

## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllrs Diane Churches, Stephen King(Chairman), Greg Jones, Christopher Swain, Geoffrey Walker and Tiffany Kearton (Part)

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

There was 1 member of the general public present.

**Public Participation:** None

**181.1** Cllr Steven King was elected as Chairman

**181.2** Steven King signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, witnessed by the Clerk

**181.3** Cllr Geoff Walker was elected as Vice Chairman

**181.4** Apologies for Absence were received and accepted from John Rowland

**181.5** Declarations of Interest were received from Steven King for item 181.19a

**181.6** It was reported that 6 Parish Councillors had been elected uncontested at the election, leaving 1 vacancy. It was **RESOLVED** to co-op Tiffany Kearton onto the Parish Council. Tiffany signed her declaration of acceptance of office and joined the Parish Council.

➤ Tiffany Kearton joined the meeting.

**181.7** It was **RESOLVED** to adopt the Standing Orders & Financial Regulations unchanged.

**181.8** All Councillors were appointed as authorised cheque signatories, therefore John Rowland would be added.

**181.9** The Clerk was appointed as Responsible Financial Officer

**181.10** Chris Swain was appointed as Rights of Way Volunteer Co-Ordinator

Greg Jones was appointed as Parish Environment Warden.

Tiffany Kearton was appointed as Tree Warden.

**181.11** Stephen King, Tiffany Kearton & Diane Churches were appointed onto the Staffing Committee.

Greg Jones, Geoff Walker, and Christopher Swain were appointed onto the Planning Committee.

Chris Swain, Greg Jones & John Rowland were appointed onto the Appeals Committee.

**181.12** The 2019/2020 schedule of meetings were approved.

**181.13** The Insurance cover and this year's premium was approved (2<sup>nd</sup> year of a three year agreement)

**181.14** It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 and the Chairman signed them.

**181.15 Planning**

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

- i) 18/03311/FUL: Mullions Compton Street Compton Dundon Somerton Somerset TA11 6PS  
Erection of a detached dwelling with associated drive and access. **APPROVED** with Conditions despite the Parish Council objecting.

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

- i) 19/00833/FUL: Mr & Mrs S Baker. Land Adjacent to Aphrodite House, Street Road, Compton Dundon. Proposed new holiday cabin. The Parish Council resolved to **OBJECT** to this application as the unregulated use of the triple garage at the same property is unresolved and causing nuisance parking. The Parish Council cannot support an application that would bring even more parking to the vicinity.
- ii) 19/01127/TPO: Mr & Mrs Hazelwood, Brookfield, Compton Street, Compton Dundon. Application to fell No1 tree included with SSDC Tree Preservation Order (CODU 1) 2017. The Parish Council resolved to **OBJECT** to this application as the tree concerned appears to be a healthy, large, attractive Maple and the plans for development should have incorporated the tree, not cause the destruction of the tree. The Councillors also found that the address given for the application does not reflect its location.

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

- i)The following enforcement issues have been raised with SSDC:
  - 17/03953/FUL: Land OS 3663 Somerton Road – Timber Cladding
  - 17/03225/FUL: Land OS 4966 Somerton Road- Planting scheme
- The use of a triple garage as a hairdressers on Compton Street causing problems with parking in the vicinity.

**181.16 Accounts**

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 8/5/19		£ 1,229.98
Less - Unpresented cheques: none	£ -	
		£ -
Plus - Uncleared lodgements: none	£ -	
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 8th May 2019		£ 1,229.98
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 8th May 2019		£ 76,163.38
Overall Bank Balance		£ 77,393.36
Overall Ledger Book Balance		£ 77,393.36
Included in Treasurer's balance as stated above are the following debits:		
(a) Direct Debit: - 16/4/19 BT Line/Broadband - £70.20		
(b) Direct Debit: - 30/4/19 Auto-enrolment - £13.20		

(b) The following payments were approved:

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Clerk salary & Expenses CD172	1216	527.86	0	N/A
HMRC (PAYE month 1)	1217	103	0	N/A
Glasdon - Bin Fixing kit	1218	17.87	2.98	Y
SALC - Affiliation Fees	1219	189.00	0	N/A
William Austin - Grass cutting	1220	445.00	0	N/A
Parish Magazine Printing (may)	1221	134.18	0	N/A
SSDC (Operational Playground Inspection)	1222	127.20	0	N/A
<b>Total value of cheques</b>		<b>1,544.11</b>		

#### 181.17 Reports

- There was no additional report from the County Council
- There was no additional report from the District Council
- Following the extensive report at the Annual Parish Meeting, there was no additional report from the Chairman.
- The report from the police had been circulated.
- It was reported that the Rights of Way volunteers had organised a successful litter pick, and would like to thank everyone that assisted. SSDC had provided equipment and took away the rubbish collected very efficiently.
- The Village Hall report from April had been circulated.

#### 181.18 Highways Issues

- The owner of the Van parking on Ham lane is looking for an alternative solution. The Church Path had been dug up temporarily to install new pipes and the van had been parked across it to prevent anyone falling into the ditch. The Parish Council agreed to discuss the proposal to make a feature of the Church Path at the next meeting.
- The blocked drains on Goose Lane have been reported and County Roads have responded to say that works are planned to high water pressure jet along this section of road, to identify any issues. This work is likely to take place within the next two months and the findings may then require planned repairs which will have to be organised.

#### 181.19 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- The Parish Council resolved to approve a grant of £1000 towards the maintenance of the Churchyard as it is a village amenity that benefits the wider community.
- The Parish Council approved the new pay scales for the clerk as recommended by the National Joint Council for Local Government Services. The Clerks SCP was increased from 26 to 27 as per her contract as she had completed one year in the Role.
- The Parish Ranger work schedule was reviewed and revised and a new copy will be sent to SSDC, acknowledging the hard work the Parish Ranger.

#### 181.20 Report of ongoing projects/issues

- Compton Commercials Development.** No further update
- Lease of School Playing Fields.** 7-year lease requested – A meeting had been held with the headmaster of the school to look at the field and discuss possibilities. To be discussed further at next months meeting.
- Speed Indicator Device (SID) & Littleton Road Safety Concerns.** To be considered by new council after elections. Auto-speedwatch tool also to be considered – Clerk to check the business is still operational as the Website disappeared.
- New play equipment project.** Working group discussing requirements with Dobles.
- Memorial Trees:** Village Hall committee would be happy to accommodate trees – to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Community Tree Planting project:** meeting to be arranged at Village Hall, PC to pay for the room hire.
- Defibrillator** – awaiting advice from South Western Ambulance Service
- Improving the Broadband provision. Truespeed had arranged public meeting for 24th May (bank holiday weekend) it was suggested that this maybe inconvenient for residents and so it would be suggested that the meeting is rearranged.

**180.21** Items put forward for the next meeting: The Church Path, memorial trees, the School playing field and a projector.

**180.22** The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 7pm.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20.47pm.

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

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019