

## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Helen Richardson (Clerk), and Tim Kerley (SSDC).

There were 11 members of the general public present.

**Public Participation:** It was reported that the post mistress would be retiring at the end of October and a replacement was urgently needed if the current service provided by the post office is to continue.

A resident expressed concerns about the proposals for 8 new dwellings at Home Farm, particularly the proximity of plot 7 to the neighbouring property.

**185.1 Apologies for Absence-** Stephen King, Tiffany Kearton & Dean Ruddle(SSDC & SCC)

**185.2 Declarations of Interest –**Greg Jones (185.4bii & 185.4ci), Geoff Walker (185.4cii) and John Rowland (185.4bi & 185.4bii)

**185.3** It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July and the Chairman signed them.

### **185.4 Planning**

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

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

i) **19/02148/OUT: Land at OS 9258 Castlebrook, Compton Dundon. Outline application for residential development with some matters reserved except access, layout and landscaping (revised application)**

The Parish Council still had concerns about the development being outside of the 30mph limit but appreciated that the applicant had included some smaller 2 bed semi-detached homes, as requested, to increase the mix of houses. The need for pavements within the development was questioned and it was noted that the block plan on the planning portal had missed off the boundary line between the two semidetached properties. The Parish Council resolved that they had **No Objection** to this application as the applicant had gone as far as he could to accommodate the Parish Councils previous concerns.

ii) **19/01966/FUL: New Church Farm, School Lane, Compton Dundon. Demolition of existing buildings and the erection of two dwellings.**

The Applicants agent had sent her apologies as she was unable to attend. The plans were the same as that had been presented to the Parish Council at a pre-application consultation and the Parish Council resolved that they had **No Objection** to this application.

iii) **19/02225/TPO: The hood Monument at Butleigh Wootton, Behind Town, Compton Dundon. Application to carry out tree works to various trees as shown within SSDC (CODU 2) 2012 Tree Preservation Order confirmed 30.11.12.**

The Parish Council agreed that it appeared to be routine management and that they would not comment on this application.

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

i) **Pre-application discussion for the erection of a single dwelling at Old Home Farm, Compton Dundon.** Proposed plans had been circulated and the applicants and agent were present to answer questions. Concern was raised about development in that area of the village and that the Parish Council should be consistent as they had objected to the now approved application for a new dwelling in the next door property. There was a mixed response to the contemporary design and more drawings were requested, it was noted that the application site was not visible from the highway. The Parish Council wanted to see an ecology report and would arrange a site visit before the formal consultation was issued.

ii) **Pre-application discussion for amendments to development at Home Farm, Compton Dundon.(19/00775/FUL)**

The agent for the applicants explained that the amended plans were being sent to SSDC, but wanted to inform the Parish Council of the amendments to avoid any further delays. Plot 7 had been reduced in size and moved away from the boundary, and they had also made amendments to parking bays.

The Parish Council appreciated that the applicants had made amendments which now included an improved mix of housing with two 2 bedroom bungalows, a 3 bedroom house and five 4 bedroom homes. With Policy SS2 being set aside due to SSDC unable to demonstrate a 5 year land supply, the Parish Council indicated that they could support the application in its current form when the consultation from SSDC was received, however the Parish Council would request that permitted development rights be removed to avoid over-development of the plots.

iii) **To consider the Preferred Options for the Local Plan Consultation.**

The Parish Council discussed the relevant content of the Local Plan Consultation and agreed that they would not submit a comment, The main policy to consider will be SS4 – Development in Rural Settlements, however it was noted that the best way to influence the planning process in the Parish, would be to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. It was agreed that the Clerk would make contact with SSDC to discuss the way forward.

### **185.5 Accounts**

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 30/8/19		£ 1,583.64
Less - Unpresented cheques:	£ -	
		£ -
Plus - Uncleared lodgements: none	£ -	
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 30/8/19		£ 1,583.64
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 30/8/19		£ 70,175.58
Overall Bank Balance		£ 71,759.22
Overall Ledger Book Balance		£ 71,759.22
Included in Treasurer's balance as stated above are the following debits:		
(a) Direct Debit: - 16/8/19 BT Line/Broadband - £70.20		
(b) Direct Debit: - 30/7/19 Auto enrolment - £13.20		
(c) Direct Debit: - 30/8/19 Auto enrolment - £13.20		

b) The following payments were approved:

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Clerk salary & Expenses CD176	1237	430.46	0	N/A
HMRC (PAYE month 5)	1238	87.6	0	N/A
SSDC Ranger Labour (july)	1239	150.96	0	N/A
The Information Commissioner - data protection fee	1240	40.00	0	N/A
Concrete Sports - table tennis table	1241	2,694.00	449	Y
Parish Magazine Printing - Directory	1242	51.20	0	N/A
Parish Magazine Printing - Newsletter	1242	136.13	0	N/A
Will Austin - grass cutting July	1243	240.00	0	N/A
Will Austin - grass cutting August	1243	270.00	0	N/A
RoSPA - Annual Safety Inspection	1244	86.40	14.4	Y
Glasdon Uk Ltd	1245	695.36	115.89	Y
<b>Total value of cheques</b>		<b>4,882.11</b>		
Transfer from BIA to Treasurer's Account		5,000.00		

## 185.6 Reports

- The County Councillor sent his apologies
- The District Councillor reported that he had referred 19/01598/FUL: Land adjacent Ham Lane to Area North planning committee as he had received a large amount of correspondence about the development. CS agreed to attend the meeting if able, once we have a date confirmed.  
The new recycling contractor would be taking over in about 9 months which will result in a lot more plastics being recycled, and general waste collections dropping to once every three weeks. Information regarding the items that can be recycled will be publicised.  
Tim had made enquiries into the availability of a grant to help with the digital upgrade for the meeting room at the Village Hall and thought it was likely he would be able to get a grant for the projector. TK to send Grant Application to Tim to send to relevant person.  
Tim had looked into the possibility of a heritage designation for the Church Path, but was proving difficult as it is not a building. It could be registered as an asset of community value, but it was agreed that this was not really appropriate. More research and thought would take place into the history of the path and how to acknowledge it.
- The Chairman raised concern about the possibility of losing the post office if the vacancy for Postmaster could not be filled. It was agreed that the rent could be a contributing factor and so it was agreed that GJ would attend the Village Hall committee meeting to request that they consider lowering the rent to make the vacancy more attractive. It was also recommended that the vacancy should be widely advertised.
- The police report had been circulated.
- It was reported that the Rights of Way volunteers had cut back vegetation from around styles this month. They were planning to install the bench by the cricket field this month and installing a self-closing gate with the permission from the Land Owner.
- The Village Hall committee meeting would be held on 5<sup>th</sup> September.

## 185.7 Highways Issues

- Notification was received of the Road Closure notice RCN5511731 Peak Lane, from the 25th September for up to 3 days.
- Further to more correspondence regarding speeding through the village, the Parish Council approved the expenditure to purchase a Speed Indicator Device, in an attempt to deter speeding drivers. The Clerk would make an appointment with SCC County Roads to discuss the installation of the device. CS & GJ agreed to attend. The Parish Council would also consider purchasing Auto Speed watch devices, but need to discuss

with the police before proceeding. The clerk would also confirm the GDPR implications of recording registration Numbers of speeding drivers.

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

- a) The early deadline of Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September for the Parish Newsletter this month was noted.
- b) The Parish Council considered correspondence from a resident regarding the exclusion of dogs on the public footpath through the Village Hall Field. It was noted that the path is not a public footpath but a permissive path and therefore the Village Hall Committee are within their rights to exclude dogs from this path.
- Greg Jones Left the meeting
- c) The RoSPA play safety inspection report was reviewed. There were some minor repairs needed to the Clatter bridge and the multi play, The ROW volunteers would take a look, but it may need to be referred to the manufacturers.
- d) The Parish Council approved the expenditure for the purchase of a Defibrillator from Blue Box Medical. Arrangements for installation would be confirmed with the Village Hall.
- e) The Parish Council agreed that the Woodland Trust should be contacted for advice on suitable trees for the memorial trees at the Churchyard. It was noted that the PCC had requested ornamental fruit trees.

**185.9 Report of ongoing projects/issues**

- a) **Compton Commercials Development.** Response received from SSSDC and circulated.
- b) **Speed Indicator Device (SID) & Littleton Road Safety Concerns.** See item 185.7b
- c) **New play equipment project.** Table tennis table installed, Dobles would return to increase the size of the concrete base, awaiting delivery of the Basket Ball Net.
- e) **Memorial Trees:** See item 185.8e
- f) **Community Tree Planting project:** Event booked for October 23rd
- g) **Defibrillator** – See item 185.8d

**183.10** Items put forward for the next meeting: Classification of Bridleway at Touch Lane, Planters.

**183.11** The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting ended at 21.16pm.

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

Date: 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019