

# COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dean Ruddle (SCC, SSDC), Stephen Page (SSDC), Stas Berkietka (Clerk)  
There were 11 members of the general public present.

**Public Participation** - None at this stage.

**158.1 Apologies for Absence** – None required

**158.2 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr. Vicki Olivier declared a personal interest in agenda item 158.4b/1. Cllrs. Diane Churches and Tiffany Kearton declared personal interest in agenda item 158.4b/3.

**158.3 Minutes of the previous Meeting**

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017 and the Chairman signed them.

**158.4 Planning**

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

1. 17/01148/FUL: Mr J Rowland, Upper Hayes Farm Hayes Lane TA11 6PD. Erection of an agricultural workers dwelling with associated parking – **PERMISSION GRANTED.**

**(b) Responses to planning and legal consultations**

1. 17/02013/REM: Mr Scott Bailey, Clarendon House, Street Road, TA11 6 PY. Application for reserved matters following approval of 16/00678/OUT to include details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. Following extensive discussion it was **RESOLVED to SUPPORT** the application although councillors noted that a more traditional build would be preferred.

2. 17/01832/S73A: Mr & Mrs Searle, Land at Laws Farm, Middle Way, Compton Dundon. Application to vary condition 1 of 15/01319/S73A, proposing minor revisions to garage design. The proposed changes were discussed and it was unanimously **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL.**

3. 17/02392/TEA: Telefonica UK Ltd, Land at Peak Lane, Compton Dundon. The installation of a new 18m slim-line lattice mast with 3 no. antennas, 2 no. dishes and 3 no. equipment cabinets along with ancillary development. Standing orders were waived to allow members of the public to speak on the matter. Concern was raised with regard to the potential health risk for persons with electro sensitivity as well as published data on the effect on animal and plant life. Persons living near the proposed site and owners of neighbouring agricultural land complained that they had not been advised of the proposals. Councillors discussed the proposal and concluded that in the proposed location the mast would be an “eyesore”. There are better solutions, sufficiently distant from homes to limit potential health risk and to provide better coverage for the community.

**158.5 Accounts.**

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 7th June 2017		2,931.07
Less - Unpresented cheques:		0
Plus - Uncleared lodgements:		0
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 7 June 2017		2,931.07
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 7 June 2017		49,563.07
Overall Bank Balance		<b>52,494.14</b>
Overall Ledger Book Balance		<b>52,494.14</b>

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

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Parish Magazine inv 2087	001061	122.63	0	N/A
Wham Ltd Domain Fee CD.com	001062	72.50	0	N/A
J Parry grass cutting April+May	001063	500.00	0	N/A
Clerk salary & expenses CD148	001064	317.55	0	N/A
HMRC – Paye month 2/2017-18	001065	73.00	0	N/A
Total value of cheques		1,085.68	0	

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

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

Cllr. Dean Ruddle reported that David Fothergill had been named as the Leader of SCC and that a number of new councillors had been appointed to Cabinet posts. He himself had been appointed to the post of Chairman of Audit. Due to the unexpected election he advised that the Stockelm's highway scheme had still not been issued.

**(b) Report from District Councillors**

Cllr. Stephen Page reported that Cllr. Rick Pallister had been appointed as Leader of SSDC. The "Transformation Plan" was moving forward and that SSDC was actively looking for new income streams to buffer expected finance shortfalls.

**(c) Report of the Chairman**

Nothing to report at this stage.

**(d) Report from the Police – Noted**

**(e) Rights of Way report**

The Parish volunteers met on 14<sup>th</sup> May and replaced the broken wooden hanging post for the Kissing Gate on footpath L7/20 (south of Orchard End). They erected a metal self-closing gate at the top of the hill by the junction with footpath L7/19. This replaces the former "Jacksons" high stile erected by SSDC in 1989 as part of a promoted circular walk.

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

**158.7 Highways Report**

A road closure notice for Peak Lane was noted. The road 50 metres east of the junction with Hayes Lane, for a distance of 75 metres, will be closed for 2 days from 10<sup>th</sup> July for sewer rehabilitation works. A speed indicator report for Littleton showed a median speed of 42mph. Nevertheless it was noted that 71% of traffic exceeded the speed limit and 8% exceeded 50mph on that stretch of road.

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

- a. Auto-enrolment status – The Clerk advised that the Parish Council was fully compliant with the Pension Regulations and had received a certificate of successful implementation dated 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017.
- b. Street PC's decision to develop a Neighbourhood Plan – The Council discussed Street PC's plans and noted that Compton Dundon Parish were users of facilities in Street eg. Schooling and that it would be beneficial to be kept aware of progress. To that extent it was agreed that Cllr. Tiffany Kearton would liaise with Street PC on the matter.
- c. Community I-Pad training sessions – It was noted that the Village Hall Committee had agreed to co-manage the proposed training and the Clerk was requested to take the matter forward.
- d. Update on the Community Fibre Partnership – Cllr. Hugh Tomas described the Compton Street initiative with BT and described his own communication with GIGAClear.
- e. Update on the Bus Shelter Project – Cllr. Geoff Walker advised that he had completed a funding application with SSDC for the Bus Shelter. The application is for a grant of £4,942 with the Parish Council matching this out of ring fenced reserves.
- f. Attendance at Spark's training course on Community Health and Well being – the date and agenda content was noted.

**158.9 Correspondence for information**

The following correspondence was received and circulated to councilors in May: St Andrew's PCC thank you letter; St Margaret's Hospice thankyou letter; CSW notice of transport meetings; SSDC Community Led Housing Events notice; Fields in Trust newsletter; Somerset Wildlife Trust newsletter; CCS Workshop on managing community buildings; Somerset Community Foundation newsletter and invitation to stand at Royal Bath and West Show; SPARK training notice – Introduction to Facebook and Twitter; Somerset Play Forum notice on free course for play volunteers; SSDC Health and Wellbeing Service news; Fly the Red Ensign – Merchant Navy Day; Rural Services Network newsletters and briefings.

**158.10 Councillors' requests for agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting**

- Update on the Telefonica planning application

**158.11 Date of the next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as 7pm, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20:50.

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

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017