

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 December 2018**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Diane Churches, 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 5 members of the general public present.

176.1 Apologies for Absence- Tiffany Kearton,

176.2 Declarations of Interest –Greg Jones declared an interest in 176.4bii).

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

176.4 Planning

a) Notifications of district council planning determinations: None

b) Responses to planning and legal consultations:

i)18/3325/OUT:Land Adj Albacore Villa, Hayes Road, Compton Dundon. Outline application for the erection of No2 semi-detached dwellings. The Parish Council **resolved that they had NO OBJECTION** to this application. This infill development is replacing existing unused buildings and 02 semi-detached homes on this site could provide homes to young families or people wishing to down-size but stay in the village.

ii)18/3311/FUL: Mullions, Compton Street, Compton Dundon. Erection of a detached dwelling with associated drive & access. The Parish Council **resolved to OBJECT** to this application. They agreed that this should not be considered infill, it created overshadowing and loss of privacy for neighbouring homes, there would be a substantial loss of trees and the proposals are too big for the site. It was agreed that this site is not suitable for development in any form. The Parish council was disappointed that the applicant did not attend the meeting.

c). Other planning consultation issues: None

176.5 Accounts

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 29th November 2018			£ 3,111.63
Less - Unpresented cheques: SALC		£ 25.00	
Salt Express		£ 156.00	
SLCC		£ 84.00	
ALCC		£ 30.00	
			£ 295.00
Plus - Uncleared lodgements:			£ -
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 29th November 2018			£ 2,816.63
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 29th November 2018			£ 41,009.62
			Overall Bank Balance
			£ 43,826.25
			Overall Ledger Book Balance
			£ 43,826.25
Included in Treasurer's balance as stated above are the following debits:			
(a) Direct Debit: - 16/11 BT Line/Broadband - £70.20			
(b) Direct Debit: - 29/11 Auto-enrolment - £13.20			
(c) Direct Debit: - 26/11 PWLB - £230.90			

(b) The following payments were approved:

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Clerk salary & expenses CD167	1188	543.82	0	N/A
HMRC (PAYE month 8)	1189	78.20	0	N/A
Parish Magazine Printing (Dec) - awaiting invoice	1190	130.28	0	N/A
J P White - Premier Christmas Trees	1191	125.00	0	N/A
SSDC (Supply & fit dog waste bins)	1192	424.06	70.68	Y
JPH Electrical (Bus Shelter electrics)	1193	490.76	0	N/A
B Green & Sons	1194	522.00	87	Y
Compton Dundon Village Hall	1195	48.00	0	N/A
Total value of cheques		2,362.12		
Transfer from BIA to Treasurer's Account		3,000.00		

It was agreed to authorise £48 rent to the Village Hall as an invoice was due, but not received and it was agreed to terminate the PO Box number account.

c) The second draft of the 2019-20 budget was discussed, and some changes made, and the Clerk would circulate the updated draft for approval at the next meeting.

176.6 Reports

- a) Dean Ruddle reported that the £10 million Capitol Program had been approved.
- b) Stephen Page reported that SSDC had just gone through an independent audit and had received a good report. The target for Strategic housing has only been met twice in the last 12 years, putting the 5 year development plan at risk. His next surgery is Saturday 17th December at the full of Beans Café.
- c) The Chairman had received a letter of thanks from the Church for the grant towards the Big Breakfast. The Chairman extended his thanks to the rights of way volunteers who frequently do more than expected of them.
It was agreed that an audit should be carried out of the position of all the Finger posts in the Parish and that the Clerk should contact Street PC regarding their recent letter to establish the level of support they are offering.
The Chairman also emphasized that planning visits should be carried out in groups and lone visits should be avoided.
- d) The report from the police had been received and circulated
- e) it was reported that the Rights of Way volunteers had looked at the collapsed path by the pink house and suggested that it would be better to cut the hedge to give access along the path, rather than try to reconstruct the footpath.
- f) The Village Hall report from the November meeting had been circulated.

176.7 Highways Issues

- a) It was reported that an update from SCC had been received and they would now be providing grit for the grit bins, however they only had two bins noted in our Parish. The Clerk reported that she has asked them to update their records as there are grit four bins in the Parish.
- b) It was reported that the Temporary Road Closure of Sub Road Butleigh has now been postponed to February
- c) The Wheelie bin Stickers depicting 30 mph and 40 mph were being distributed. A request had been sent to the police for more frequent visits to the B3151, and whether they were able to share any speed data collected. The Parish Council are proposing to fund a Speed Indicator Device to be positioned on the B3151 through Littleton.
- d) The Parish Council approved expenditure to repair the pot holes on Middle Drove. SSDC to provide 20 tonnes of planings free of charge, Dobles to place them for an approximate cost of £400.

176.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- a) The Play Equipment Working group had met to discuss the proposed new table tennis and Basket Ball Equipment. It was reiterated that the Parish Council cannot purchase the equipment on behalf of the Village Hall. The Clerk has been advised that as the money was raised as the result of fundraising this is public money and can therefore be given to the Parish Council to administer. Any equipment purchased will then remain the responsibility of the Parish Council and recorded on the asset register.
- b) The Parish Council considered the grass cutting tender for 2019-20 and agreed to award the contract to Will Austin, this was based on the price and the flexibility demonstrated in his approach to the bid.
- c) The Parish Council approved the expenditure of £360 per year for the Village online archive project and following and announcement in the Parish Magazine, 4 people have registered an interest to form a working group to take this forward. The Parish Council will no longer fund the comptondundon.com website and so discussions are needed with the Village Hall regarding the content. (SK)
- d) It was agreed that Chris Swain will complete the Somerset CC Parish Paths Consultation on behalf of the Parish Council.
- e) It was agreed that the Parish Council will not be using the SSDC Christmas Tree recycling service.
- f) The Parish Council received the notice of the SALC AGM to be held on Tuesday the 18th December. Greg Jones would attend.
- g) The Parish Council approved expenditure for the preparation of ground to stand a bin at the Cross.

176.9 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, Letter sent to Chief Exec for an update – Awaiting response.
- c) **Purchase of School Playing Fields.** 7 year lease requested – awaiting response
- d) **Speed Indicator Device (SID) Programme & Littleton Road Safety Concerns.** Parish Council looking into funding own SID.
- e) **Refilling of Grit Bins.** Awaiting SSDC to refill.
- f) **Equestrian Trail.** No further update
- g) **Bus Shelter Project.** Western Power are due to complete the connection, awaiting final invoices before submitting request for grant.
- h) **New Bins/ Dog Bins.** New bin for Village Hall has been delivered and will be installed by the ROW volunteers.

176.10 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 2nd January 2019 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting ended at 21.15pm.

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

Date: 2nd January 2019