

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 7th February 2018**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Dean Ruddle (SCC&SSDC) and Helen Richardson (Clerk),

There were 6 members of the general public present.

Public Participation – a member of public asked the Parish Council for help with regards to the recent allocation of the vacant property at Homefield Close as she still believed not been carried out in accordance with the S106 agreement. Despite assurances from the District Council, the Parish Council agreed to contact the SSDC Solicitor to ask them to look again at the S106 agreement specifically in relation to the definition or the local connection and underoccupancy.

166.1 Apologies for Absence-Stephen Page sent his apologies which were accepted.

166.2 Declarations of Interest – Greg Jones declared an interest 166.4b)1

166.3 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd January 2018 and the Chairman signed them.

166.4 Planning

a) Notifications of district council planning determinations

1. 17/04658/PDE: Mrs T Dombey, Castlebrook House, Castlebrook, Compton Dundon TA11 6PR. Proposed Rear Extension. PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT.
2. 17/04204/FUL: Adrian Smith, Manor Farm Barns, Littleton. TA11 6NP. The Erection of a cycle and bin store. PERMIT.
3. 17/03891/FUL: Mr D Davis, Maisemore, Compton Street, Compton Dundon. TA11 6PS. Proposed demolition of existing building and the erection of a new 4 Bedroom dwelling on land to the east of Maisemore. PERMIT with CONDITIONS.
4. 17/03501/FUL: Mr & Mrs Whitcombe, Decoy Farm, Peak Lane, Compton Dundon. TA11 6NZ. Partial Demolition of Farmyard and the erection of 4No Dwellings associated access, turning, parking, gardens, orchards and visibility splay improvements at Decoy Lane/Peak Lane junction. PERMIT with CONDITIONS.

b) Responses to planning and legal consultations

► *At this stage Cllr. Greg Jones left the meeting*

1. **18/00058/FUL. Mr G Jones, Compton Dundon Cricket Field, Hayes Road, Compton Dundon, TA116PF.** Erection of an equipment storage building. The Parish Council agreed to support the application as the Storage building is in line with the existing pavilion and it is a small structure and so there were no objection to the proposals.

► *Cllr. Greg Jones rejoined the meeting*

2. **18/00029/REM. Mr & Mrs Paul Riley. Land East of 9 Ham Lane, Compton Dundon. TA11 6PQ.** **Application for Reserved Matters following approval of 16/04312/OUT for the erection of 2 No dwellings to include details of access, appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.** The Parish Council agreed to OBJECT to these proposals which are considered too much of a diversion from the original proposals in the outline planning application for two 3-bedroom semi-detached properties offering modest and affordable accommodation (with no study). The footprint is too big for the plot and extends beyond the building line of the existing houses. There were also issues with some of the materials proposed.

c). Other planning consultation issues

1. **Pre-application discussion about potential development at Home Farm, Compton Dundon**
The planning agent presented initial thoughts of residential redevelopment at Home Farm with possible layouts and access arrangements. The Parish Council indicated that an element of smaller properties for the elderly looking to downsize would be welcomed to meet the anecdotal need in the village.
- 2) **Shepherds Close Development.** It was agreed that the Clerk would contact SSDC Chief Executive to see if anything could be done to speed up the development.

166.5 Accounts

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 24 th January 2018		4521.54
Less - Unpresented cheques:		0
Plus - Uncleared lodgements:		0
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 24 th January 2018		4521.54
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 24 th January 2018		39291.62
Overall Bank Balance		43813.16
Overall Ledger Book Balance		43813.16

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

(a) Direct Debit: - 16/1 BT Line/Broadband - £49.92

(b) Direct Debit: – 2/2 Auto-enrolment - £13.20

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

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Clerk salary & expenses CD157	001110	532.34	0	N/A
HMRC PAYE month 10	001111	97.40	0	N/A
Somerset Association of Local Councils Fee	001112	178.87	0	N/A
Parish Magazine Printing Feb Edition	001113	122.63	0	N/A
SSDC Ranger Labour July	001114	150.96	25.16	Y
J H Osborne – Christmas Tree	001115	170.00	0	N/A
Western Power Distribution	001116	725.32	120.89	Y
Total value of cheques		1977.52		

The above leaves a Treasurer's Account ledger balance of £2,544.02 and a Business Instant Access Account balance of £39,291.62 – Overall £41835.64 of which £15,800 is ring-fenced.

166.6 Reports

- The County Councillor urged residents to respond to the forthcoming library consultation as both Street Library and Somerton Library are under threat. Details at www.Somerset.gov.uk/librariesconsultation. He also reported that a new school had been confirmed for Somerton, to be built by 2020.
- The District Councillor sent his apologies.
- The Chairman had nothing extra to report
- Report from the Police – Noted
- It was reported that the Rights of Way Committee had taken down the Christmas Tree. It was noted that hedges had been cut back by the Parish Ranger, and the Clerk would request that the grips in Ham Lane were cleared.
- The Village Hall Committee minutes had been received and circulated.

166.7 Highways Issues

- The Parish Council had registered an interest with SDC in replacing the soon to be terminated Speed Indicator Device (SID) Programme, however agreed it would be preferable to purchase an SID for the village. The Clerk would put together a detailed list of associated costs, to include the unit, training, extra battery and insurance implications.
- The sunken road surface at Hayes Lane had been reported via fixmystreet.com and the response was very swift.

166.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- Following the discussion in Public Participation regarding Home Field Close it was agreed that the Parish Council would ask for further clarification on the process from the legal office at SSDC.
- The Parish Council had received the Play Area Inspection Report that had raised concerns about the sunken surface at the base of the flat swings. It was agreed that the Rights of Way group would fill in the sunken levels.
- The current advice on the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulations was considered.
- The revised proposals for the Village Hall Playing Fields would be considered at the April meeting.
- It was reported that the ownership of the phone kiosk had been transferred to the Parish Council and a quote had been provided by Western power for the disconnection and reconnection of the electrics. The license for the implementation of the bus shelter had been referred to transport for Somerset and the County Councillor was asked to chase their response. It was confirmed that the grant will roll over to the next financial year.

166.9 Correspondence for information

Somerset Film- January 2018;SSDC -Annual Town/Parish Council meeting; Environment Agency Flood Warning Newsletter; PCS-UK; The Local Government Boundary Commission Consultation; War memorial News; SSDC Langport service withdrawn; Buckingham Palace Garden Party; Updates from St Margarets Hospice; NHS Somerset Patient Engagement Weekly Bulletin; SDC Somerset Libraries Service Consultation; Somerset Waste Partnership; GDPR Data Protection Officer Service; Avon & Somerset Police Award Nominations; Somerset Community Foundation; Inside Government Housing Supply 2018; GBS Spring Clean; Big Things; Somerset Wildlife Trust Newsletters; Rural Services Network (weekly e-mails, newsletters, notices);

166.10 Councillors' requests for agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting included Home Field Close if we have received a response from the Legal Department.

166.10 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 7th March 2018

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20:38pm.

Signed as a true record

Cllr. Greg Jones (Chairman)

Date: 7th March 2018