

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Diane Churches, Tiffany Kearton(part), Hugh Thomas (Chairman) and Geoffrey Walker.

IN ATTENDANCE: Dean Ruddle (SCC&SSDC) Stephen Page (SSDC), Helen Richardson (Clerk), Stas Berkiet. There were 12 members of the general public present.

Public Participation – A representative from the Village Hall Committee asked the Parish Council to back revised plans to develop the playing fields. Plans, which now include a basketball net and outdoor table tennis table using the money raised in 2014, had been scaled back to reduce the need for further fundraising. The details of the proposal would be sent to the Parish Council to be considered at the next Parish Council meeting.

Residents trying to make an application for the vacant property in Home Field Close addressed the Parish Council asking for help as it was believed that the District Council and Housing Association were not following the S106 agreement. The Parish Council would contact the District Council for clarification.

A local farmer informed the Parish Council that his electric fences were being tampered with and that livestock are escaping as a result causing a potentially dangerous situation. It was suggested he report it to Farm Watch, and it should be reported in the newsletter.

164.1 Apologies for Absence - Cllrs Greg Jones, Stephen King, Christopher Swain sent their apologies.

164.2 Declarations of Interest - None

164.3 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st November 2017 and the Chairman signed them.

164.4 Planning

(a) Notifications of district council planning determinations

1. 17/03292/FUL. Mr Scott Baker, Clarendon Lodge, Street Road, Compton Dundon TA11 6PY. Part change of use of land, the erection of 1No.dwelling and detached triple garage. **APPLICATION PERMITTED with Conditions.**

(b) Responses to planning and legal consultations

1. 17/04330/LBC: Mr C Adams, Old Rectory Farm, Peak Lane, Compton Dundon. TA11 6PE. Ground Floor Toilet/Shower room. It was noted that the neighbour was in favour of the application and that the alterations were necessary for medical reasons. The council unanimously **RESOLVED TO SUPPORT** the application.

2. 17/04246/REM: Mr James Godden, Land Adjoining Woodland View, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon. The erection of a detached dwelling (Reserved matters). The applicant gave a brief description of the proposals and agreed that he would be using dark coloured roof tiles. The council unanimously **RESOLVED TO SUPPORT** the application as it would complement adjacent buildings.

3. 17/04312/FUL: Mr & Mrs Neale, Crosslands, Castlebrook Compton Dundon. TA11 6PP. Rear Two Storey extension and alterations. The council unanimously **RESOLVED TO SUPPORT** the application although it was noted that the extension was very large.

4. 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. (Additional Information). It was unanimously resolved that the Parish Council had **NO OBJECTION** to the positioning of the Polytunnels as described in this amendment, however the Council's previous comments seeking an alternative solution to the mobile home still stand.

5. 17/04204/FUL: Adrian Smith, Manor Farm Barns, Littleton. The erection of a cycle and bin store. The applicant outlined the proposals. The Parish Council unanimously **RESOLVED TO SUPPORT** the application.

(c). Other planning consultation issues

1. A member of public presented plans to develop 2 separate properties, for members of the same family, on the site of Wayside, Near Littleton. Plans were at the pre-application stage with the potential to offer some land in the form of Community Land Trust to provide an additional 2 affordable homes in the front of the property. The proposals were discussed by the Parish Council and it was noted that two homes would be preferable to 4 homes in that location due to the number of cars associated with 4 properties. There were still concerns about the access arrangements for two homes and complications when one of the families decides to sell up and move on. It was thought that the two homes should still be within the footprint of the original bungalow, due to be demolished. The site is big enough for two homes, but a house and annex configuration would be more acceptable than two separate homes

2. Cllr Christopher Swain was appointed to the planning sub-committee.

164.5 Accounts

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 4 December 2017		2,771.95
Less - Unpresented cheques: 100094 Grasscutting		250.00
Plus - Uncleared lodgements: Allotment rent		30.00
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 4 December 2017		2,551.95
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 4 December 2017		43,575.00
Overall Bank Balance		46,126.95
Overall Ledger Book Balance		46,126.95

Included in Treasurer's balance as stated above are the following debits:

(a) Direct Debit: - 27/11 Public Works Loan - £230.90

(b) Direct Debit: - 16/11 BT Line/Broadband - £45.36

(c) Direct Debit: - 30/11 Auto-enrolment - £13.20

(b) The following cheques were tabled for approval and signing and it was **RESOLVED** that all the payments and the inter account transfer be approved and the cheques signed.

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Parish Magazine inv 2599	001098	122.63	0	N/A
SSDC Parish Ranger Oct inv 34369	001099	150.96	25.16	Y
Rouse & Maple – website work	001100	385.00	0	N/A
Right of Way Grant	001101	240.00	0	N/A
Royal Mail PO Box annual fee	001102	318.00	53.00	Y
Village Hall Hire and licence 40, 42, 35a	001103	73.00	0	N/A
Clerk salary & expenses CD154	001104	294.85	0	N/A
Clerk salary & expenses CD155	001105	492.84	0	N/A
HMRC PAYE month 8	001106	170.80	0	N/A
Total value of cheques		2,248.08	78.16	
Transfer from BIA to Treasurer A/c	-	5,000.00		

(c) The first draft of the Budget for 2018-2019 was presented for consideration. Any changes to be put forward to the Clerk prior to the next meeting when the budget would be presented for approval.

164.6 Reports

- a) The County Councillor reported that the current Speed Indicator Device (SID) programme will be terminated as the equipment is coming to the end of its natural life. There are options for parishes to take on the scheme although the costs are likely to be prohibitive. Somerton may invest in some equipment and there could be an option for Parishes to join their scheme, but it was too early to give any details. Ofsted had completed their review of Childrens Services and the report would be published soon.
- b) The District Councillor reported that South Somerset DC was performing on target to meet key savings, and that they had purchased the leasehold of the M&S and Wilko Buildings as part of their Commercial Investment Policy. He has been chasing further information on the stalled housing development at Shepherds Close and the Local Plan is out for consultation.

► *Cllr. Tiffany Kearton left the meeting.*

- c) The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had been looking into the reported problems encountered by residents trying to register for the vacant property at Home Field Close already raised in Public Participation. It was confirmed that the Parish Council would contact the Corporate Housing Strategy Manager at South Somerset District Council to confirm that the S106 agreement was being followed.
- d) Report from the Police – Noted
- e) The Parish Council unanimously **RESOLVED TO APPROVE** the application for a grant of £240 for the Rights of Way Committee.
- f) The minutes of the Village Hall Committee had been received and noted.

164.7 To Receive and discuss Highways Issues

- a) **The missing bus stop TI004273 Stock Elms Cottages.** The County Councillor has made further enquiries regarding the missing bus stop and Officers are now claiming it is a 'stop and hail' bus stop and this would be communicated again to drivers. However, the County Councillor is still requesting that a pole is erected. The Parish Council agreed that a 'Stop and Hail' stop is not acceptable will still push for more physical measures.
- b) It was reported that the RCNSS9097 Temporary Road Closure (A3151) is no longer required.
- c) The On-line report update was noted.

164.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- a) It was reported that the new website was ready to go live and that it should be given a soft launch to make sure everything is working properly, followed by an announcement in the Newsletter.
- b) It was reported that the Bus Shelter Project was progressing. An application had been sent to Community Heartbeat to acquire the Phone Kiosk. Once Community Heartbeat informs BT, then it becomes the property of the Parish Council and the electricity can be disconnected. Once notification is received from BT an application will be sent to Western Power to disconnect the power, and an application for unmetered supply will to be sent to an electricity supplier. Once disconnected the Phone box can be removed, the Bus Shelter can be installed and the electricity reconnected. The Noticeboards will be removed and new ones installed as part of the Bus shelter.
- c) The review & update of the Emergency Plan was deferred until the January Meeting.
- d) Helen Richardson (Clerk) was appointed as Environment Warden
- e) The review of the School Playing Field Project was deferred until the January Meeting.
- f) The suggestion put forward by a resident for displaying large poppies November 2018 was discussed and £300 was put forward for the draft budget. An option of either the Parish Council purchasing and distributing the Poppies, or a grant given to group of residents to co-ordinate was considered. No decision was made, the project would be reviewed in July.

164.9 Correspondence for information

PCS Defibrillator for your community; SCC Guide to Winter Service; Civic Voice Big Conservation Conversation; BT Price increases; SWP – Quick Q; Marie Curie Press Release; SSCC Play inspection training, SAAA Notification of external audit appointments; SCF Surviving Winter; SCF Hinkley Point C Community Fund; CCF Thatch Winter Newsletter; Somerset Wildlife Trust; Rural Services Network (weekly e-mails, newsletters, notices); Hastoe Property Vacancy HOMCL008; Pact Meeting for Area North; SWP New Website.

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

The following items were tabled for the January agenda:

- Review/Update of the Emergency Plan
- Draft Budget/Precept review
- Village Hall Playing Field Project
- School Playing Field Project

164.11 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 3rd January 2018

There being no further business the meeting ended at 21:04pm.

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

Date: 3rd January 2018