

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 6th February 2019**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Dean Ruddle (SSDC & SCC). Stephen Page (SSDC) and Helen Richardson (Clerk), There were 3 members of the general public present.

Public Participation: The Planning agent for 178.4bi) spoke in support of the application.

A resident reported that there was water lying on the road in Littleton and that attention should be directed towards road safety at Marshall Elm.

178.1 Apologies for Absence- none

178.2 Declarations of Interest –Geoff Walker & Hugh Thomas declared an interest in 178.4bii).

178.3 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd January 2019 and the Chairman signed them.

178.4 Planning

a) Notifications of district council planning determinations:

i) 18/03674/S73A: Swallow Barn, Somerton Road, Compton Dundon: Section 73 application for the removal of condition 2 of permission 01/02330/FUL (Conversion of barn to form annexe/holiday accommodation) relating to the occupancy restriction. PERMITTED with CONDITIONS

b) Responses to planning and legal consultations:

i) 19/00045/OUT.Land at OS 9258 South of Castlebrook, Compton Dundon. Outline application for residential development with some matters reserved except access.

The Parish council agreed to OBJECT to this application in its current form. The site is located outside of the current 30pmh limit, and could set a precedent for extending development into open countryside and there is concern about highways safety on this stretch of road. The main concern was the size of the proposed dwellings. The Parish Council would be more supportive of smaller dwellings/bungalows which would allow older residents to downsize and remain in the village. The Parish Council did appreciate the applicant attending the meeting and making time for a site visit prior to the meeting.

ii) 19/00072/COL: Land at Middlehayes, Hayes Lane. Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of land, stationing of a caravan on land for residential occupation. The Parish Council agreed that they have NO OBJECTION to this application.

iii) 19/00276/S73: Land at Behind Town, Castlebrook, Compton Dundon. Application to vary Condition 2 (approved plans) and 7 (Windows) of approval 18/01294/FUL dated 10th August 2018. The Parish Council agreed they have NO OBJECTION to this application.

c). Other planning consultation issues: None

178.5 Accounts

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 30/1/19			£ 5,025.41
Less - Unpresented cheques:		£ -	
			£ -
Plus - Uncleared lodgements:			
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 30th January 2019			£ 5,025.41
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 30th January 2019			£38,012.93
Overall Bank Balance			£43,038.34
Overall Ledger Book Balance			£43,038.34
Included in Treasurer's balance as stated above are the following debits:			
(a) Direct Debit: - 18/1/19 BT Line/Broadband - £70.20			
(b) Direct Debit: - 2/2 Auto-enrolment - £13.20			

(b) The following payments were approved:

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Clerk salary & expenses CD169		515.40	0	N/A
HMRC (PAYE month 10)		78.20	0	N/A
Parish Magazine Printing (jan)		130.28	0	N/A
SSDC (Parish Ranger Oct - Nov)		301.92	50.32	Y
SSDC (Parish Ranger Dec)		150.96	25.16	y
Total value of cheques		1,176.76		

178.6 Reports

- a) It was reported that SCC's highways Small Improvement Scheme (SIS) would be reintroduced on a smaller scale and that SCC are forecasting a million-pound underspend.
- b) It was reported that as part of SSDC's transformation project they would be migrating to a new IT system later this month. Residents were being encouraged to communicate with the district council digitally and to give feedback so that any teething problems could be overcome. Stephen Page would be holding his next surgery on 23rd February in Somerton Library.
- c) The Chairman reported that the flashing bend sign was being repaired, even though it appeared to have been vandalised. SCC had agreed to pay for the repair even though it would not be covered by its warranty. Three more accidents had been reported on the B3151 and recorded by the Clerk. The Chair had placed an article in the Parish Magazine encouraging residents to engage in pre planning consultation with the Parish Council prior to submitting a planning application.
- d) The report from the police was given in person. It was reported that statistically the Parish is reasonably quiet, the main issue is speed enforcement. Community Speedwatch is not really an option as there is nowhere safe to stand. It was requested again that the mobile speed unit visits the Littleton End more regularly, to deter speeding.
There had been some vandalism at the Village Hall causing damage to the guttering and the CCTV Camera. It was reiterated that every incident should be reported so that the beat team are made aware of all incidents and can organise their rounds accordingly.
- e) It was reported that the Rights of Way volunteers had taken down the Christmas Tree, they had cut the hedge to clear the path by the Pink Cottage and had secured the sign at Drove Lane.
- f) The Village Hall report from December had been circulated.

178.7 Highways Issues

- a) Flooding in Littleton was reported.

178.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- a) It was agreed to take part in the Great British Spring Clean on Sunday 14th April. The District Council will provide litter pickers, hi vis tops, and bin bags. Residents are welcome to join the Rights of Way volunteers for a village Clean up.
- b) Following a letter from a resident regarding the poor Broadband provision in the Parish it was agreed that the clerk would contact Truespeed to see if they could offer a solution.
- c) It was agreed to approve a grant of £200 for the Somerton Library Trust towards the running of the Library in Somerton.
- d) The Parish Council considered a grant request from the Cheddon Fitzpane Parish council towards their Somerset Wood project, as a lasting memorial to those who fought and fell in the First World War. The grant was not approved, but a proposal to plant some trees within the Parish would be discussed at the next meeting.
- e) The Parish Council approved a grant of £30 towards Yeovil Shopmobility.
- f) It was agreed to proceed with the arrangements for the unmetered electricity supply for the sensor light in the bus shelter. Unmetered Supply would be based on a dusk to dawn 10Watt light as recommended by Western Power as the cheapest way to accommodate low useage.

178.9 Report of ongoing projects/issues

- a) **Compton Commercials Development.** No further update
- b) **Lease of School Playing Fields.** 7 year lease requested – awaiting response, it was reported that OFSTED have carried out a pre-registration inspection report for an independent special school proposing to open in the old Compton Dundon School. The Clerk will contact SCC to confirm how that will effect the Parish Councils plans to Lease the playing fields.
- c) **Speed Indicator Device (SID) Programme & Littleton Road Safety Concerns.** Parish Council looking into funding own SID.
- d) **Refilling of Grit Bins.** Awaiting SSDC to refill - then remove item.
- e) **Equestrian Trail.** No further update – Remove item.
- f) **Bus Shelter Project.** Thanks extended to Geoff Walker for managing the project- now complete. Grant has been received. It was reported that the costs came as per budget. – Unmetered supply to be arranged and then remove item.
- g) **New Bins/ Dog Bins.** New bin for Village Hall has been delivered and will be installed by the ROW volunteers, then remove item.
- h) **New play equipment project.** Received costings for surface.

178.10 Items put forward for the next meeting: Memorial Trees, defibrillator, and digital village website

178.11 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 6th March 2019 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20.42pm.

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

Date: 6th March 2019