

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 4th March 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 5 members of the general public present.

Public Participation: The new landlords of the Castlebrook Inn introduced themselves to the Parish Council and talked about their vision for the pub. They will be opening Saturday 7th March for drinks and the Kitchen will be open from Sunday 15th March.

A resident requested that the Parish Council contact planning enforcement regarding the mobile home at Land at OS3663, Somerton Road. The mobile home should have been covered with cladding as part of the planning conditions (17/03593/FUL)

191.1 Apologies for Absence- None

191.2 Declarations of Interest: None

191.3 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5th February and the Chairman signed them.

191.4 Planning

a) Notifications of district council planning determinations:

i) 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. **APPROVAL**

b) Responses to planning and legal consultations:

i) 20/00225/FUL. Home Farm, Compton Street, Compton Dundon. The erection of a dwelling on plot 2 (revised scheme of 19/00775/FUL) The Parish Council **resolved to support** the application.

c). Other planning consultation issues: It was reported that SSDC had announced a 'Call for Sites' for the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA)

191.5 Accounts

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 28/2/2020			£ 3,123.00
Less - Unpresented cheques:			
SALC		£ 35.00	
			£ 35.00
Plus - Uncleared lodgements: none		£ -	
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 28/2/2020			£ 3,088.00
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 28/2/2020			£ 51,218.37
Overall Bank Balance			£ 54,306.37
Overall Ledger Book Balance			£ 54,306.37
Included in Treasurer's balance as stated above are the following debits:			
(a) Direct Debit: - 17/2/2020 BT Line/Broadband - £70.20			
(b) Direct Debit: - 28/2/2020 Auto enrolment - £13.20			

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

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Clerk salary & Expenses CD181		388.56	0	N/A
HMRC (PAYE month 9)		87.60	0	N/A
SSDC - Parish Ranger		150.96	25.16	Y
Total value of cheques		627.12		
Transfer from BIA to Treasurer's Account		-		

191.6 Reports

a) The County Councillor reported that Full Council met in Taunton this month and agreed the Revenue Budget. He will be able to support 2 small highways improvement scheme, which will be offered to Parishes that have not had one. The County Council will be putting new 20mph zones near schools and there will be a £1 million fund to support the Climate Emergency – details have not yet been released.

b) The District Councillor reported that the budget had been approved, but there was economic uncertainty for the next 12 months.

- c) The Chairman reported his concern that the government were expecting developers to meet low cost housing targets as they Low cost housing isn't profitable to them. The government should be leading on the provision of Low-cost housing.
- 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 did not meet due to bad weather, but would be leading the litter pick on Sunday 8th March. The Rabbiting spade has been purchased and available for use.
- f) The Village Hall Committee minutes had been circulated.

191.7 Highways Issues

- a) It was reported that Compton Street had been closed from 24th February for 5 days (RCNSS12844).
- b) It was also reported that Ham Lane potholes had been repaired and a potholes had been reported on the B3151 by the illuminated speed sign and another one through Littleton.

191.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- a) The Parish Council approved expenditure of up to £70 for a memorial plaque for the bench
- b) The Parish Council considered the installation of an electric charging point at the village Hall Car Park. The Chairman had attended a presentation in Crewkerne by Viridian, providers of Electric car charging point. He reported that it was likely that the charging point could be provided free of charge. There may be the opportunity to apply for a green grant after April from the County Council. There was no provision to charge a fee for the use of the charging point.
- c) It was reported that feedback had been received following the unsuccessful application to the heritage fund for the digital archive. From the feedback it was agreed that it would be worth resubmitting the grant taking the feedback into account.
- d) The Parish Council reviewed the applications for the Defibrillator training on the 28th March. The Clerk has received three applications and all were approved. Councillors would also be attending, and invitations would be extended to representatives from Community groups.
- e) It was resolved that the Parish Council would replace the noticeboard on Peak Lane – the Clerk would investigate options.
- f) The Parish Council approved expenditure of £89.40 for Tree Wraps & Stakes.

191.9 Report of ongoing projects/issues

- a) **Compton Commercials Development** – No further update
- b) **Speed Indicator Device (SID) Programme** – SSDC asked to install posts, Parish Council considering the configuration of solar panes, devices and batteries.
- c) **Community Tree Planting Project** – see 191.f, trees due to be delivered.
- d) **Defibrillator** – installed. – see 191.d
- e) **Projector & Screen** – grant application has been approved
- f) **Neighbourhood Plan**-Designation applied for,
- g) **Proposed new Bridleway** – Map was circulated – associated costs to be considered next meeting
- h) **Allotments**
- i) **Planters at the Bus Stop** – Grant approved

191.10 Items put forward for the next meeting: Coronavirus, Annual Village meeting, Apologies from Dean Ruddle

191.11 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 1st April 2020 at 7pm

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

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

Date: 1st April 2020