

COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Stas Berkieta (Clerk)

There were 32 members of the general public present.

Public Participation - None at this stage.

159.1 Apologies for Absence – Dean Ruddle (SCC/SSDC) and Stephen Page (SSDC) sent their apologies.

159.2 Declarations of Interest – None at this stage.

159.3 Minutes of the previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 6th June 2017 and the Chairman signed them.

159.4 Planning

(a) Notifications of district council planning determinations

1. 17/01288/DPO: Mr & Mrs Bowles, Hurst Le, Hurst Drove, Compton Dundon TA11 6PG. Discharge of Section 106 Agreement relating to approval 820342 dated 8 November 1982 between Yeovil District Council and Betty Bowles of Hurst Farm, Hurst Drove, Compton Dundon – **PLANNING OBLIGATION DISCHARGED.**

2. 17/01157/S73A: Hurst Lea, Hurst Drove, Compton Dundon, TA11 6PG. Section 73A application to remove condition 7 (agricultural occupancy) of planning approval application 820342. **APPLICATION PERMITTED.**

(b) Responses to planning and legal consultations

1. 17/02168/FUL: Mr G Marshman, Dutch Barn, Behind Town, Compton Dundon, TA11 6PT. Erection of new dwelling (revised application).

The revised application was extensively discussed with all councillors expressing their views. It was unanimously **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL.**

2. 17/02615/DPO: Mr & Mrs Wills, Compton Randle, Castlebrook, TA11 6PR. Application to discharge Section 52 agreement between Yeovil District Council and Mr Gray dated 14 April 1997 re: planning permission 761740. This agenda item was taken with 159.4(b)/3. It was noted by Cllr Geoff Walker that the planning notice was wrong in so far as the said agreement was actually dated 14 April 1977. Following a brief discussion councillors with one abstention **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL** to discharge the Section 52 Agreement.

3. 17/02616/DPO: Mr & Mrs Wills, Compton Randle, Castlebrook, TA11 6PR. Application to modify Section 52 agreement between Yeovil District Council and Mr Gray dated 14 April 1997 re: planning permission 761740 by removing Clause 1 which states no part of the land and buildings which are to be converted into ancillary living accommodation shall be disposed of separately.

It was **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL** to modify Section 52 Agreement.

4. 17/02436/FUL: Mr S Baker, Clarendon House, Street Road, Compton Dundon, TA11 6PY. Alterations and erection of single storey extensions.

Following some explanation and a brief discussion the Council unanimously **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND APPROVAL.**

5. 17/02585/OUT: Mr & Mrs Strudwick, Land at the Old Farmyard, Behind Town, Compton Dundon. Outline application for the erection of 1 No. new dwelling and formation of new vehicular access.

There was no one present representing the applicant. Following a lengthy discussion the Council unanimously **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND REFUSAL** on the grounds that the application represented an overdevelopment of the plot and would severely restrict the views of the first built property as well as the property to be built under a recent application. Furthermore, there was a lack of demonstrable need.

(c) Other planning consultation issues

1. Pre-planning consultation update on Decoy Farm, Peak Lane.

A revised design for the proposed development was presented and a full discussion took place. Generally, councillors liked the new plans and commented on the change to a full new build and the improvement to the exit onto Peak Lane.

2. Update on Telefonica application for a telecoms mast.

An extension has been given for responses to 18 August 2017. Following extensive discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Adrian Noon (SSDC Planning) to put the record straight regarding communications from the Telefonica's consultants. Further a working party consisting of three councillors and three members of the Action Group would be immediately set up to ensure that the Community's concerns were fully pursued. The working party will report to the Parish Council. Since there is no resident expertise on the subject it was agreed that the working party would commission a technical specialist to support their work. The Council **RESOLVED** to pay specialist expenses of up to £500.

3. Objections received regarding Metcalf House proposal for caravan and motorhome facility. A number of complaints had been received by the Parish Council regarding the proposal. It was explained that this is not a planning issue that the Council has any formal powers of response. However, it has written to the Caravan and Motorhome Club advising of the contents of the complaints and highlighting the road safety issues in the village.

159.5 Accounts.

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 5th July 2017		1,792.53
Less - Unpresented cheques:		0
Plus - Uncleared lodgements:		0
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 5 July 2017		1,792.53
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 5 July 2017		49,565.17
Overall Bank Balance		51,357.70
Overall Ledger Book Balance		51,357.70

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

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Parish Magazine inv 2154	001066	122.63	0	N/A
Village Hall inv.19/17 Hire of Hall	001067	48.00	0	N/A
J Parry grasscutting – June inv 3	001068	250.00	0	N/A
SSDC Parish Ranger April+May 32472/32582	001069	301.92	50.32	Y
Clerk salary & expenses CD149	001070	289.74	3.67	N/A
HMRC – Paye month 3/2017-18	001071	58.40	0	N/A
Clerk Salary CD150 **	001072	233.44	0	N/A
HMRC – PAYE month 4/2017 **	001073	58.40	0	N/A
Total value of cheques		1,362.53	53.99	
Inter Account Transfer	-	3,000.00		

Note: ** - dated 2nd August 2017

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

159.6 (a) Report from the County Councillor

None Received

(b) Report from District Councillors

Cllr. Stephen Page sent a short report on his meeting on 28th June with the local action group re the proposed telecommunications mast in the village. He made various notes at the meeting and has followed up by contacting the Planning Officer requesting various actions.

(c) Report of the Chairman

- Cllr Greg Jones reported that a letter of resignation had been received from Cllr Vicki Olivier. He thanked her for the dedicated work on the Council and in particular her professional assistance on planning matters.

- He advised that a formal notice had been placed on Notice Boards and on the website advising of the vacancy on the Council and requesting that persons wishing to have a formal election should contact SSDC Electoral Department in writing. Following the stipulated time frame he was now able to report that no request had been received and therefore we would move to co-opting a new councillor at the September meeting.

- He advised that work had started on upgrading the Council website.

- Cllr Jones reported that the deadline for usage of vouchers under the CSD Broadband scheme had been extended to September. He also described some of the initiatives being undertaken in the Parish.

Finally, he advised of the Yeovil Rotary Club's Charity Prim Night, the CCS project to reduce isolation and help for excluded and vulnerable persons and that the deadline for the SSDC Gold Star Awards is 6 September.

(d) Report from the Police – None received

(e) Rights of Way report

The Parish volunteers met on 11th June and cut back vegetation on L7/20 across Lollover Hill as well as some other routes on the Open Access Land.

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

159.7 Highways Report

No additional new problems to report. Cllr Greg Jones again highlighted the missing bus stop opposite Shepherds Close. Bus drivers are refusing to stop there even though the timetable shows it is a stop. The Clerk will once again contact Highways and seek a replacement bus stop. It was **RESOLVED** to cover the cost of the stop from Council funds if necessary.

159.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- To agree to implement NALC pay scales for 2017-2018 from 1 April 2017 – **RESOLVED** unanimously.
- To receive an update on the Bus Shelter project – Cllr Geoff Walker reported that SSDC had requested a number of clarifications on the grant request. These had been responded to and a further grant request to a charity source had been made. He advised that the Council needed to present the results of a neighbour consultation as part of the process and it was agreed that in addition to personal communication there should be an article in the newsletter and a note on the website.

- c. To receive an update on Street PC's Neighbourhood Plan – A response was received from Street PC agreeing to Cllr Tiffany Kearton acting as a liaison between our councils. The Neighbourhood Plan Officer starts his work on 7th August.

159.9 Correspondence for information

The following correspondence was received and circulated to councilors in June: Council mobile app; Somerset Mums volunteers; Community Led Housing Event; Somerset Prepared notice; Fields in Trust; Rural Residents request for information; Somerset Wildlife Trust notice; Somerset Play Forum-gardening workshop; Rural Services Network (Weekly News Digests; Rural Economy Spotlight; Rural Health Spotlight; Rural Vulnerability Service)

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

Due to the Telefonica application deadline it was agreed that a Parish Council meeting may have to be held in August with the subject and any other planning consultations being the only agenda items. This was provisionally set for 14th August at 7:00pm.

159.11 Date of the next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as 7pm, 6th September 2017

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20:58

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

Date: 14th August 2017