

## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Helen Richardson (Clerk),

There were 16 members of the general public present.

**Presentation from Truespeed:** Tony Najdoski, Community Engagement Manager gave an introduction to Truespeed, a broadband provider installing guaranteed 200mb/s, fibre to the property. The service is demand led and so requires a third of the parish to commit to the service before they install the network. Currently installing the other side of Street and so it will be at least 12 months before they would reach this parish. More information on [www.truespeed.com](http://www.truespeed.com). They will be arranging a community event in the Parish soon.

### **Public Participation:**

A resident requested support from the Parish Council to ensure planning conditions were met. Specifically, 17/03953/FUL, the condition to clad a static caravan was issued in May (to be done within 3 months) and has still not been carried out. The Parish Council agreed to write to the District Council.

A resident asked for the Parish Councils support for proposals to improve the broadband provision throughout the Parish.

The applicant for 19/0595/FUL, Clarendon Lodge explained the need for the new dwelling to accommodate family, and the house would improve the brownfield site using the same footprint.

The planning agent for 19/00775/FUL Home Farm explained how the application had changed from the proposals at the preapplication stage.

A resident commented on 19/00775/FUL, requesting a bat survey. The resident also thought that 6 new dwellings were acceptable, but 8 dwellings would overdevelop the site. The resident requested sensitivity as Plot 7 was too close to her property and was concerned they would be overlooked. The resident noted there were 2 parking spaces per property and so no provision for visitor parking.

The planning agent for 180.4c)i)requested a pre-application consultation for 2 dwellings at New Church Farm following demolition of the dutch barn and store.

**180.1 Apologies for Absence-** Dean Ruddle (SSDC & SCC) and Stephen Page (SSDC)

**180.2 Declarations of Interest** –Geoff Walker 180.4biii: Home Farm & Greg Jones 180.5b:approval of payments.

**180.3** It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and the Chairman signed them.

### **180.4 Planning**

#### **a) Notifications of district council planning determinations:**

i) 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. APPROVED with Conditions.

#### **b) Responses to planning and legal consultations:**

i) 19/00595/FUL Clarendon Lodge, Street Road, Compton Dundon. Demolition of large garage & workshop and construction of a new detached dwelling on the same footprint. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** to **SUPPORT** this application as the new dwelling was on the same footprint as the previous buildings. Some concern was raised about parking and access, but this was more to do with the increasing amount of traffic using the hairdressers next door.

ii) 19/00735/PAMB OS 7314, Street Road Compton Dundon. Notification for prior approval for the change of use of existing agricultural building to 1 No. dwelling. (Comments not invited). The Parish Council **RESOLVED** not to comment.

➤ Cllr Geoff Walker left the room

iii) 19/00775/FUL Home Farm, Compton Street, Compton Dundon. Demolition of existing agricultural buildings and the erection of 8 dwellings &garages and the creation of an associated new access and driveway. The Parish Council **RESOLVED** that they do **NOT SUPPORT** this proposal in its current form although they do support development of this site in principle. Reducing the size of the properties on plots 7&8 would improve the mix of dwelling type and reduce the impact of the development on the neighbours.

➤ Cllr Geoff Walker returned to the meeting

#### **c). Other planning consultation issues:**

i) Pre application consultation for New church Farm, School Lane for the demolition of the existing Dutch barn and adjacent store building and the erection of two detached dwellings.  
Proposals were presented to the Parish Council and they had no objection to the plans.

ii) Pre application consultation for Wayside, Littleton.

Draft proposals were presented for 8 dwellings on the site which currently accommodates a dilapidated bungalow and a number of outhouses.

The Parish Council were supportive of plans to provide 8 homes to serve local needs, but suggested that more 3 bedroom homes would be welcomed in the housing mix. The site is remote so there would be a reliance on cars which should be taken into account. Unusually for this stretch of road, the point of access onto the B3151 actually offers very good visibility in both directions, although there maybe opportunity to make a splay to pull off the road for a bus stop or to help cars access onto the road.

iii)Enforcement: The Parish Council resolved to write to the district council on three enforcement issues:

- 17/03953/FUL: Land OS 3663 Somerton Road – Mobile home shall be timber clad within 3 months.
- 17/03225/FUL: Land OS 4966 Somerton Road. The scheme shall be planted in the first planting and seeding season following completion of development,
- The use of a triple garage as a hairdressers on Compton Street.

### 180.5 Accounts

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 31/3/19		£ 2,745.37
Less - Unpresented cheques: Somerton Library	£ 200.00	
		£ 200.00
Plus - Uncleared lodgements:	£ -	
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 31st March 2019		£ 2,545.37
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 31st March 2019		£ 47,161.51
Overall Bank Balance		£ 49,706.88
Overall Ledger Book Balance		£ 49,706.88
Included in Treasurer's balance as stated above are the following debits:		
(a) Direct Debit: - 16/3/19 BT Line/Broadband - £70.20		
(b) Direct Debit: - 25/3 Auto-enrolment - £13.20		

(b) The following payments were approved:

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Greg Jones - Reimburse for concrete for fixing bin	1210	19.05	0	N/A
R Shepherd - ROW Volunteers grant	1211	240	0	N/A
Glasdon - Bin for the bus shelter	1212	347.72	57.95	Y
Clerk salary & expenses CD171	1213	451.69	0	N/A
HMRC (PAYE month 12)	1214	58.40	0	N/A
Parish Magazine Printing (apr)	1215	134.18	0	N/A
<b>Total value of cheques</b>		<b>1,251.04</b>		

### 180.6 Reports

- a) The County Councillor sent his apologies
- b) The District Councillor sent his apologies
- c) The Chairman reported that the business operating without permission on Hayes Road had been reported and the Parish Council Resolved to write to the District Council regarding difficulties using the new planning website  
The Chairman placed a message in the Parish Magazine suggesting that residents send their email addresses to the Clerk if they wish to be sent a monthly email containing the agenda & draft minutes.
- d) The report from the police was given in person. There had been damage to the shed at the back of the Village Hall and also incidents involving the so called 'Nottingham Knockers', door to door sales of household items. Some people had experienced them getting aggressive if turned down. If spotted in the village ring the police on 101, or 999 if incident of aggression is taking place.
- e) It was reported that the Rights of Way volunteers had identified the reported dips by the swings in the playground and would be filling them with topsoil. The Great British Spring Clean would be taking place on the 14<sup>th</sup> April. The new bin would be fixed by the bus shelter and it was reported that the dog bin on Compton Street is overflowing.
- f) The Village Hall report from March had been circulated.

### 180.7 Highways Issues

- a) Issues continue to be reported using the website 'fix my street'. Markings on the road have appeared and so it looks like some action is imminent.

### 180.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- a) The Parish Council considered the presentation from Truespeed at the start of the meeting, and will support this and any other initiative that will improve broadband provision for residents,
- b) The draft bid to the Heritage Fund to finance the Village Digital Archive was approved, the clerk will supply the requested documents so that it can be submitted.

### 180.9 Report of ongoing projects/issues

- a) **Compton Commercials Development.** No further update
- b) **Lease of School Playing Fields.** 7-year lease requested – The District Council apologised and would respond soon. The Headmaster of the new school had contacted the Parish Council regarding the use of the field and so it was agreed that a meeting would be arranged between the Chairman of the Parish Council and the headmaster.
- c) **Speed Indicator Device (SID) & Littleton Road Safety Concerns.** To be considered by new council after elections. Auto-speedwatch tool also to be considered.
- d) **New play equipment project.** Working group discussing requirements with Dobles.

**e) Memorial Trees:** Village Hall committee would be happy to accommodate trees

**f) Community Tree Planting project:** working group to be arranged

**g) Defibrillator** – awaiting advice from South Western Ambulance Service

**180.10** Items put forward for the next meeting: To review the Task List for the Parish Ranger

**180.11** The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7pm following the Annual Parish Meeting.

Thanks was expressed to Tiffany Kearton and Hugh Thomas who have decided not to stand in the forthcoming election, but have made a valued contribution as members of the Parish Council over recent years.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20.21pm.

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

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019