

COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Zoom on **Wednesday 3rd June 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 – Part (SCC & SSDC) and Tim Kerley (SSDC).

There were 0 members of the general public present.

196.1 Apologies for Absence- None

196.2 Declarations of Interest: None

196.3 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6th May 2020 and the Clerk Signed them on behalf of the Chairman, who would sign them at the next available opportunity.

196.4 Planning

a) Notifications of district council planning determinations: None

➤ Cllr Tiffany Kearton joined the meeting

b) Responses to planning and legal consultations:

i) 20/01261/S73A: Land OS 8335 Northeast of Robins Way, Compton Dundon. Application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) and 3 (materials) of planning approval 16/03045/FUL for the erection of 26 dwellings and associated works. The Parish Council resolved to SUPPORT the changes put forward in this application and are keen to see this development completed

ii) 20/01375/HOU: Albacore Villa, Hayes Road, Compton Dundon. Erection of a single storey extension to side of dwelling to provide garage, mower storage and wet room shower room. The Parish Council resolved to SUPPORT the application

➤ Cllr John Rowland joined the Meeting

iii) 20/01195/FUL: Ivythorn Manor Farm, Street Road, Compton Dundon. Proposed Demolition of agricultural buildings, the change of use and conversion of agricultural buildings to 3 dwellings and the erection of 1 dwelling, with garaging and garden curtilage. The Parish Council resolved to OBJECT to the application in its current form but would be minded to support the application if changes were made to improve the visibility splays at the access onto the B3151

iv) 20/01406/FUL: Land rear of Maismore, Compton Street, Compton Dundon. The proposed erection of a new 5 Bedroom dwelling with associated detached garage (Revised/part retrospective of 17/03891/FUL) and the erection of a detached annex. The Parish Council resolved to SUPPORT the application but request that a condition is included to ensure that the occupation of the Annex is associated with the main dwelling and could not be sold separately from the main dwelling.

c). Other planning consultation issues: The Parish Council reviewed the draft Walking and Cycling manifesto proposed by Bruton TC and resolved to email support for the document. Several possible cycle routes in the Parish were suggested and it was agreed to consider options at a future meeting.

196.5 Accounts

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

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| Treasurers A/C Statement at 29/5/2020 | | | £ 4,207.59 |
| Less - Unpresented cheques: | | | |
| Steve King Reimburse | 1286 | £ 39.48 | |
| Chris Swain Reimburse | 1288 | £ 200.39 | |
| H C Richardson | 1289 | £ 499.80 | |
| HMRC | 1290 | £ 109.40 | |
| Parish Magazine Printing | 1292 | £ 136.13 | |
| Parish Magazine Printing | 1293 | £ 136.13 | |
| SSDC | 1294 | £ 301.92 | |
| Zurich Municipal | 1297 | £ 426.25 | |
| Compton Dundon Post Office | 1298 | £ 80.00 | |
| G A Doble | 1299 | £ 180.00 | |
| | | | £ 2,109.50 |
| Plus - Uncleared lodgements: | | | £ - |
| Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 29/5/2020 | | | £ 2,098.09 |
| Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 29/5/2020 | | | £ 81,226.09 |
| Overall Bank Balance | | | £ 83,324.18 |
| Overall Ledger Book Balance | | | £ 83,324.18 |
| 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 | | | |
| (c) Direct Debit: - 26/5/2020 PWLB repayment -£230.90 | | | |

b) The following payments were approved

| Purpose for Expense | Chq No. | Amount | VAT | Recover |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------------|-----|---------|
| Clerk salary & Expenses CD185 | | 410.56 | 0 | N/A |
| HMRC (PAYE month 2) | | 87.40 | 0 | N/A |
| Will Austin - Grass Cutting May | | 270.00 | 0 | N/A |
| Compton Dundon Post Office | | 80.00 | 0 | N/A |
| Total value of cheques | | 847.96 | | |

196.6 Reports

a) The County Councillor reported that due to Covid 19 the medium financial plan is under pressure and although promised funds from government there is not enough to balance books. SCC has received an Ofsted Report which found some of the services provided were weak and so finances would also be needed to make improvements. The timetable for the proposal to create a unitary authority was outlined which would see elections for the new authority in May 2022 if business case is agreed and approved by secretary of state.

➤ Dean Ruddle left the meeting

- b) The District Councillor reported that pre-Covid 19 they had been financially healthy, however reserves have been spent during the Pandemic and so has a massive hole in their budget. A planning workshop had reviewed the validation process which would result in some changes, including a new enforcement protocol.
- c) The Chairman put forward a proposal for the parish council to lead the fundraising for the 1700 year old Yew Tree. It was suggested that a 'go fund me' page could be set up and collections could be made at the pub and the Post Office. The Parish Council received a letter regarding the capacity of the water pumping station with new development in the village. It was reported that Wessex Water are trying to address the issue of a leak in the sewer which lets water in when it rains reducing the capacity of the system. The Clerk would contact Wessex Water for an update. The Chairman suggested that when the new noticeboard at the Peak Lane is installed, the agenda and minutes are posted in larger type in that noticeboard. It was also agreed the font for the Headerboard should be Arial, and in gold. A new noticeboard for Littleton will be considered next year.
- d) There was no report from the police this month.
- e) It was reported that the Rights of Way Volunteers had not met due to Covid-19, however it was suggested that anyone walking the footpaths, take some secateurs and cut back some of the bushes to keep the footpaths and gates usable.
- f) The Village Hall Committee has not met due to Covid-19, the committee had successfully applied for the business continuity grant and thanks were passed to John Rowland for rolling the field. Installation of the projector & Screen in the meeting room is progressing. The Committee have decided to apply for an Awards for All grant for a separate project to install a projector into the Main Hall.

196.7 Highways Issues

Concerns were raised about footpaths L7/30, due to littering and damage to the styles. It was suggested that once restrictions are relaxed, the footpaths group attend to the area and request some swing gates from SCC and approach the landowners.

196.8 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 September meeting.
- b) The Parish Council discussed the protocol for sharing information between meetings. It was agreed that the planning summary circulated by GJ was very helpful.
- c) It was reported that representatives from the Parish Council had met with representatives from Somerton TC to discuss collaborating on the operation of SID's. The proposal was to purchase one unit each, and after a period of familiarization each council would loan their unit to the other so that they can be used together in a two-week rotation. The Clerk was asked contact the Parish Ranger to see if she would be able to move the unit on our behalf as she will already have the Chapter 8 training.
- d) It was reported that the BT minimum contract would end in August. It was agreed that the Parish Council would not renew the contract to avoid getting fixed into a long-term contract. The Clerk would find out the ongoing cost.

196.9 Report of ongoing projects/issues

- a) **Compton Commercials Development** – The site had been sold and the development is progressing and so the item can be removed from the updates.
- b) **Speed Indicator Device (SID) Programme** – see 196.8c
- c) **Community Tree Planting Project** – 1st Batch of trees planted- more trees to be ordered for next year.
- d) **Defibrillator** – Training postponed
- e) **Projector & Screen** – Electrics are now installed and working, the rest of the equipment will be installed soon. A dedicated computer for the system was recommended, to be considered at later time. Likely to cost around £700. Dell might offer a substantial discount if we go direct as a PC. A camera is the priority as we may have to offer online access to meetings even when we return to live meetings.
- f) **Neighbourhood Plan**-GJ attended Webinar on 20th May. Our next step is to apply for the grant.
- g) **Proposed new Bridleway** –Concern was raised about legal status of the land.
- h) **Allotments** –Land-owner 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 196.6e
- l) **Digital Archive** – Review application.

196.10 Items put forward for the next meeting: None

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

There being no further business the meeting ended at 21.12pm.

Signed as a true record

Cllr. Steve King (Chairman)

Date: 1st July 2020