

# COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

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

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

There were no members of the general public present.

**183.1 Apologies for Absence-** Tim Kerley (SSDC)

**183.2 Declarations of Interest –**None

**183.3** It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June and the Chairman signed them.

**183.4 Planning**

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

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

c). **Other planning consultation issues:** The Preferred Options Consultation for the Review of the South Somerset Local Plan (2006 – 2028) had been received and will be considered at the September meeting.

**183.5 Accounts**

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 2/7/19			£ 1,041.91
Less - Unpresented cheques: HMRC		£ 84.20	
Bridges Holland		£ 240.00	
			£ 324.20
Plus - Uncleared lodgements: none		£ -	
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 02/07/19			£ 717.71
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 02/07/19			£ 73,169.65
			£ 73,887.36
Overall Bank Balance			£ 73,887.36
Overall Ledger Book Balance			£ 73,887.36
Included in Treasurer's balance as stated above are the following debits:			
(a) Direct Debit: - 16/6/19 BT Line/Broadband - £70.20			
(b) Direct Debit: - 31/6/19 Auto-enrolment - £13.20			
(c) Direct Debit - 19/6/19 - Safe custody Fee - £7.50			

b) The following payments were approved:

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Clerk salary & Expenses CD174		453.36	0	N/A
HMRC (PAYE month 3)		87.6	0	N/A
William Austin - Grass cutting		255.00	0	N/A
Parish Magazine Printing (July)		134.18	0	N/A
Compton Dundon Village Hall		96.00	0	N/A
<b>Total value of cheques</b>		<b>1,026.14</b>		
Transfer from BIA to Treasurer's Account		3,000.00		

c) Due to the completion of CiLCA it was agreed that the Clerks Salary would be increased to SCP 28

**183.6 Reports**

a) The County Councillor reported it was likely that from April 2020 refuse collections would be changed to 3 weekly collections, but recycling would be increased meaning less rubbish would end up in refuse.

Also from April waste would no longer be sent to Land fill, and would be incinerated instead.

The Health and Wellbeing grant would be reinstated, albeit reduced.

Although the County Council recorded an underspend last year, Grant funding from central government is still uncertain and so budgets could still be stretched.

b) It was reported that the district councilors had requested SSDC Area North to notify them if planning applications were being considered for referral to the regulation committee.

c) The Chairman reported that he had booked to attend 'Trees for Somerset, trees for your Parish' on the 2<sup>nd</sup> August as it looked beneficial to the Compton Dundon tree planting project.

The Chairman reported that he had spoken to the Parish Ranger and found her extremely motivated and hard working. She was aware that the hedge along Street Road was overgrown and needed cutting back but was concerned about the safety of using a strimmer on that stretch of road. The Parish Council agreed that swift action as needed as the overgrown hedge was affecting pedestrian safety and so would ask a local contractor to cut the hedge.

The Chairman had received some concerns about the irregular opening hours at the pub and asked that this be discussed at a future meeting.

- d) The police report had been circulated. The Chairman had asked that the PCSO contact details were included in the Parish magazine every month.
- e) It was reported that the Rights of Way volunteers had filled the holes around the legs of the swings in the children's play park. They had securely fixed the bin at the Cross and had fixed a stile at the end of Hayes Road.
- f) The Village Hall minutes had been circulated. It was noted that the football field had been reported as uneven and so John Rowland offered to put a roller across it once the ground became less hard.

**183.7 Highways Issues**

- a) The grass cutting contractor would be asked to cut the grass by the Bus shelter.
- b) Fly tipping was reported on Middle Drove as large chunks of concrete were being dumped there.

**183.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision**

- a) The update on the Church Path was deferred until Tim Kerley was available to report back.
- b) The Parish Council considered the installation of planters on Street Road and would consult with the District Council, suggesting two planters at each end of Compton Dundon by the village name signs provided there was adequate width to accommodate the planters 450mm from the road as prescribed by highways. Wooden planters would be preferred, similar to those recently installed in Somerton.
- c) The Parish Council agreed to purchase a new bench as a memorial to VE day & VJ day, to be sited outside the Cricket Club on the verge.
- d) The Parish Council received a request to consider the inadequacy of the public transport options to Taunton, and although the Parish Council agreed that it was extremely difficult and time consuming to reach Taunton, they could not see any viable alternative options.
- e) The expenditure for the Playground Project was approved, to include a table tennis table, a basket ball hoop and the associated groundworks. The quotes would be updated, and if still within budget the clerk would place the order. Any remaining funds would be ringfenced for maintenance or further improvements to the play facilities.
- f) The Parish Council considered options for a new defibrillator to be sited at the Village Hall, but wanted more information on the units Somerton Town Council have recently purchased before making a decision. To be discussed again in September.

**183.9 Report of ongoing projects/issues**

- a) **Compton Commercials Development.** Awaiting response from SSDC CEO.
- b) **Speed Indicator Device (SID) & Littleton Road Safety Concerns.** To be considered in September. Auto-speedwatch tool also to be considered.
- c) **New play equipment project.** See item 183.8e)
- e) **Memorial Trees:** PCC considering location & species of 10 trees in the church yard
- f) **Community Tree Planting project:** See 18.6c)
- g) **Defibrillator** – See item 183.8f)

**183.10** Items put forward for the next meeting: Defibrillator & SIDS

**183.11** The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 7pm

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

Signed as a true record .....

Cllr. Steve King (Chairman)

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019