

COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 4th January 2017**

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 Stephen Page (SSDC)

There were 2 members of the general public present.

Public Participation – None at this stage

153.1 Apologies for Absence – None required

153.2 Declarations of Interest – Cllr. Tiffany Kearton declared an interest in agenda item 153.4(c)/1 and Cllrs Greg Jones and Hugh Thomas declared interests in agenda item 153.8(a).

153.3 Minutes of the previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 7th December 2016 and Cllr Greg Jones signed the minutes as a true record.

153.4 Planning

(a) Notifications of district council planning determinations

1. 16/03513/FUL: Mr. J. Chapman, Bartletts Farm, Hayes Rd, TA11 6PF. Replacement of existing building with new building for office B1(a) use. **APPLICATION PERMITTED.**

2. 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. **APPLICATION PERMITTED.**

3. 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). **APPLICATION REFUSED.**

4. 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. **APPLICATION PERMITTED.**

(b) Planning consultations

1. 16/05355/LBC: Mr. D. Martlew. Badgers Cottage, Peak Lane, TA11 6PE. The carrying out of various internal and external alterations to include installation of porch (partly implemented). Following brief discussion it was unanimously **RESOLVED to SUPPORT** the application.

(c) Other planning issues

1. Tree Preservation Order: Land at junction Behind Town and Touch Lane. The Council appraised themselves of the various documents received and requested the Clerk to respond to the proposed TPO in support of the land owner. In the Council's view the specified trees are not significant to the environment; the proposed remedial action set out by the owner is acceptable and the diseased tree gives concern with respect to the public and neighbouring properties.

153.5 Accounts.

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 4 th January 2017		2,964.21
Less - Unpresented cheques:		0
Plus - Uncleared lodgements:		0
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 4th January 2017		2,964.21
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 4th January 2017		35,465.60
Overall Bank Balance		38,429.81
Overall Ledger Book Balance		38,429.81

(b) No cheques were tabled for approval:

(c) The Clerk circulated a second draft of the Financial Full Year Forecast and the draft budget for 2016-20. Following answers to questions the Council **RESOLVED** to accept the budget as presented. A decision on the Precept was deferred to the February meeting.

153.6 (a) Report from the County Councillor

Cllr Dean Ruddle reported that Gigaclear have been awarded the CDS Phase2 contract and recommended that the Council continues to keep up pressure on CDS and David Hall to obtain clarity of policy and dates.

(b) Report from District Councillors

Cllr Stephen Page reported the SSDC Transformation project has a new leader – Tracy Wilson.

(c) Report of the Chairman

The Chairman advised that the RoW volunteers would meet on the 8th January at 10:30 to take down the Christmas Tree.

(d) Report from the Police - Noted

(e) Rights of Way report – The parish volunteers met on 11th December and erected the Parish Christmas tree.

(f) Report of the Village Hall Committee – December minutes noted.

153.7 Highways Report

- (a) Stock Elms consultation – The consultation is completed and the Council is awaiting the revised proposal.
- (b) Other issues – Ham Lane road closure noted.

153.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- a. Grant for the Right of Way Volunteer Group – With two abstention, it was **RESOLVED** to grant £240.
- b. Discussion on the CD Newsletter production – Cllr Tiffant Kearton agreed to write to John Gordon to place a thank you in the next newsletter and to ensure a Job Description for Editor and Distribution is also included. It was noted that it may be advisable to have to persons in each of the positions and that a version of Microsoft Publisher may be required.
- c. Update on broadband issues – 80 vouchers have been issued in the Parish but there has been insufficient take-up with Voneus to reach their threshold. It was agreed that local businesses should be encouraged to express an interest in Gigaclear.
- d. Notification of Ham Lane road closure – Noted.
- e. SALC All Area Meeting – Cllr. Steve King gave a verbal report.
- f. Information on community resilience and contingency plans – No action needed.

153.9 Correspondence for information

The following correspondence received by the Clerk was circulated to councillors in December:
Somerset Authorities Contingency Newsletter; Somerset Community Council-Dec newsletter; Foundation-Surviving Winter update; Somerset Admissions arrangement 2018-19; Fields in Trust newsletters; SWP monthly briefings Dec; PCS communities defibrillator information; SSDC Health & well being service; SALC All Area Meeting agenda; Avon & Somerset Police & Crime Commissioner newsletter; Somerset Play Forum news; Somerset Wildlife Trust; Rural Services Network newsletters

153.10 Councillors' requests for agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting - None requested.

153.11 Date of the next normal meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as 7pm, 1st February 2017.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20:22.

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

Date: 1st February 2017