

COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Helen Richardson (Clerk),

There were 5 members of the general public present.

Public Participation: The Planning agent for 19/0045/OUT: Land at OS 9258 South of Castlebook, which was discussed last meeting 178.4bi) and has since been withdrawn, presented indicative drawings for an amended proposal for the Councilors to consider pre-application. The proposed houses had been sited further back from the main road and instead of 4no 4bed detached homes the proposals included 2no 4bed detached homes, and 4no 2 bed semi-detached homes to address the reported need for smaller dwellings. This was seen as an improvement by councilors although the inclusion of some 3 bed homes would be preferred. The access had also changed and visible splays were within required guidelines. The Parish Council commented that they viewed this proposal more favourably than the previous designs.

The applicants in planning application 19/00128/FUL. Redlake Trout Farm explained the need for additional fishing/holiday lodges to meet demand. Currently have 3 lodges and wish to expand as the business is going so well. The new lodges will be slightly smaller 1-bedroom lodges.

A resident asked the Parish Council to support the Reimagining the Levels project and encourage tree planting through the Parish.

179.1 Apologies for Absence- Tiffany Kearton, Dean Ruddle (SSDC & SCC) and Stephen Page (SSDC)

179.2 Declarations of Interest –Greg Jones 179.5b – approval of payments.

179.3 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6th February 2019 and the Chairman signed them.

179.4 Planning

a) Notifications of district council planning determinations:

i) 18/03325/OUT. Land Adj Albacore Villa, Hayes Road, Compton Dundon. Outline application for the erection of No 2 Semi-detached dwellings. PERMITTED with CONDITIONS

b) Responses to planning and legal consultations:

i) 19/00128/FUL. Redlake Trout Farm, Littleton TA11 6NS. Erection of 6No Fisherman / Holiday Lodges. The Parish Council agreed to fully support the application and were pleased that this local business is going so well.

ii) 18/03998/HOU & 18/03999/LBC: Redland Farmhouse, Somerton Road, Compton Dundon. TA11 6NS. Demolition of Workshop/store, and replace with Garage/Store outbuildings. The Parish Council had no objection to this application in principle, although concerns were raised over the new access arrangements, that will involve driving over the existing Public Right of Way, with the potential for further damage to the surface.

c). Other planning consultation issues: None

179.5 Accounts

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 28/2/19			£ 3,765.25
Less - Unpresented cheques:		£ -	
			£ -
Plus - Uncleared lodgements:			
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 30th January 2019			£ 3,765.25
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 28th February 2019			£ 47,159.70
Overall Bank Balance			£ 50,924.95
Overall Ledger Book Balance			£ 50,924.95
Included in Treasurer's balance as stated above are the following debits:			
(a) Direct Debit: - 16/2/19 BT Line/Broadband - £70.20			
(b) Direct Debit: - 28/2 Auto-enrolment - £13.20			

(b) The following payments were approved:

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Clerk salary & expenses CD170		435.97	0	N/A
HMRC (PAYE month 11)		58.40	0	N/A
Parish Magazine Printing (Mar)		134.18	0	N/A
SSDC (Parish Ranger Jan-mar)		452.88	75.48	Y
Somerton Library Trust		200.00	0	N/A
Yeovil Shopmobility		30.00	0	N/A
Total value of cheques		1,311.43		

179.6 Reports

- a) The County Councillor sent his apologies
- b) The District Councillor sent his apologies
- c) The Chairman asked Greg Jones to give a briefing on the forthcoming elections and requirement of the nomination form. Nomination Forms for anyone wishing to stand for election are available from the Clerk.
The Chairman reported that the next Village Walk would be held on Thursday 14th March (Not the normal Sunday)
The Chairman expressed thanks to the Rights of Way volunteers who had made the path by the pink house useable again by cutting back the hedge.
- d) The report from the police was given in person. There was nothing specific to report, however the PC was able to give advice on action that could be taken if a vehicle is thought to be blocking a pedestrian right of way.
- e) It was reported that the Rights of Way volunteers would be installing the bin in the Village Hall Car Park this Sunday.
- f) The Village Hall report from January & February had been circulated.

179.7 Highways Issues

- a) The Parish Council had received a complaint about parking in Ham Lane and agreed that before taking official action, the issue would be explained to the owners of the vehicle to see if an alternative solution could be found.
- b) The Unauthorised business activity and associated traffic in Hayes Road had been reported to SSDC who had asked if residents could keep a log of any activity witnessed. The forms would be forwarded.

179.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- a) The date of the Annual Village Meeting and Annual meeting of the Parish Council was confirmed as THURSDAY 9th May, to fall within the required period following the elections on May 2nd. The Annual village Meeting will start at 6.30pm and the Annual meeting of the Parish Council will follow at 7pm. The Clerk will send out invitations.
- b) The draft bid to the Heritage Fund to finance the Village Digital Archive will be circulated to councillors to be approved at the next meeting,
- c) The Parish Council agreed that a site should be found 9 memorial trees in memory of lives lost in the First and Second World Wars. The Village Hall Committee would be approached.
- d) The Parish Council agreed to support the installation of a defibrillator in the Village. It was agreed that a request would be made to the Village Hall Committee to ask if they would agree in principle, to one being sited on the outside of the Village Hall.
- e) The Parish Council reviewed the quarterly inspection of the Play area. The ROW volunteers would fill the sunken ground around the swings.
- f) It was reported that the clerk had registered the unmetered supply for the Bus shelter with EON and was waiting for charging details. The operator had confirmed that it should be about £10 per year.

179.9 Report of ongoing projects/issues

- a) **Compton Commercials Development.** No further update
- b) **Lease of School Playing Fields.** 7-year lease requested – the clerk confirmed that the new school had not approached the Council regarding the playing field and so should not affect our request to lease the field.
- c) **Speed Indicator Device (SID) & Littleton Road Safety Concerns.** The Clerk would circulate quotes to Councillors
- d) **New Bins/ Dog Bins.** New bin for Village Hall has been delivered, new bin for bus shelter had been ordered. Both will be installed by the ROW volunteers, then remove item.
- e) **New play equipment project.** Ready to proceed.

179.10 Items put forward for the next meeting: Broadband, Community Tree planting project, add Memorial Trees to ongoing projects.,

179.11 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 3rd April 2019 at 7pm

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

Signed as a true record

Cllr. Steve King (Chairman)

Date: 3rd April 2019