

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 5th June 2019**

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Helen Richardson (Clerk), Dean Ruddle (SSDC & SCC) and Tim Kerly (SSDC).

There was 1 member of the general public present.

Public Participation:

The agent for proposed development at land at OS9258 south of Castlebrook presented new plans for the Parish Council to consider pre-application and although concerns were raised about the location being outside the 30mph speed limit/village boundary, it was recognised that there was a need for housing in the village and it was appreciated that the applicant had amended their plans to include some 2 bed and 3 bed properties. Concerns about access of the main road were addressed and the applicant informed the Parish Council that a traffic survey had been carried out and that highways were now supportive of the scheme.

182.1 Apologies for Absence- None

182.2 Declarations of Interest –None

182.3 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th May 2019 and the Chairman signed them.

182.4 Planning

a) **Notifications of district council planning determinations:** None

b) **Responses to planning and legal consultations:** None

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

It was noted that application 19/01127/TPO: To fell no1 tree had been withdrawn.

The Planning Portal has been updated and it was noted that it was necessary to re-register to receive notifications of planning applications.

182.5 Accounts

a) The internal Auditors report was circulated and accepted

b) The Accounting Governance Statement was considered and approved.

c) The Annual Return for YE31 March 2019 (unaudited) sect 2 was approved and signed.

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 31/5/19			£ 2,138.99
Less - Unpresented cheques: SALC		£ 189.00	
			£ 189.00
Plus - Uncleared lodgements: none		£ -	
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 31/5/19			£ 1,949.99
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 31/5/19			£ 73,166.43
Overall Bank Balance			£ 75,116.42
Overall Ledger Book Balance			£ 75,116.42
Included in Treasurer’s balance as stated above are the following debits:			
(a) Direct Debit: - 16/5/19 BT Line/Broadband - £70.20			
(b) Direct Debit: – 31/5/19 Auto-enrolment - £13.20			
(c) Direrct Debit: - 28/5/19 PWLB Loan Repayment - £230.90			

(e) The following payments were approved:

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Clerk salary & Expenses CD173	1224	443	0	N/A
HMRC (PAYE month 2)	1225	84.2	0	N/A
William Austin - Grass cutting	1226	120.00	0	N/A
Parish Magazine Printing (June)	1227	134.18	0	N/A
Bridges Holland	1228	240.00	40	Y
Total value of cheques		1,021.38		

182.6 Reports

- a) The County Councillor reported that SCC would be announcing a £6 million underspend which is positive news, but is the result of a number of one-off grants received this year. It was not known what grants would be provided next year, and so budgets would still be tight for the foreseeable future.
- b) Tim Kerly was welcomed as a District Councillor and reported that SSDC had declared a Climate Emergency and its intention to go Carbon Neutral by 2024.
- c) The Chairman reported that he had received a request to install some bench seats in the Parish, and this would be included on next months agenda.

A resident had complained about the visibility of the road sign 'Hayes Lane leading to Moor Close'. The Rights of Way Volunteers would have a look at it and send a picture to the Clerk to be reported to SSDC.

It was noted that the Village Fete was successful and the Dog Show was a great attraction.

- d) There was no report from the police this month.
- e) It was reported that the Rights of Way volunteers had straightened two finger posts that had been knocked over. They had cleared paths throughout the Parish and had noted some stiles that needed to be repaired due to rotten wood and would contact the land owners as they would like to replace them with self-closing gates.
- f) The Village Hall Committee were due to meet on 6/6/19

182.7 Highways Issues

- a) An accident was reported on Sunday 2nd June at about 4pm at the Cross
- b) It was reported that notification had been received of the temporary closure of Compton Street from 50m south of the junction with Combe Hollow Lane, north eastwards for a distance of 220m. From 24th June for 20 days.

182.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- a) A proposal to emphasize the historic nature of the Church Path was considered and the District Councillor agreed to consult the Somerset Building Preservation Trust for advice and report back. It was agreed that it would be interesting to discover more about the history of the Church Path.
- b) Having discussed the location of the Memorial Trees with the Village Hall Committee & the Church it was agreed that it would be appropriate to plant the Memorial Trees at the Church. The Parish Council is planning to plant more trees with the Community Tree planting Project and so the Village Hall would be central to this. It was reported that there may be opportunity to obtain free trees from the Soil Association or the Woodland Trust – the District Councillor would make enquiries.
- c) The Parish Council considered the School Playing Field Project. Councillors had met on site before the meeting as Councillors were planning to lease the playing field from the District Council. The school had expressed an interest in using the playing fields as a recreational space. The cost of renovating and maintaining the playing fields was considered along with the potential opportunity & frequency of community use for the space. The Parish Council wanted to secure the future of the playing fields for the community, however the District Council would not sell the site, but would lease it for a maximum term of 7 years. It was **resolved** that the Parish Council should not pursue the lease as it gave no security to the future of the land and the cost of renovating and maintaining the land could not be justified.
- d) The Parish Council considered a proposal to install a projector & screen in the Village Hall to be used for Parish Council meetings and other community groups. Permission would be sought from the Village Hall Committee, and costs would be established. Grant applications would be submitted to Area North, and the Big Lottery fund.

182.9 Report of ongoing projects/issues

- a) **Compton Commercials Development.** No further update: the Clerk Would write to SSDC CEO.
- b) **Lease of School Playing Fields.** See 182.8c)
- 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:** See 182.8b)
- f) **Community Tree Planting project:** See 182.8b)
- g) **Defibrillator** – awaiting advice from South Western Ambulance Service

182.10 Items put forward for the next meeting: Installation of Planters, Benches & to consider the frequency of buses & access to Taunton.

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

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20.25pm.

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

Date: 3rd July 2019