

## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2020**

**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 2 members of the general public present.

**Public Participation:** The applicants for 190.4bii were in attendance to answer questions on their proposals

**190.1 Apologies for Absence-** Tiffany Kearton

**190.2 Declarations of Interest :** Steve King (4bii), Diane Churches (4bii)

**190.3** It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January and the Chairman signed them.

**190.4 Planning**

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

i) 19/02991/HOU: Silverdale, Littleton. Alterations and the erection of a rear two storey extension to dwelling house. APPLICATION PERMITTED With Conditions.

ii) 19/03176/FUL: Land Adjacent to Aphrodite House, Street Road, Compton Dundon. The Change of use of a garage to create a hairdressing salon (Retrospective). REFUSED.

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

i) 19/03506/REM: Land adjoining Woodland View, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon. Application for a reserved matters application following approval of 17/00423/OUT for the erection of a detached dwelling with associated driveway access, parking and garage and the demolition of the existing piggery building on site to include details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale. The Parish Council resolved to **object** to the scale of the proposed development. The frontage of the building is much larger than had been suggested on the outline proposal and would dominate the street scene. The applicant has not demonstrated the need for a 4 bed house (policy ss2). The Parish Council would have been minded to support the application had it been a 3 bedroom home and similar to the original design in the outline planning application, with the garage positioned behind the house with more space around the house and between the neighbours.

ii) 20/00034/FUL: Land at Peak Lane, Compton Dundon: The Erection of a new dwelling. The Parish Council resolved to support the application. The applicant was in attendance and was able to answer questions on the proposals. The applicants demonstrated the need for a 4 bedroom house to accommodate their family. The design resembles a barn in this agricultural location.

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

**190.5 Accounts**

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 31/1/2020		£ 949.33
Less - Unpresented cheques: J P White	£ 125.00	
SALC	£ 35.00	
		£ 160.00
Plus - Uncleared lodgements: none	£ -	
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 31/1/2020		£ 789.33
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 31/01/2020		£ 59,215.77
Overall Bank Balance		£ 60,005.10
Overall Ledger Book Balance		£ 60,005.10
Included in Treasurer's balance as stated above are the following debits:		
(a) Direct Debit: - 16/1/2020 BT Line/Broadband - £70.20		
(b) Direct Debit: - 30/01/2020 Auto enrolment - £13.20		

b) The following payments were approved (SK, DC)

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Clerk salary & Expenses CD180	1274	402.76	0	N/A
HMRC (PAYE month 9)	1275	87.40	0	N/A
GA Dobles	1276	4,993.57	832.26	Y
<b>Total value of cheques</b>		<b>5,483.73</b>		
Transfer from BIA to Treasurer's Account		8,000.00		

**190.6 Reports**

a) The County Councillor reported that this years finances were balanced although forecast an overspend next year. He also reported that the discussion regarding the future of local government continued with

the likelihood of forming a unitary authority increasing. David fothergill, leader of Somerset Council would be meeting with Somerton Town council and there may be opportunity to invite representatives from Compton Dundon to attend to learn more.

- b) The District Councillor reported that they had received a presentation from Somerset Rivers Authority and were also monitoring the progress of the environmental strategy. If the Parish Council would like any more trees for their tree planting project, we would be able to take part in the Great Parish Tree giveaway. These trees could be planted on public or private land. He also mentioned that Council Tax support was available to residents struggling to make payments.
- c) The Chairman reported that the Memorial Trees had been planted in the churchyard and blessed by the Bishop. The Community Tree planting project was progressing and site visits had been made to the Village Hall Playing fields, the cricket ground and the allotments. The Chairman had visited North Curry to see their community woodland project. Three people have now requested an allotment
- 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 installed a self-closing gate and had looked at the route for the proposed new bridleway (Map to be circulated)
- f) The Village Hall Committee would be meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> February.

#### 190.7 Highways Issues

- a) It was reported that a resident had requested that a landowner cut the hedge by the church. The Landowner does not want to cut the hedge, it is not causing an obstruction and provides a natural wildlife habitat.
- b) It was also reported that heavy vehicles on Ham Lane had caused the road to subside into the ditch. This had been reported on Fix my Street.

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

- a) The Parish Council approved a grant of £50 for the Citizens advice Bureau
- b) The Parish Council approved a grant of £200 for the Somerton Library Trust.
- c) It was reported that the heritage lottery grant application for the digital archive had been refused. GJ will ask for feedback for the refusal and report back next month.
- d) The Parish Council agreed the response to the SSDC Services & Facilities Audit Survey 2020
- e) The Parish Council agreed that the caravans at the back of the Castlebrook Inn should be reported to Planning Enforcement as they breeched planning regulations.
- f) Expenditure of £40 was approved for the purchase of a rabbiting spade for the Rights of Way Volunteers.
- g) It was resolved that the Parish council would take part in the Great British Spring Clean on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March.

#### 190.9 Report of ongoing projects/issues

- a) **Compton Commercials Development** – No further update
- b) **Speed Indicator Device (SID) Programme** – SSDC asked to install posts.
- c) **New Play equipment project** – Completed
- d) **Compton Dundon Memorial Trees** – See 190.6c)
- e) **Community Tree Planting Project** – see 190.6c. Saplings to be delivered between 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – 13<sup>th</sup> March
- f) **Defibrillator** – installed. – Training Session booked for 28<sup>th</sup> March – advert to go in Newsletter again
- g) **Projector & Screen** – grant application has been submitted. Decision expected in 4-6 weeks

190.10 Items put forward for the next meeting: Electric Charging point, and approve plaque for bench.

190.11 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8.32pm.

Signed as a true record .....

Cllr. Steve King (Chairman)

Date: 4<sup>th</sup> March 2020