at Middle Farm, Peak Lane. Proposed restoration and change of use of barn to dwelling with ancillary works to access, parking and boundary treatment. **PERMISSION GRANTED.**

4. 16/04073/PAMB: Mr C Higgs & Ms V Searle, Lower Hurst Farm, Hurst Drove, Compton Dundon. Prior approval for the change of use and conversion of agricultural building to dwelling house. **APPLICATION PERMITTED.**

5. 16/04305/FUL: Mr R. Stevenson, 1 Manor Farm Cottages, Littleton, TA11 6NP. Erection of extension to garage and erection of shed. **PERMISSION GRANTED.**

6. 16/04312/OUT: Mr S Attwell, Land east of 9, Ham Lane. Erection of 2 detached dwellings and formation of associated accesses. Alteration to access to 9 Ham Lane. **PERMISSION GRANTED.**

(b) Planning consultations

1. 16/04362/FUL: Mr & Mrs Batten, Land OS3663, Somerton Road, Compton Dundon. Erection of a workshop/poultry shed, siting of 4 poly tunnels for crop production and one mobile home for use as workers and feed/vets store and laying of access track (part retrospective). The applicants were not present to answer questions. The Council discussed the changes to the original application and concluded that the business case was poor bearing in mind the small plot size. It was emphasized that the planning proposal and in particular the mobile home was detrimental to the landscape. The Council concluded that the proposal did not demonstrate an agricultural need but reflected a leisure plot. It was **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND REFUSAL.**

2. 16/04723/FUL: Mr C Swain & S. Morris, Land at junction of Behind Town and Touch Lane, Compton Dundon. Erection of single residential property with onsite parking and turning.

► At this stage Cllr Tiffany Kearton left the meeting

Following extensive discussion of tree preservation, flooding and ability to park and turn on the plot, the Council unanimously **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL** for the application stating that this was a build to allow a local family to move from rented accommodation.

► Cllr Tiffany Kearton rejoined the meeting

3. 16/04953/S73A: Mr J Lovell, Plot 2, Land west of The Gammons, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon. Variation of condition 01 of application 15/00523/REM for the development of plot 2 to be carried out in accordance with drawings 16-418/001, 002, 003, 004 & 005.

The proposed changes were outlined and it was agreed that they improved the design and look of the build. With one abstention it was **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL.**

4. 16/04936/FUL: Mr & Mrs Larsson, Rose Cottage, Ham Lane, TA11 6PQ. Erection of a rear orangery extension.

The proposal was deemed to be in keeping with the cottage and it was unanimously **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL.**

(c) Other planning issues

1. 16/03045/FUL – Shepherds Close revised drainage strategy – Noted without comment.

2. 15/04738/OUT Appeal ref. 3155862 – Dismissal of appeal noted

3. 16/01761/S73A Appeal 3158315 – Appeal noted. The Council expressed disappointment that the applicant is still not compliant and pursuing a retrospective appeal.

152.5 Accounts.

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 7 th December 2016		2,964.21
Less - Unpresented cheques:		0
Plus - Uncleared lodgements:		0
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 7 th December 2016		2,964.21
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 7th December 2016		35,465.60
Overall Bank Balance		38,429.81
Overall Ledger Book Balance		38,429.81

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

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Parish Magazine inv.1663 (Dec Newsletter)	001023	121.00	0	N/A
J Parry Grasscutting invoice 7	001024	129.50	0	N/A
Grant Thornton external audit	001025	240.00	40.00	Y
SSDC Parish Ranger work in October	001026	150.96	25.16	Y
CD Village Hall inv. 59/16	001027	72.00	0	N/A
Clerk salary & expenses CD142	001028	352.40	0	N/A
HMRC – Paye month 782016-17	001029	72.80	0	N/A
Somerset Community Justice Partnership	001030	30.00		
Total value of cheques		1,168.66		65.16
Transfer from BIA to Treasurer Account	-	3,000.00		

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

(c) The Clerk summarized the Financial Full Year Forecast and the draft budget for 2016-20. A second draft will be presented incorporating recommended changes prior to considering the Precept for 2017-2018.

► At this stage Cllr Greg Jones left the meeting and Cllr Steve King took the Chair

152.6 (a) Report from the County Councillor

Cllr Dean Ruddle reported that the full council had met and approved £107 million of capital expenditure. He advised that the Highways budget had not been significantly effected. Child and adult care service expenses are dramatically increasing but are ring fenced.

(b) Report from District Councillors

Cllr Dean Ruddle reported that SSDC needed to save £4.7 million over the next 4 years. Many senior staff are leaving and it will be very hard to get any grants in future.

(c) Report of the Chairman

The Chairman reported that the editor of the Parish Newsletter had submitted his resignation. It was agreed that the Newsletter is an important communication device and a replacement partnership was required.

(d) Report from the Police - Noted

(e) **Rights of Way report** – The volunteers met on 13 November and erected a dog waste bin in Peak Lane and the Old Church Footpath sign in Ham Lane.

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

151.7 Highways Report

(a) Stock Elms – Following a brief discussion it was agreed that a separate meeting should take place to coordinate a Council response. The Clerk was asked to contact the Implementation Officer to an extension to the response date. A meeting was set for Wednesday 14 December at 19.00.

(b) Other issues – report noted

151.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

(a) SALC attendance 15/12/2016 – Cllr Steve King will attend

(b) Update on the Bus Shelter project – Overall cost approx. £10,000 with the potential for grants of 50%.

(c) Action on broadband issues – Cllr Hugh Thomas gave an update on the status of voucher collection which indicates that the Parish will not get the 65 required. Cllr Dean Ruddle recommended that as soon as the Council knows the outcome of the Phase 2 rollout it should apply for funds from the SSDC £650,000 pool savings.

(d) Approval of Christmas Tree purchase – It was unanimously agreed to purchase a tree and locate it at the Cross on 11 December.

(e) Response to New Public Space Protection Order for public land across South Somerset consultation - Noted

(f) Decision on grant for Citizens Advice South Somerset – It was **RESOLVED** to grant £30.

(g) Response to SSDC Lottery question - Noted

(h) Discussion on allotment access safety – Issue deferred to February 2017 agenda.

151.9 Correspondence for information

The following correspondence received by the Clerk was circulated to councillors in November:

SCC Leader Funds notice; SCC election poster, MP Advise Surgery Dates; Adult Social Care – sharing service details; The Stream November; PCs in the community; SCC Trustee Week notice; SCC Sustainability Plan; Somerset Community Foundation-Surviving Winter letter; Dependent Carers' Survey; Fields in Trust newsletters; SWP monthly briefings Nov; Area North Agenda 23/11; Somerset Play Forum news; Somerset Wildlife Trust; Zurich Risk Seminar; Countryside Alliance – rural Oscars; Rural Services Network newsletters

151.10 Councillors' requests for agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting

- Parish Newsletter, 2nd Budget draft

151.11 Date of the next normal meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as 7pm, 4th January 2017.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 21:20

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

Date: 4th January 2017