

COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Diane Churches, Tiffany Kearton, Stephen King (Chairman), Greg Jones, 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.

175.1 Apologies for Absence- None

175.2 Declarations of Interest –Greg Jones declared an interest in 175.5b).

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

It was reported that the proposal to set up an online village archive had been investigated and the setting up costs of about £6000 could be funded by a lottery heritage grant, but the Parish Council would need to fund ongoing annual hosting & Maintenance costs of about £400.

175.4 Planning

a) Notifications of district council planning determinations: None

b) Responses to planning and legal consultations: None

c). Other planning consultation issues. 18/03382/AGN: Land OS 1500, Hayes Road. Notification of intent to erect an agricultural storage building. Comments are not invited for this type of application and it was agreed that there was no need for the Parish Council to submit a comment.

175.5 Accounts

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

a) Report on bank accounts:			
Treasurers A/C Statement at 30th October 2018			£ 758.63
Less - Unpresented cheques: none			
			£ -
Plus - Uncleared lodgements:			£ -
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 30th October 2018			£ 758.63
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 30th October 2018			£ 43,803.21
Overall Bank Balance			£ 44,561.84
Overall Ledger Book Balance			£ 44,561.84
Included in Treasurer's balance as stated above are the following debits:			
(a) Direct Debit: - 16/10 BT Line/Broadband - £70.20			
(b) Direct Debit: - 30/10 Auto-enrolment - £13.20			

(b) The following payments were approved:

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Clerk salary & expenses CD166	1175	427.18	0	N/A
HMRC (PAYE month 7)	1176	58.40	0	N/A
Mr J Parry - (Grass cutting 07)	1177	250.00	0	N/A
Parish Magazine Printing (Nov)	1178	130.28	0	N/A
Salt Express	1179	156.00	26	Y
SSDC(Parish Ranger August & September)	1180	301.92	50.32	Y
Western Power Distribution (Bus Shelter reconnection)	1181	512.22	85.37	Y
SALC (Councillor essentials training)	1182	25.00	0	N/A
Champion Services	1183	25.00	0	N/A
SLCC	1184	84.00	0	N/A
ALCC	1185	30.00	0	N/A
St Andrews Church - event grant (Minute 174.8b)	1186	450.00	0	N/A
Reimburse H Richardson - £177.70 -see below				
30 Large Poppies (Royal British Legion)	1187	120.00	0	N/A
Wheelie Bin Stickers	1187	53.70	0	N/A
Land Registry	1187	4.00	0	N/A
Total value of cheques		2,627.70		
Transfer from BIA to Treasurer's Account		5,000.00		

c) The first draft of the 2019-20 budget was discussed, and some changes made, Councillors will look at draft 1 in detail and make further comments to the Clerk for preparation of draft 2.

175.6 Reports

- a) Dean Ruddle confirmed that mobile SID program proposed by SCC was not going ahead as they could not fund the member of staff needed to run it. Some parish councils were instead collaborating to provide a shared mobile SID.
The government will be providing an addition £9 million to the County Council, however a further £18 million savings need to be made.
- b) Stephen Page reported that SSDC will soon be giving update on the transformation program which is now underway. His next surgery is on Saturday 17th November at the full of Beans Café in Somerton.
- c) The Chairman congratulated Greg Jones who had attended the SCC's Chairman's award ceremony, where he had received Chairman's Award for Service to the Community.
The Chairman also commended the Village newsletter which is full of useful information and events.
- d) The report from the police had been received and circulated which had included a break in at the toilets in the cricket pavilion.
- e) it was reported that the Rights of Way volunteers hadn't met this month due to bad weather, but would be looking at styles in need of repair and are due to install the bin at the village hall shortly.
- f) The Village Hall report from the October meeting had been circulated.

175.7 Highways Issues

- a) It was reported that an update from SCC had been received and circulated regarding cuts to the Winter Service.
- b) It was reported that the land registry searches on the land next to the overgrown hedge on Moor Close, showed that the adjacent land was unregistered, however the residents of Moor Close have cut the hedge and the District Council (Chris Cooper) had taken away the debris.
- c) A traffic engineer from Somerset County Council responded to concerns about the speed of traffic through the Littleton bends. The Speed limit was reduced between Littleton and Compton Dundon from 50 mph to 40 mph following a recent SIS submission by Dean Ruddle (County Councillor), and suggested that further enquiries should be directed to Dean and the SIS team. It was noted that SIS team had no funds for any further improvements.
The mobile Police camera had recently been stationed in Littleton and the Parish Council would request that it would revisit regularly.
The Parish Council would also look into funding an SID to be positioned in Littleton and would Contact Dobles to see if their employees are Chapter 8 trained and would therefore be able to assist with moving the devices. The cost could be spread over two years to reduce the impact on the precept.

175.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- a) The Clerk would source a Christmas Tree supplier for a 16 ft tree. The Chairman would contact the landowners of the site for the Christmas Tree to ask permission for this year's tree to be erected.
- b) It was agreed that the Parish Council would not apply for the renewal of the Community Right to Bid for the old school playing fields which has expired after the initial 5-year period.
- c) The Parish Council agreed to proceed with the 7-year lease of the old school playing fields, depending on the rent and cost of legal fees. Request that the lease can include option to buy and establish access to land as the gates maybe locked. The future use for the land is still to be decided.
- d) Discussions to purchase new play equipment on the Village Hall Playing fields are ongoing. A working party was formed to discuss in detail and report back.

175.9 Report of ongoing projects/issues

- a) **Compton Commercials Development.** No further update
- b) **Home Field Close** -The head of Strategic housing has left SSDC and the legal team have still not responded, It was agreed that the clerk would write to the Chief Executive.
- c) **Purchase of School Playing Fields.** 99-year lease not possible, maximum 7 year lease offered – see 175.8c)
- d) **Speed Indicator Device (SID) Programme & Littleton Road Safety Concerns.** SID programme cancelled - See 175.7c)
- e) **Refilling of Grit Bins.** Grit now delivered ready for distribution to grit bins.
- f) **Equestrian Trail.** No further update
- g) **Bus Shelter Project.** Internal electrical works have been completed, awaiting reconnection of electrical supply by Western Power.
- h) **New Bins/ Dog Bins.** New bin for Village Hall has been delivered and will be installed by the ROW volunteers. SSDC have installed dog bins at the Cricket Club and one at Behind Town Lane and will invoice the Parish Council

175.10 There were no items put forward for the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

175.11 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 5th December 2018 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20.50pm.

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

Date: 5th December 2018