

COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 6th November 2019**

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

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

There were 0 members of the general public present.

Public Participation: None

187.1 Apologies for Absence- Tiffany Kearton,

187.2 Declarations of Interest : Geoff Walker (187.4bi), Steve King (187.9d), Greg Jones (187.5b)

187.3 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd October and the Chairman signed them.

187.4 Planning

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

i) 18/03999/LBC: Redland Farmhouse Somerton Road Compton Dundon. Demolition of workshop/store and replace with garage/store outbuildings. **PERMITTED with Conditions**

ii) 19/00072/COL. Land at Middle Hayes, Hayes Lane, Compton Dundon. Application for a lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of land, stationing of a caravan on land for residential occupation. **PERMITTED**

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

i) 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 have **NO OBJECTION** to the amended plans now that plot 7 has been reduced in size and moved away from the boundary. 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. It was agreed that a request should be made that permitted development rights be removed to avoid over-development of the plots.

c). **Other planning consultation issues:** None

187.5 Accounts

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 1/11/19		£ 3,832.84
Less - Unpresented cheques:	£ -	
		£ -
Plus - Uncleared lodgements: none	£ -	
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 1/11/19		£ 3,832.84
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 1/11/19		£ 60,181.19
Overall Bank Balance		£ 64,014.03
Overall Ledger Book Balance		£ 64,014.03
Included in Treasurer's balance as stated above are the following debits:		
(a) Direct Debit: - 16/10/19 BT Line/Broadband - £70.20		
(b) Direct Debit: - 30/10/19 Auto enrolment - £13.20		

b) The following payments were approved:

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Clerk salary & Expenses CD178	1253	557.4	0	N/A
HMRC (PAYE month 6)	1254	109.6	0	N/A
SSDC Ranger Labour (September)	1255	150.96	25.16	Y
Parish Magazine Printing - (November)	1256	136.13	0	N/A
Will Austin - grass cutting September	1257	255.00	0	N/A
Somerset Association of Local Councils	1258	25.00	0	N/A
SLCC	1259	63.50	0	N/A
M de C B Medical	1260	1,465.00	0	N/A
Greg Jones	1261	16.92	0	N/A
Total value of cheques		2,779.51		

c) The Parish Council put forward the following projects to be considered for the 1st draft of the budget 2020-21:

Trees, planters, bench, paint finger posts, more poppies, another memorial Silhouette, memorial plaque for the bench, replace noticeboards, parish online subscription, solar lights, bulbs, plaque for memorial trees and the Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council would reconsider the funding of the Phone line & Broadband beyond the end of the 2019-20 financial year.

187.6 Reports

- a) The County Councillor reported that full council would be meeting next week.
- b) The District Councillor reported that Yeovil Police Station was considering relocation. It was also reported that the Planning application for Land adjacent Ham lane had been referred to area committee and was likely to be heard at the November meeting although the agenda had not yet been confirmed. Representatives of the Parish Council would attend and speak at the hearing. The new school at Somerton had hit delays as significant archaeological remains had been found at the site. Three weekly waste collection would be rolled out in Mendip, The roll out in South Somerset was likely to follow.
- c) The Chairman reported that the meeting for the Community Tree planting project was successful with several plots put forward for planting – including around the Cricket field, the Village Hall Playing Field and the bank on Goose Lane. The application for free tree saplings from the Woodland trust had been successful, but planting of these were restricted to land with public access. Trees for private land would have to be from another source.
He had met interested parties at the churchyard regarding the memorial trees and would receive a quote soon.
It was agreed that the Christmas Tree should be ordered and delivery arranged for the 7th December.
It was agreed that solar lights should be purchased for the Bus Shelter and should also be considered for the Christmas Tree next year.
- d) The police report had not been received and the officer that circulates the report had been put on secondment until January. Local statistics could be viewed on the Police website and it was suggested that details of the local neighbourhood watch was put in the newsletter.
- e) It was reported that the Rights of Way volunteers had not met due to bad weather, but GJ & CS had met to review SID locations, and measure up for a new planter at the Bus Shelter.
- f) The minutes of the Village Hall committee had been circulated. It was noted that there was 2 references to the Parish Council, but no approach had been made directly.
i) The Contractors that had installed the table tennis table were unable to access the playing field as all the car park bays were full and their vehicle had not been able to turn the back corner of the village hall – during their attempt they damaged the corner of the wall – at the time they agreed to pay for any damage. The invoice should be forward to the PC to be forwarded to Concrete Sports.
ii) If the Village Hall committee put forward a costed proposal for further car parking it would be considered.

187.7 Highways Issues

- a) It was reported that 8 proposed locations for a Speed Indicator Device had been sent to SCC to be assessed,
- b) It was reported that following an update from County Roads, the council would be increasing the winter gritting schedule. The grit bins had been checked and were full and so the parish would not require any additional grit and no-one had volunteered to be Snow Warden for the Parish. The remainder of the grit bags would be collected and stored by JR

187.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- a) The grant application for the members improving lives grant was approved
- b) Expenditure of £230 for AED training was approved. The Parish Council would arrange 10 places and select residents to train to use and monitor the AED.
- c) The area designation for the Compton Dundon & Littleton Neighbourhood Plan was approved
- d) The quote for hedge cutting on the Village Hall Playing fields and allotments was accepted
- e) The play area safety report from SSSDC was received and the issues raised would be monitored.
- f) The Parish Council declared that it qualified to use the General Power of Competence as it met two of the criteria having more than two thirds of elected councilors (6 out of 7) and a qualified Clerk
- g) The request to assist with the rent for the post office was considered but it was agreed that the Parish Council was not able to pay the rent for a commercial enterprise.
It was agreed that the Parish Council would offer the post master the sum of £80 per month for hosting the computer and printer available for all residents to use, he would also be asked to compile the village directory, take deliveries on behalf of the Parish Council, administer the Bats & Balls for the table tennis table and other tasks as required from time to time by the Parish Council.

187.9 Report of ongoing projects/issues

- a) **Compton Commercials Development** – no further update
- b) **Speed Indicator Device (SID) Programme** – 187.7a above.
- c) **New Play equipment project** – installed. The post master would be asked to issue the bats & balls.
- d) **Compton Dundon Memorial Trees** -trees were being selected.
- e) **Community Tree Planting Project** – meeting held 23rd October, applied for free trees.
- f) **Defibrillator** – The Box should be installed this week
- g) **Projector & Screen** – grant application to be forwarded to the district councilor

187.10 There were no other items put forward for the agenda next meeting

187.11 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 4th December 2019 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.30pm.

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

Date: 4th December 2019