

# COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Dean Ruddle (SCC&SSDC), Stas Berkietta (Clerk), Helen Richardson

There were 9 members of the general public present.

**Public Participation** – Mr Les Taylor asked the question as to why Parish Council notices were no longer hung on the notice boards. The Chairman explained that although it is no longer required by law and that the notices are on the Village website and circulated by email, there had been no policy change. The issue was one of logistics due to the Clerk living in Yorkshire since August.

### 163.1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr Stephen Page (SSDC) sent his apologies.

### 163.2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. Geoff Walker declared an interest in agenda item 163.4(b)/2.

### 163.3 Minutes of the previous Meeting

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meetings held on 4th October 2017 and the Chairman signed them.

### 163.4 Planning

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

- 17/03558/FUL: Mr H. Thomas, The Beacon, Peak Lane, Compton Dundon, TA11 6NZ. Replacement of detached garage and annexe and modification to entrance. **APPLICATION PERMITTED.**
- 17/03292/FUL: Mr S. Baker, Clarendon House, Street Road, Compton Dundon, TA11 6PY. Part change of use of land, the erection of 1 No. dwelling and detached triple garage. **APPLICATION PERMITTED.**

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

- 17/03953/FUL: Mr & Mrs J and S Butten, Land at OS3663, Somerton Road, Compton Dundon, TA11 6NX. The erection of a building to be used partly for a chicken pen, WC and rest area, siting of 4No. polytunnels and access track.

Following extensive discussion regarding the business case and the rationale for the different buildings, their location and appearance in open countryside, the Council unanimously **RESOLVED NOT TO SUPPORT** the application due to the inclusion of the mobile home. The Council would like to see a more aesthetic approach to the needs defined for the mobile home.

- 17/03891/FUL: Mr D. Davis, Maismore, Compton Street, Compton Dundon, TA11 6PS. Proposed demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of a new 4 bedroom dwelling on land to the east of Maismore.

#### ► At this stage Cllr. Geoff Walker left the meeting

It was noted that the approved, outline planning application had been for a 1 1/2 storey, traditional build whereas the tabled application reflected a 3 storey very modern design. Following further discussion the Council unanimously **RESOLVED NOT TO OBJECT** to the application but requested that the applicant considers using more natural materials and a more toned down render colour.

#### ► Cllr. Geoff Walker rejoined the meeting

#### (c) Other planning consultation issues

The Chairman advised that the application 17/03926/DOC re: Decoy Farm was currently suspended.

### 163.5 Accounts.

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 30 October 2017		1,335.76
Less - Unpresented cheques: No. 001086 Village Hall		48.00
Plus - Uncleared lodgements:		0.00
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 30 October 2017		1,287.76
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 30 October 2017		46,573.06
Overall Bank Balance		<b>47,860.82</b>
Overall Ledger Book Balance		<b>47,860.82</b>

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

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Parish Magazine inv 2507	001090	122.63	0	N/A
SSDC Parish Ranger Sept inv 34117	001091	150.96	25.16	Y
Clerk salary & expenses CD153	001092	273.76	0	N/A
HMRC – Paye month 7/2017-18	001093	59.00	0	N/A
J Parry grass cutting	001094	250.00	0	N/A
B Green & Sons – Hedgecutting	001095	510.00	85.00	Y
Total value of cheques		<b>1,366.35</b>	110.16	
Transfer from BIA to Treasurer's Account	-	<b>3,000.00</b>		

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

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

Cllr Dean Ruddle (SCC and SSDC) reported that the District was losing three very senior experienced staff members including the Chief Planner. He advised that finance has been secured for the new school development in Somerton and talked about the Local Plan consultation. Cllr Ruddle also reported that the OFSTED report on SCC Care Services was due soon.

**(b) Report from District Councillors** – covered above.

**(c) Report of the Chairman**

1. The Chairman introduced Helen Richardson whom the Staffing Committee had selected as the new Clerk and RFO to the Council. Helen is currently Clerk to Clutton Council and intends to move into the area as soon as possible.

2. He reported on an email received from Angie regarding poppies and it was agreed to review the issue for implementation in 2018. Cllr. Thomas agreed to respond.

3. Cllr. Tiffany Kearton was asked to make arrangements for the Christmas Tree to be erected at The Cross on 10<sup>th</sup> December. It was agreed by the Council that the tree should be pprox.16ft and a budget of £160 was agreed.

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

**(e) Rights of Way report** – The Volunteers totally dismantled and repaired the footbridge at Meadway Hall.

**f) Report of the Village Hall Committee** – Report noted. Cllr. Geoff Walker asked whether the new, planned notice board could accommodate Parish Council notices. It was agreed that notices at the Meadway Hall probably had the highest hit rate but that boards were still required at The Cross, Dundon and Littleton.

**163.7 Highways Report**

(a) Road Closure – Notice regarding the closure had been received but since last year the Council has not had sight of the proposed work and are unsure whether it incorporates the “vanished” bus stop at Shepherds Close.

(b) Winter Service – The Clerk will notify SCC of the location of grit bins for the winter filling. Cllr. Greg Jones will collect the 10 grit bags allocated as reserves for councils.

(c) On Line Report – Brush clearing and roadside clearing work was identified on Ham Lane. Cllr. Diane Churches agreed to forward photos to the Clerk and the work would be scheduled for the Parish Ranger.

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

a. Discussion on the proposed Compton Dundon PC website redesign – The Clerk advised that a meeting had been arranged to discuss the final population of archive and reference files and to arrange training for the webmaster. It was expected that the site would be fully operational by December.

b. Update on the Bus Shelter project – Cllr. Geoff Walker gave an update on the project and requested authorisation of a payment of £250 to SCC as licence to dig alongside the highway. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the payment. The Clerk will complete the application form to transfer the adoption of the BT kiosk at The Cross from The Heartbeat Community Trust. The issue of power will then need to be resolved with BT.

c. Annual Safety Inspection of Meadway Hall Playground – It was **RESOLVED** that ROSPA as an independent service provider would be asked to do the annual safety inspection of the playground at Meadway Hall.

**163.9 Correspondence for information**

The following incoming correspondence was circulated to councillors: SSDC message re: review of Local Plan; SWP October briefing; SALC AGM reminder; Christmas refuse collection notice; Christmas tree recycling note; CCS Recruitment notice; CCS Hinkley Point consultation; Countryside Alliance Award nominations; Ilminster Play Area Inspection Training; Somerset Rivers Authority Half Yearly Progress Report; SCC October newsletter; Somerset Wildlife Trust emails; Rural Services Network (weekly e-mails, newsletters, notices); RSN seminar notice.

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

The following items were tabled for the December agenda:

- Review/Update of the Emergency Plan
- Draft Budget/Precept review
- Appointment of a member to the Planning sub-committee and a person as Environment Warden
- School Playing Field Project

**163.11 Date of the next meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as 7pm, 6 December 2017**

There being no further business the meeting ended at 21:10.

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

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017