

## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

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

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

There were 2 members of the general public present.

**Public Participation:** The agent for 189.4bii presented plans for Old Home Farm

**189.1 Apologies for Absence-** None

**189.2 Declarations of Interest :** Greg Jones (4bii), Tiffany Kearton (4bi)

**189.3** It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December and the Chairman signed them.

**189.4 Planning**

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

i) 19/01598/FUL. Land Adjacent Ham Lane, Compton Dundon. The erection of seven dwellings with access and landscape planting provision. APPLICATION PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS

ii) 19/02417/FUL. Land Adjacent Ham Lane, Compton Dundon. The erection of one dwelling with garage, access and landscape planting. APPLICATION PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS

iii) 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 & Driveway. APPLICATION PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS.

iv) 19/03240/PDE. Woodlands Littleton. Proposed rear extension (i) the projection of the rear extension beyond the rear wall is 6m, the maximum height of the extension is 3m, the height at the eaves of the extension is 3m. PERMISSION NOT REQUIRED.

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

i) 19/003176/FUL: Land Adjacent to Aphrodite House, Street Road, Compton Dundon. The Change of use of a garage to create a hairdressing Salon (Retrospective). The Parish Council agreed that they could not support the application in its current form. Parking arrangements and improvement to the visibility on the access should be addressed before they would reconsider their decision.

ii) 19/02910/FUL: Land To The West Of Old Home Farm Compton Street Compton Dundon. The erection of a detached dwelling and associated alterations to existing access. The Parish Council agreed to support this application but requested that permitted development rights be removed to prevent further height being added to the property in the future

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

i) Notice of Appeal: 18/03497/FUL: Land at Laws Farm, Compton Street, Compton Dundon. Removal of existing farm buildings and the erection of courtyard stile development of 3 dwellings with associated parking. The parish Council agreed that they had nothing to add to their original comments.

**189.5 Accounts**

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 02/01/2020		£ 2,207.51
Less - Unpresented cheques: Geosphere Ltd	£ 90.00	
		£ 90.00
Plus - Uncleared lodgements: none	£ -	
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 02/01/2020		£ 2,117.51
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 02/01/2020		£ 59,213.22
Overall Bank Balance		£ 61,330.73
Overall Ledger Book Balance		£ 61,330.73
Included in Treasurer's balance as stated above are the following debits:		
(a) Direct Debit: - 24/12/19 BT Line/Broadband - £70.20		
(b) Direct Debit: - 02/01/2020 Auto enrolment - £13.20		
(c) Direct Debit: 19/12/19 Safe Custody Keys - £7.50		

- b) The following payments were approved (GJ, JR)

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Clerk salary & Expenses CD179	1267	576.09	0	N/A
HMRC (PAYE month 9)	1268	109.60	0	N/A
Compton Dundon Village Hall - Room hire	1269	112.00	0	N/A
SSDC - Parish Ranger	1270	150.96	25.16	Y
Parish Magazine Printing	1271	136.13	0	N/A
J P White (Premier Christmas Trees)	1272	125.00	0	N/A
SALC (Allotment Training)	1273	35.00		
<b>Total value of cheques</b>		<b>1,244.78</b>		

- c) The budget for 2020-21 was agreed and the Precept request was set at £33,000. It was agreed that when the current BT contract for the phone line & Broadband in the Village Hall comes to an end (August 2020), it would be terminated.

#### 189.6 Reports

- a) The County Councillor reported that the Grant for the community herb garden had been approved. He was trying to progress the development of the school in Somerton despite the recent significant archeological find on the site, delaying the project by 6 months. It was also reported that recent changes to Planning Law had an impact on the siting of new communication towers.
- b) The District Councillor reported that a new campaign on food waste had commenced. The treasury report had been published. Changes to the organisation of local government were being considered with the proposal to combine district and County Councils to one unitary authority. Tim would chase the outcome of the grant application for the digital upgrade to the Village Hall.
- c) The Chairman reported that the arrangements for the Post Office had changes and the current Postmistress would be continuing with a new colleague working along-side her, sharing the workload. It was agreed that the Clerk would write to the Postmistress detailing the new agreement proposed by Parish Council and that it would be reviewed annually. It was confirmed that the memorial trees would be planted on the 26<sup>th</sup> January to coincide with the visit from the Bishop. The Community Tree planting project was progressing with saplings to be planted by the Cricket pitch, the Village Hall playing fields and at the allotments lining the proposed new bridleway/footpath.
- d) The police report had not been received but the crime figures are available on the website (Avon & Somerset Police).
- e) It was reported that the Rights of Way volunteers had taken down the Christmas Tree and cleared the ditch in Ham Lane. It had been established that the ditch was the responsibility of the land-owner and the County Council and District Council had both confirmed that that was not them. The ditch needs to be cleared again in the spring. TK would ask Dobles to Quote as digger was required.
- f) The minutes of the Village Hall committee had been circulated. The start time of Committee meetings has been changed to 7pm.

#### 189.7 Highways Issues

- a) It was agreed that the Parish Council would ask County Roads to install a new post at position 7 for the SID. The Clerk would check the proposed device and whether it would be possible to leave the Solar pack in one position, and just move the device with the battery for other positions. The Clerk would circulate the proposed agreement with County Roads.

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

- a) The Parish Council had received a request for a domestic allotment and were aware of other residents that would be interested. The Parish Council would consider potential sites and investigate how we could obtain suitable land. A review of the current allotment plot would be carried out looking at their size and lease arrangements. It was agreed that they were unlikely to be suitable for domestic allotments.
- b) The Parish Council agreed that the Parish Magazine printing contract should continue in its current form.
- c) The Parish Council agreed that new Christmas Tree lights were needed. The County Councillor said that he may be able to obtain some and would investigate.

#### 189.9 Report of ongoing projects/issues

- a) **Compton Commercials Development** – No further update
- b) **Speed Indicator Device (SID) Programme** – 189.7a above.
- c) **New Play equipment project** – installed – Chase Dobles for invoice
- d) **Compton Dundon Memorial Trees** – see 189.6c
- e) **Community Tree Planting Project** – see 189.6c.
- f) **Defibrillator** – installed. – Training Session booked for 28<sup>th</sup> March
- g) **Projector & Screen** – grant application has been submitted. TK to chase.

189.10 Items put forward for the next meeting: Castlebrook Inn, Somerton Library Grant.

189.11 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.41pm.

Signed as a true record .....

Cllr. Steve King (Chairman)

Date: 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020