

## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Google Meet on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

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

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

There were 0 members of the general public present.

**195.1 Apologies for Absence-** Dean Ruddle (SSDC & SCC)

**195.2 Declarations of Interest:** Greg Jones (195.5b) John Rowland (195.4bi&ii)

**195.3** It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April & Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and the Clerk Signed them on behalf of the Chairman, who would sign them at the next available opportunity.

**195.4 Planning**

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

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

i) 20/00795/LBC. Badgers Cottage Peak Lane Compton Dundon. Application for Listed Building Consent for internal alterations to divide a bedroom and install a bathroom.

The Parish Council resolved to support this application. It was noted that there was no effect on the outside appearance of the building.

ii) 20/00796/LBC. Badgers Cottage Peak Lane Compton Dundon. Application for Listed Building Consent to install a chimney pot, add steel bracing to two A frames and repair and restore ceiling beams.

The Parish Council resolved to support this application. It was noted that the proposed work appears to be necessary to maintain the listed building.

iii) 20/01224/TPO. St Andrews Church, Peak Lane, Compton Dundon. Application to carry out tree surgery works to no 01 Tree (Shown as T1) within the South Somerset District Council (CODU1)2012 Tree Preservation Order. The Parish Council agreed that there was no need to comment.

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

**195.5 Accounts**

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 30/4/2020		£ 2,794.08
Less - Unpresented cheques:		
H C Richardson - Salary	£ 413.46	
H M R C - Tax & NI	£ 87.60	
Parish Magazine Printing - Feb Edition	£ 136.13	
Compton Dundon & Littleton Village Hall - Rent	£ 48.00	
More than A garden - Tree guards	£ 120.00	
Steve King Reimburse - Rabbiting Spade	£ 39.48	
Chris Swain Reimburse - Village Planters	£ 200.39	
		£ 1,045.06
Plus - Uncleared lodgements: transfer		£ 3,000.00
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 30/4/2020		£ 4,749.02
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 30/4/2020		£ 81,222.61
Overall Bank Balance		£ 85,971.63
Overall Ledger Book Balance		£ 85,971.63
Included in Treasurer's balance as stated above are the following debits:		
(a) Direct Debit: - 16/4/2020 BT Line/Broadband - £70.20		
(b) Direct Debit: - 30/4/2020 Auto enrolment - £13.20		

b) The following payments were approved

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Clerk salary & Expenses CD183		499.80	0	N/A
HMRC (PAYE month 1)		109.40	0	N/A
Parish Magazine Printing (March & April Edition)		272.26	0	N/A
SSDC Parish Ranger - Feb & March		301.92	50.32	Y
Will Austin - Grass Cutting (3 cuts)		375.00	0	N/A
Greg Jones - printer Ink re-imburse		92.00	15.33	Y
Zurich municipal- Insurance		426.25	0	N/A
Compton Dundon Post Office		80.00	0	N/A
G A Doble - Topsoil for planter		180.00	30	Y
<b>Total value of cheques</b>		<b>2,336.63</b>		

#### 195.6 Reports

- a) The County Councillor sent his apologies
- b) The District Councillor reported that some recycling centres would be opening soon and a press release was imminent, however there would still be some restrictions in place.
- c) The Chairman commented that he had been considering the future membership of the Parish Council and it would good to encourage some young residents to apply as vacancies arise.
- d) It was reported that the PCSO had been in touch with the Chairman regarding 3 incidents of vandalism at the Hood Monument.
- e) It was reported that the Rights of Way Volunteers had not met due to Covid-19.
- f) The Village Hall Committee has not met due to Covid-19, the committee would be reminded that they should apply for a business interruption grant.

#### 195.7 Highways Issues

Concerns were raised about footpaths L7/29 and L7/31, and it was agreed to discuss at next month's meeting.

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

- a) The Parish Council considered whether to hold an Annual Meeting of the Parish Council even though Coronavirus legislation had been introduced to remove the requirement until May 2021. The decision would be deferred until the June meeting.
- b) The Parish Council discussed the protocol for sharing information between meetings TK, DC & JR would discuss and put forward a proposal for the next meeting.
- c) Supplementary Standing Orders were approved to allow decisions by virtual meetings.
- d) The Parish considered a proposal to share the operations of running a Speed Indicator Device with Somerton TC. The Parish Council supported the idea in principle. Steve King would liaise with the traffic committee at Somerton TC.
- e) The Parish Council approved expenditure for a new notice board on Peak Lane
- f) The Parish Council approved expenditure for top soil for planters
- g) The Parish Council approved expenditure for Covid 19 volunteers and also to purchase 50 masks.

#### 195.9 Report of ongoing projects/issues

- a) **Compton Commercials Development** – It is believed that the site has been sold
- b) **Speed Indicator Device (SID) Programme** – see 195.8d
- c) **Community Tree Planting Project** – 1<sup>st</sup> Batch of trees planted- more trees to be ordered for next year.
- d) **Defibrillator** – Training postponed
- e) **Projector & Screen** – grant application has been approved, Contractor contacted regarding installation.
- f) **Neighbourhood Plan**-Designation applied for- GJ attending Webinar on 20<sup>th</sup> May.
- g) **Proposed new Bridleway** – letter to allotment holders
- h) **Allotments** – Potential Land owner would be contacted regarding sale of land
- i) **Planters at the Bus Stop** –Installed (respecting social distancing)
- j) **Electric Charging points** – On hold
- k) **New noticeboard** – see 195.8e
- l) **Digital Archive** – Review application.

195.10 Items put forward for the next meeting: None in addition to items mentioned above.

195.11 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting ended at 21.04pm.

Signed as a true record .....

Cllr. Steve King (Chairman)

Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020