

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: Stephen Page (SSDC) and Helen Richardson (Clerk),

There were 2 members of the general public present.

Public Participation – A resident raised concerns about the way Somerset County Council Highways Department recently dealt with the clearance of snow, leaving farms cut off, and perishable produce left to go to waste. Some grit bins had not been filled and the Peak Lane (Goose Lane) Grit bin was letting in water. He had been refused grit when he went to the depot and phoning the Highways dept had not been helpful.

The Parish Council agreed they should carry out an annual check of the grit bins each November and ensure they collected any grit from SCC when it was offered. They would also arrange for holes to be drilled into the bottom of the Churchill Grit bin to let any water drain as this had been successful at another location.

167.1 Apologies for Absence- Dean Ruddle (SCC&SSDC) sent his apologies which were accepted.

167.2 Declarations of Interest – Greg Jones declared an interest 167.4a)2

167.3 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th February 2018 and the Chairman signed them.

167.4 Planning

a) Notifications of district council planning determinations

1. 17/03953/FUL. Mr & Mrs J & S Butten, Land OS 3663 Somerton Road, Compton Dundon. The erection of a building to be used partly for a chicken pen, WC and rest area, siting of 4no Polytunnels and access track.

PERMITTED with Conditions

2. 18/00058/FUL. Mr Greg Jones, Compton Dundon Cricket Field, Hayes Road, Compton Dundon TA11 6PF. Erection of an equipment storage building. **PERMIT**

b) Responses to planning and legal consultations None Required

c). Other planning consultation issues. As a point of interest, the Parish Council received a report reviewing the comparing the location of planning applications given permission prior to 2013 with permissions given between 2013 – 2018 and noted that it showed an increased spread into Littleton and Dundon.

167.5 Accounts

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 23 rd February 2018		3206.22
Less - Unpresented cheques: Western Power		725.32
Plus - Uncleared lodgements:		0
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 23 rd February 2018		2480.90
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 23 rd February 2018		39293.19
Overall Bank Balance		41774.09
Overall Ledger Book Balance		41774.09

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

(a) Direct Debit: - 16/2 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 CD158	001117	430.35	0	N/A
HMRC PAYE month 10	001118	77.80	0	N/A
Parish Magazine Printing March Edition	001119	122.63	0	N/A
SSDC Ranger Labour Nov & Dec	001120	301.92	50.32	Y
Total value of cheques		932.70		
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The above leaves a Treasurer's Account ledger balance of £1,548.20 and a Business Instant Access Account balance of £39,293.19 - Overall : £40,841.39 of which £15,800 is ring-fenced.

167.6 Reports

a) The County Councillor sent his apologies, but also a note to say that he is chasing the licence for the Bus Shelter.

- b) Stephen Page (SSDC) reported that the recent transformation period is coming to a conclusion, having met their objections successfully of cutting costs without having to cut front line services, although there would be a rise in Council Tax in line with inflation. His next surgery would be held on the 24th March at the Full of Beans Café in Somerton. Stephen also shared the Parish Councils frustrations regarding the lack of progress at Shepherds Close.
- c) -The Chairman asked the Councilors to review the new Website before it is launched.
-The Chairman also raised a WW1 Arts project of silhouettes by 'There but not there' to represent the fallen of the Parish. It was agreed that contact should be made with the Church Wardens to ask if they would be interested in having one funded by the Parish Council.
-The Chairman also reported that there was some interest on the Village Facebook Page for an equestrian trail in the Parish, however it was suggested that to take this forward, those interested needed to form a group and approach the Parish Council for support.
- d) Report from the Police – Not received
- e) It was reported that the grips in Ham Lane had not yet been cleared, however the ROW group had cut back hedges at Lollover Hill. They still needed to fill in the dips at the base of the flat swings in the playground.
- f) The Village Hall Committee was due to meeting on the 8th March as their meeting had been postponed during the snow.

167.7 Highways Issues

- a) The Parish Council considered the costs related to owning and running their own Speed Indicator Device (SID) however it was agreed that the costs of over £4000 were too high to justify. It was agreed that the joint scheme with Somerset County Council (estimated costs £600 per year) should be revisited provided we can sign up for one year initially. Steve King or Dianne Churches to attend meeting on 14th March.
- b) An incidence of Fly tipping in Peak Lane was reported to South Somerset DC.

167.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- a) It was reported the Bus Shelter project could not proceed until the license was issued by SCC, which was being chased by the Clerk & Dean Ruddle
- b) SCC had asked the Parish Council for feedback on the TI004273 Stock Elms Cottages Scheme. A draft response had been circulated and additional comments would be incorporated into the response and submitted.

167.9 Correspondence for information – nothing of note

167.10 Councilors' requests for agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting included a further review of the Emergency Plan following the recent snow and the Strategic Housing Consultation.

167.11 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 4TH April 2018

There being no further business the meeting ended at 19.59pm.

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

Date: 4th April 2018