

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 6th June 2018**

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

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

There were 7 members of the general public present.

Public Participation –

170.1 Apologies for Absence- None

170.2 Declarations of Interest – Chris Swain & Greg Jones declared an interest in 170.4.b.1

170.3 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd May 2018 and the Chairman signed them.

170.4 Planning

a) Notifications of district council planning determinations. None

b) Responses to planning and legal Consultations.

1. 18/00657/FUL. Mrs Nicola Pole. Coombe Springs, Behind Town. The erection of an attached garage with ancillary living accommodation above and the erection of a single storey side extension.

>Chris Swain & Greg Jones left the room.

It was resolved that the Parish Council had **no objection** to this application. The extension was the same height as the existing home. The applicant was asked whether they would consider frosted glass in the bathroom as suggested on a comment submitted to SSDC, however it was explained that the window referred to was a bedroom window and placed further back than existing windows so frosted glass would not be appropriate.

>Chris Swain & Greg Jones returned to the meeting.

2. 18/01294/FUL. Mr & Mrs Haselwood. Land at Behind Town, Castlebrook. Erection of a two storey dwelling. A previously approved application permitted a single storey bungalow on this site, however this new application was for a two storey dwelling and the Parish Council agreed that the proposals would make the new building dominate the neighbouring bungalows. The Carbon neutral design was welcomed, but the Parish Council **resolved to OBJECT** to the plans in their current form, due to the concern over the height of the building and siting of the dwelling in relation to neighbouring properties. It was agreed that the location would be more acceptable if it was moved further South within the site and if the pitch of the roof was lowered.

3. 18/01386/REM. Finecut Developments Ltd. Application for reserved matters of Outline approval of 16/04312/OUT for the erection of 2 dwellings and formation of accesses. The Parish Council **resolved to STRONGLY OBJECT** to this application. Having indicated to the applicant at the April meeting what they would find acceptable, it was felt that the applicant had not taken the Parish Council's recommendations. They still objected to the box room upstairs in addition to the three bedrooms, and the footprint protruded beyond the neighbouring property at the back.

4. 18/01436/OUT. Mr GW & RJ Napper. Land at Trays Farm Street Road. Outline application for the erection of 2No. detached dwellings with some matters reserved. It was **resolved to OBJECT** to this application as three storey town houses would be out of character in the village setting and did not meet the need in the Village which anecdotally is for bungalows for the aging population. The new houses would be in the setting of the Old Tavern which is a listed building and there have been problems with flooding and sewerage in the corner of the field they are planning to develop. Access onto the busy road was also a concern.

5. 18/01017/FUL. Mrs Tracy Dombey. Castlebrook House, Castlebrook. Alterations change of use and conversion of existing garage/store into holiday let and the provision of a new vehicular access and associated parking. The Parish Council **resolved that they would NOT SUPPORT** this application in its current form. There were no concerns about the change of use and conversion of existing garage/store into a holiday let, however they could not see the need for creating a new access onto the B3151 resulting in the loss of hedgerow and increased risk by adding the new access. It was agreed that there was ample room to accommodate the additional cars in the existing driveway.

c) Other planning consultation issues. None

170.5 Accounts

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 31st May 2018			£ 2,821.00
Less - Unpresented cheques:			
Somerset Wildlife Fu	1126	£ 30.00	
Bridges Holland	1133	£ 210.00	
Wham	1135	£ 72.50	
			£ 312.50
Plus - Uncleared lodgements:			£ -
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 31st may 2018			£ 2,508.50
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 31st may 2018			£55,792.37
Overall Bank Balance			£58,300.87
Overall Ledger Book Balance			£58,300.87
Included in Treasurer's balance as stated above are the following debits:			
(a) Direct Debit: - 16/5 BT Line/Broadband - £49.92			
(b) Direct Debit: - 31/5 Auto-enrolment - £13.20			
(c) PWLB repayment - 25/5 - £230.90			

a) The following payments were approved.:

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Clerk salary & expenses CD161	1139	570.53	0	N/A
HMRC PAYE month 2	1140	78.20	0	N/A
Parish Magazine Printing June Edition	1141	130.28	0	N/A
Mr J Parry - Grass cutting 02	1142	250.00	0	N/A
SALC - Subscription	1143	186.90	0	N/A
G A Doble - Allotment maintenance	1144	420.00	70	y
Total value of cheques		1,065.38		
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The above leaves:				
Treasurers Account Ledger Balance of		£ 2,508.50		
less value of Cheques		£ 1,065.38		
plus value of Transfer		£ -		
		£ 1,443.12		
Business Instant Access Account Balance of		£ 55,792.37		
less value of Transfer		£ -		
		£ 55,792.37		
Overall		£ 57,235.49		of which 15800 is ringfenced

170.6 Reports

- a) The County Councillor reported that the library consultation was coming to an end and Somerton Library was at risk of closing. The SCC have secured £3.5 million from the government for Highways. It was reported that www.trafficchoices.co.uk was a useful website to address any highways issues, and the BBC have contacted SCC to help put a programme together on Adult Social Care which would be airing soon.
- b) the District Council reported that SSDC was still making savings and the staffing changes should be complete by the summer. The district council was receiving investment returns from property investment and as mentioned in the news initial discussions were taking place regarding a possible move to a unitary system. The district council also commented on the success of the flower show and Fete.
- c) -The Chairman reported that a request to complete a questionnaire on Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) had been received, however it was agreed that the issue was extremely complicated and that the Parish Council agreed not to complete the survey.
- It was reported that a resident and allotment holder had done some work on the access to the allotments at no charge to the Parish Council and that he should be formally thanked.
- d) The report from the police had been received and circulated.
- e) The Rights of Way Volunteers reported that they have put a bench by the petanque court and will be putting the Peak Lane finger post back in its upright position.
- f) The minutes of the Village Hall Committee meeting on 3rd May had been circulated, and it was reported that the Village Hall Committee had agreed to the placement of a Litter bin on the Village Hall Premises. The Clerk reported that SSDC will empty the bin on Village Hall Property, as long as they provide a letter giving SSDC permission to enter their land to empty the bin. TK to arrange. It was resolved that the Parish Council should go ahead and purchase the bin, to be installed by the ROW volunteers.

170.7 Highways Issues

- a) There was still concern about the speed of traffic through the Littleton Bends, A resident reported that using an unofficial speed gun he had recorded speeds of 50-55 mph regularly and even one car going at 85 mph. It was agreed a number of steps should be taken to put together a case for further measures.
 - A log of accidents should be recorded – any details should be sent to the clerk.
 - The site of one of the SID positions should be moved to give an official record of speeds in that area. (Littleton – Northbound on the long straight).
- b) Notification of the Public meeting regarding HGV traffic on the A361 and A39 had been received. The meeting will be held at Glastonbury Town Hall on Thursday 7th June at 7pm. Greg Jones and Steve King to attend.

170.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- a) The Parish Council were advised that SSDC would be happy to consider proposals for more dog bins in the Parish, however the proposed locations would be assessed over a few weeks by SSDC. If locations approved SSDC will install the bins (and invoice CDPC) to ensure they are in safe locations and at the right height for their operatives to empty them. The Cost would be £126.69 per bin and £50 for installation.
- b) The SSDC play area & youth facility inspection report was received. One fault identified was the soil sinking around the legs of the Flat Seat Swings and this would be addressed by the ROW Volunteers. There were a number of other items to monitor but no further action required.
- c) The Parish Council agreed to write to Viridor in support of Compton Dundon Cricket and a grant they have applied for to fund the building of an equipment store.

- d) It was agreed that the Parish Council would not reply to the survey from Barrowden PC regarding planning/building control functions.
- e) The Parish Council were very grateful to Stuart Champion for offering to cut the grass at the cross, but were still waiting for details of the proposed cost.
- f) The application for a grant towards the upkeep of the churchyard was approved as it was an important facility that benefits the wider community.
- g) The date of the Area North Annual Meeting with Town and Parish Councils will be the 26th June
- h) The deadline for the Somerset village of the year was approaching and it was agreed not to enter.
- i) The Parish Council approved the copy for the village directory, with the addition of the address and phone number for the Parish Council. The Clerk was asked to get quotes for printing on A3 folded card. An alternative quote for next year to include an additional sheet of card for advertising was also requested.

170.9 Report of ongoing projects/issues

- a) **Compton Commercials Development.** No further update
- b) **Home Field Close** -No further update
- c) **Purchase of School Playing Fields.** No further update
- d) **Speed Indicator Device (SID) Programme.** No Further update
- e) **Refilling of Grit Bins.** Still not filled continue to monitor
- f) **Equestrian Trail.** No further update

170.10 Request for a discussion for the acquisition of poppies was requested for the next meeting.

170.11 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 4th July 2018 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting ended at 21.07pm.

Signed as a true record

Cllr. Steve King (Chairman)

Date: 2nd May 2018