

COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 5th September 2018**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Dean Ruddle (SSDC & SCC), Stephen Page (SSDC) and Helen Richardson (Clerk), There were 2 members of the general public present.

Public Participation –

173.1 Apologies for Absence- None

173.2 Declarations of Interest –Greg Jones declared an interest in 173.5b). Hugh Thomas and Greg Jones declared and interest in 173.4 b)1)

173.3 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th July & 8th August 2018 and the Chairman signed them.

173.4 Planning

a) Notifications of district council planning determinations.

- 18/01294/FUL: Mr & Mrs Hazelwood. Land at Behind Town, Castlebrook, Compton Dundon. Erection of 2 storey dwelling. **APPLICATION PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS.**
- 18/00657/FUL: Mrs Nicola Pole. Coombe Springs, Behind Town, Compton Dundon. Erection of an attached garage with acillary living accommodation above and the erection of a single storey side extension. **APPLICATION PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS.**
- 18/02348/FUL: Mr Michael Berry. Redlands, Compton Street, Compton Dundon. The erection of a first floor side extension to dwelling. **APPLCIATION PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS**

b) Responses to planning and legal consultations:

- 18/02289/S73: Decoy Farm, Peak Lane, Compton Dundon. Section 73 application to amend condition 7 of planning application 17/03501/FUL to allow demolition prior to discharge of pre-commencement. The Parish Council resolved that they had **NO OBJECTION** to the proposed changes.

c). Other planning consultation issues. None

173.5 Accounts

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 22nd August 2018				£ 2,719.05
Less - Unpresented cheques:				
	SALC	1153	£ 30.00	
	HMRC	1156	£ 60.00	
	SALC	1159	£ 58.40	
				£ 148.40
Plus - Uncleared lodgements:				£ -
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at August 22nd 2018				£ 2,570.65
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at August 22nd 2018				£ 50,797.03
				£ 53,367.68
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Included in Treasurer's balance as stated above are the following debits:				
(a) Direct Debit: - 16/8 BT Line/Broadband - £69.02				
(b) Direct Debit: - 30/8 Auto-enrolment - £13.20				

(b) The following payments were approved:

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Clerk salary & expenses CD164		517.16	0	N/A
HMRC (PAYE month 5)		78.20	0	N/A
Mr J Parry - (Grass cutting 05)		250.00	0	N/A
Compton Dundon Cricket Club		500.00	0	N/A
sparkford (Bus Shelter 2nd Instalment)		5,076.00	846	Y
SSDC (Parish Ranger June & July)		301.92	50.32	Y
Parish Magazine Printing (Sept)		130.28	0	N/A
Total value of cheques		6,853.56		
Transfer from BIA to Treasurer's Account	-	7,000.00		

173.6 Reports

- a) Dean Ruddle confirmed that SCC would be meeting Tuesday 11th September to discuss immediate cuts to this year's revenue Budget. Services to be cut included Gritting, Hedge Cutting, Verge Cutting, CAB, Road Safety budget inc changes to Speed limits and road markings, Park & Ride, Bus Subsidies, Ditch Cleaning, Children's services and Adult Social Care. Some of these cuts will have a direct and visible impact on residents and the Parish Council and will need to be considered while preparing next year's PC budget. Dean will not be running his scheduled drop-in surgeries in Somerton, but will remain accessible to all those who seek his advice.
- b) Stephen Page reported that SSDC had appointed Val Keitch as the new leader of the Council. The income generation Programme had begun with the acquisition of the freehold of the M&S building. In planning, there is a shortfall in the five-year land supply, currently only a four-year supply. Street Scene are now offering MOT's to the public.
- c) The Chairman asked that the implications of the SCC cuts should be added to the agenda for the next meeting and an idea of costs that might fall to the Parish Council should be sought – ie grit, hedgecutting etc.
Reviewing the Safety report from the play park, damage was being caused by the grass cutting contractor strimming close to the wooden equipment. This should be raised with the contractor. The Chairman wanted it restated that residents proposing to submit a planning application engage in some form on initial, informal dialogue with the whole of the PC by way of pre-application advice.
- d) The report from the police had been received and circulated.
- e) The Rights of Way volunteers had not met due to bad weather and would be installing the noticeboard by the new bus shelter, and bin by the Village Hall. They would also look at the path by the pink Cottage which had collapsed.
- f) The Village Hall report from the August meeting had been circulated.

173.7 Highways Issues

- a) SSDC have asked the Parish Council to cut the hedge that runs along Moor Close. The Parish Council had previously paid for the hedge to be cut as a 'one off', however ownership of the hedge needs to be established before the Parish Council will commit to the on-going maintenance. If not owned by Yarlinton, it could be a resident of Hayes Lane. The Clerk would contact SSDC for any ownership information, if that is not fruitful the ownership details can be purchased from Land Registry.
- b) The Parish Council had been contacted with concerns about visibility at the Ham Lane Junction with the B3151. The situation has been resolved on one side as the vegetation has been cut back, however there are still grasses on the other side obstructing sightlines. TK would speak to the homeowner.
- c) Other Highways issues: An accident at Littleton bends and an accident at Marshalls Elm Junction were reported and recorded. The Parish Ranger was still working on areas that are not on her jobs list but had previously been requested as a one-off job. The Clerk would follow up and ask that the grips in Ham Lane are made a priority.

173.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- a) The discussion on the Youth Provision in the Parish was postponed as the Youth & Community officer had been unable to attend the meeting to brief the Parish Council.
- b) It was agreed that the Parish Council needed to produce an Action Plan for the next 5 years and Councillors should consider priorities and put forward ideas at next months meeting. Ideas from residents would also be welcomed.

173.9 Report of ongoing projects/issues

- a) **Compton Commercials Development.** No further update
- b) **Home Field Close** -No further update, Clerk to ask again for a response
- c) **Purchase of School Playing Fields.** No further update. Lease option to be explored.
- d) **Speed Indicator Device (SID) Programme.** A request has been made to move one of the sites to the Littleton bends. Officers are assessing locations. Clerk to get costs for some 30mph & 40 mph wheelie bin stickers and some neighbourhood watch stickers.
- e) **Refilling of Grit Bins.** Still not filled, grit is part of proposed cuts.
- f) **Equestrian Trail.** No further update
- g) **Bus Shelter Project.** Bus shelter is being installed. The Parish Council expressed their thanks to Geoff Walker who has managed the project, and Stephen King who restored the top of Village Noticeboard which will be reinstated on the bus shelter. The Parish Council agreed that suggestions would be invited for the name of the bus shelter and that it would be opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony.
- h) **New Bins/ Dog Bins.** New bin for Village Hall has been delivered and would be installed by the ROW volunteers. SSDC are assessing the two proposed sites for dig bins, the Cricket Club location had been approved, still assessing other location. Once agreed SSDC would invoice for supply and installation of bins.

171.10 There were no requests for agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting.

171.11 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 3rd October 2018 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20.25pm.

Signed as a true record
Cllr. Steve King (Chairman)

Date: 3rd October 2018