

COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Stanislaw Berkietta FCSI, Castlebrook House, Castlebrook, Compton Dundon TA11 6PR. Tel 01458 448921
Email comptondundonclerk@gmail.com Website: www.comptondundon-pc.gov.uk



MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 5th April 2017**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Dean Ruddle (SCC, SSDC), Stephen Page (SSDC)

There were 3 members of the general public present.

Public Participation – None requested

156.1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Greg Jones sent his apologies. The Council **RESOLVED** to accept the apology and the reason given.

156.2 Declarations of Interest – None at this stage

156.3 Minutes of the previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 1st March 2017 and Cllr Stephen King signed the minutes as a true record.

156.4 Planning

(a) Notifications of district council planning determinations

- 16/04723/FUL: Mr. C. Swain and Ms. S Morris, Land At Junction of Behind Town and Touch Lane. Erection of a single residential dwelling with onsite parking and turning. **PERMISSION GRANTED.**
- 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). **CONSENT GRANTED**
- 17/00590/FUL: Mr. Masson, 5 Hayes Lane, TA11 6PB. Single storey extension to the front of the property. **PERMISSION GRANTED**
- 16/01761/S73A - Appeal in respect of decision, Ms. E Brown, Hedgerow Meadow, Street |Road. Application to vary Conditions 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 of approval 13/04943/FUL. **PERMISSION GRANTED**

(b) Planning consultations

- 17/01148/FUL: Mr. J. Rowland, Upper Hayes Farm, Hayes Lane TA11 6PD. Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling with associated parking. Following a brief discussion the Council unanimously **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL.**
- 17/01157/S73A: Mr & Mrs Bowles, Hurst Lee, Hurst Drove, TA11 6PG. Section 73A application to remove condition 7 of planning approval 820342 dated 8/11/1982. This application was discussed in conjunction with item 156.4.(b)/3. Concern regarding the proposed transfer of the farm tie was raised by some councilors. Following extensive discussion the Council, by a majority decision **RESOLVED NOT TO OBJECT** to the Section 73A application.
- 17/01288/DPO: Mr & Mrs Bowles, Hurst Lee, Hurst Drove, TA11 6PG. Discharge of section 106 Agreement relating to approval 82034 dated 8/11/1982 between Yeovil District Council and Betty Bowles of Hurst Farm, Hurst Drove, Compton Dundon. As above, the Council **RESOLVED NOT TO OBJECT** to the DPO.

(c) Other planning issues

A letter had been received by the Council from Mr. L Wills advising that for personal reasons they had decided to move to Wells and as a result the plot at the rear of Compton Randle, with planning approval for a dwelling would now be sold.

156.5 Accounts.

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 5 th April 2017		1,787.75
Less - Unpresented cheques:		0
Plus - Uncleared lodgements:		0
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 5 th April 2017		1,787.75
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 5 th April 2017		32,849.48
Overall Bank Balance		34,637.23
Overall Ledger Book Balance		34,637.23

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

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Parish Magazine inv.1916 (April Newsletter)	001047	122.63	0	N/A
CD Village Hall	001048	48.00	0	N/A
SSDC Quarterly playground inspections	001049	127.20	21.20	Y
SSDC Parish Ranger work in March	001050	150.96	25.16	Y
Bridges Holland	001051	192.00	32.00	Y
D Shears ROW expenses	001052	17.49	1.20	N
Clerk salary & expenses CD146	001053	338.25	0	N/A
HMRC – Paye month 12/2016-17	001054	73.00	0	N/A
Total value of cheques		1,069.53	79.56	78.36
Transfer from BIA to Treasurer Account	-	4,000.00		

It was **RESOLVED** that all the payments and the transfer be approved and the cheques signed.

156.6 (a) Report from the County Councillor

Cllr. Dean Ruddle reported that it was quiet at SCC since people were concentrating on the forthcoming elections. He confirmed that the Stock Elm related highway amendments were now going ahead although it was a shame the proposed speed camera had not been approved. He confirmed he would ensure the Council received a copy of the final work plan.

(b) Report from District Councillors

Cllr Stephen Page indicated that the "Transformation Plan" was moving forward although it did mean certain staff would be made redundant. He advised that the Boundary Commission is looking at the area both from a District and a Parliamentary viewpoint. However, he assured that there would not be major changes.

(c) Report of the Chairman – No report given.

(d) Report from the Police – Noted

(e) Rights of Way report – The parish volunteers met on 12th March in the field at the southern end of Hayes Road. They replaced the catch on the gate leading to Footpath L7/15 and replaced the stile at the next field boundary. Further along the hedge where Footpath L7/16 crosses into the next field a stile was also repaired.

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

156.7 Highways Report

(a) General Status – Cllr. Diane Churches advised of a problem on the B3151 going south just before Stockelms.

(b) Littleton road closure – the 15th May night closure was noted.

156.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

a. Internal Auditors Report – The Clerk reported that the internal audit had been completed for the financial year 2016-2017 by Bridges Holland with no adverse comments.

b. Accounting Governance Statement – The Clerk explained each of the 9 points of the annual governance statement. For each point councillors stated their agreement that the Council had been compliant. Finally the Council unanimously **RESOLVED** that the Statement should be signed by the Chairman.

c. Council Annual Report – The draft report had been circulated ahead of the meeting. There being no proposed amendments, the Council **RESOLVED** to approve the report and for the Chairman to sign it.

d. St Margaret's Somerset Hospice – The Council unanimously **RESOLVED** to give a grant of £50 in support of the very good work of the Hospice.

e. St Andrew's PCC churchyard maintenance grant

► *At this stage Cllr. Hugh Thomas declared an interest and abstained from the discussion and vote*

Following a brief discussion the Council **RESOLVED** to approve a grant of £500.

f. Public Spaces Protection Order review – Noted

156.9 Correspondence for information

The following correspondence was received and circulated to councillors in March: Parish Environmental Warden, enforcement officer contact details; Heart of Wessex event notice; Local Elections Notice; Somerset Prepared spring newsletter; Civic Day notice; Funding Workshop notice; Careline offer; SLCC briefing on unsafe memorials; Area North Committee Agenda 22/3/17; Community Resilience Conference invitation; Somerset Waste Partnership March letter; Somerset Wildlife News; Fields in Trust notice; SPARK funding advisory; Rural Services Network newsletters and briefings.

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

156.11 Date of the next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as 7pm, 3rd May 2017 and it was confirmed that the Annual Parish Meeting would be held on the same day at 6pm.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20:06

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

Date: 3rd May 2017