

COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 6th September 2017**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Stephen Page (SSDC), Stas Berkietta (Clerk)

There were 10 members of the general public present.

Public Participation - None at this stage

Co-Option of one new councilor: There were three applicants and following brief introductions the councilors voted. Christopher John Swain was duly co-opted as councilor. Having signed the acceptance of office Cllr. Swain joined the meeting.

161.1 Apologies for Absence – Cllr. Hugh Thomas sent his apologies due to other Village commitments. These were accepted. Cllr Dean Ruddle (SCC and SSDC) sent his apologies.

161.2 Declarations of Interest - None at this stage.

161.3 Minutes of the previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 14th August 2017 and the Chairman signed them.

161.4 Planning

(a) Notifications of district council planning determinations

- 17/02168/FUL: Mr G. Marshman, Dutch Barn, Behind Town, Compton Dundon, TA11 6PT – Erection of new dwelling (revised Application). **APPLICATION PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS.**
- 17/02014/REM: Mr S. Baker, Clarendon House, Street Road, Compton Dundon, TA11 6PY – Application for reserved matters following approval of application 16/00678/OUT to include details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. **APPLICATION PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS.**
- 17/03068/FUL: Mr Greg Poulter, Decoy Farm, Peak Lane, TA11 6NZ. Single storey extension plus amendments. **APPLICATION PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS.**

(b) Responses to planning and legal consultations

- 17/03225/FUL: Mr A Fewings, Land OS 4966, Somerton Road Compton Dundon. Erection of General Purpose Agricultural Building.

Following brief statements from the applicant and members of the public the Council discussed the application. Concerns were raised regarding (a) the proposed usage of the building for wintering cattle due to its proximity to a residential dwelling (b) the effect of animal movement on the public footpath leading to a Nature Reserve (c) the lack of progress on a landscaping condition, allowing the building of the original barn. The current application makes no mention of landscaping. The Council requested the Clerk to seek answers to the above issues before making its recommendation.

- 17/03292/FUL: Mr. S. Baker, Clarendon House, Street Road TA11 6PY – Part change of use of land, the erection of 1 no. dwelling and detached triple garage.

After a brief discussion of the changes to the application, which had been discussed at an earlier meeting, the Council unanimously **RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL.**

(c) Other planning consultation issues

- Update on 17/02392/TEA: The installation of a new 18m slim-line lattice mast with 3 No. antenna, 2 No. dishes and 3 No. equipment cabinets along with ancillary equipment.

The Chairman advised that this application had been **REFUSED APPROVAL** under the special process and advised that SSDC had recommended that Telefonica identify a more appropriate location.

161.5 Accounts.

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 6th September 2017		4,326.08
Less - Unpresented cheques:		0.00
Plus - Uncleared lodgements:		0.00
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 6 September 2017		4,326.08
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 6 September 2017		46,569.16
Overall Bank Balance		50,895.24
Overall Ledger Book Balance		50,895.24

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

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Parish Magazine inv 2329	001074	122.63	0	N/A
SSDC Directory printing	001075	59.15	0	N/A
J Parry grasscutting – July inv 4	001076	250.00	0	N/A
SSDC Parish Ranger July inv 33158	001077	150.96	25.16	Y
Salmon Planning Company – training constl.	001078	600.00	100.00	Y
ICO Data Protection registration fee	001079	35.00	0	N/A

Epson Inks	--""--	87.46	14.58	Y
Grant Thornton – external audit	001080	120.00	20.00	Y
Clerk salary & expenses CD151	001081	327.45	0	N/A
HMRC – Paye month 5/2017-18	001082	73.60	0	N/A
J Parry grasscutting – August inv 5	001083	250.00	0	N/A
Total value of cheques		2,076.25	159.74	

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

161.6 (a) Report from the County Councillor – None received

(b) Report from District Councillors

Cllr. Stephen Page congratulated the community for its good effort in tackling the mast issue in the Parish however, he also warned that the matter was probably not over. Government pressure to achieve universal phone coverage across the country will probably result in an appeal or a revised plan. It would be beneficial if communication with Telefonica was maintained and alternative sites recommended. Cllr. Page reported on SSDC's ongoing attempts to rein in costs which are resulting in a reduction and changes in the council organization and therefore voluntary redundancies. He advised that Adrian Noone was moving away from SSDC.

(c) Report of the Chairman

- Cllr Greg Jones reported on David Shear's retirement from SSDC and expressed thanks for the professional help he had given to the Council over the years. He was sure that retirement would not impede with his work for the RoW volunteers.

- He formally thanked the anonymous charity that had donated £1,000 to the bus shelter project

- He advised the Council on the Advertising Protocol notice from SCC and would ensure it was in the Newsletter

- He advised that the Clerk had submitted his resignation and that an advertisement for a new Clerk would be placed in the Newsletter, on the Village website and in other publications. A deadline for applications was given as 22 September and interviews would be held in the week of 28 September. Subject to the experience of the new clerk a handover would be made before year end.

(d) Report from the Police – Noted

(e) Rights of Way report – None received

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

161.7 Highways Report

The Chair advised of the proposed replacement of the 50mph by 40mph on the B3151 and this was welcomed. A brief discussion took place regarding the Stock Elm project as well as the action being taken to get a bus stop back at Shepherds Close. It was recommended that the same yellow markings as near Peak Lane be used at the Shepherds Close bus stop. The uneven surface of the B3151 from Marshall Elms was discussed and would be added to the on-line report. The on-line report was reviewed and updated.

161.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- To receive update on Data Protection registration – The Clerk advised that formal registration had been completed and the Parish was in compliance.
- To receive an update on the Annual External Audit – The external audit has been finalised and a certificate issued. A minor note issued by the auditors has been queried for accuracy.
- To receive update on the Street Neighbourhood Plan - Noted
- To receive an update on Compton Dundon PC website redesign – It was noted that work started on 4 September and was due to finish, following testing and conversion by 4th October.
- To receive an update on the Bus Shelter project – Cllr Geoff Walker advised that neighbours had been contacted and there were no objections to the plan. He advised that he had sought and received a grant of £1,000 from a local charity towards the project. The match funding from SSDC was to be on the agenda for Area North on 27 September and he would attend and represent the Council – this was approved.
- To discuss the Electoral Review of South Somerset warding arrangements - Noted

161.9 Correspondence for information

The following correspondence was circulated in August: SCC Joint Strategic Assessment notice; Somerset Rivers Authority 2016-17 Report; Community Council for Somerset AGM; SSDC Health & Well-Being news; SCC Chairman's Awards notice; SCC notice re early re-opening of A378; Navy YEO outreach notice; Somerset Wildlife news; Defibrillator information circulars; D Warburton MP advice of surgery dates; Western Somerset and Levels & Moors meeting notice; St Margaret's Hospice Care fundraising volunteer letter; SWP August briefing; SSDC Artificial pitches support letter; Somerset Community Foundation newsletter; Rural Services Network (weekly e-mails, newsletters, notices).

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

– Shepherd;s Close development progress was raised but it was decided not to table the matter

161.11 Date of the next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as 7pm, 4th October 2017

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20:28

Signed as a true record

Cllr. Greg Jones (Chairman)

Date: 4th October 2017