

COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Zoom on **Wednesday 1st July 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 was 1 member of the general public present.

Public Participation: the resident attended to find out more about the application which is close proximity to his home. One letter in opposition to the application was read out.

198.1 Apologies for Absence- None

198.2 Declarations of Interest: John Rowland (198.4bi & ii), Tiffany Kearton & John Rowland (198.8b)

198.3 It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd June & Thursday 18th June 2020 and the Clerk Signed them on behalf of the Chairman, who would sign them at the next available opportunity.

198.4 Planning

a) Notifications of district council planning determinations: None

b) Responses to planning and legal consultations:

- i) 20/01451/FUL: Barns at Laws Farm, Compton Street, Compton Dundon. The removal of existing farm buildings and erection of 3 dwellings(resubmission of application ref 18/03497/FUL). The Parish Council resolved to SUPPORT the application. The Parish Council acknowledged the changes made to the original application 18/03497/FUL and welcome the new bungalows in the Parish.
- ii) 20/01642/OUT: Sunrise, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon. Outline application with all matters reserved save for access for the conversion of an existing agricultural outbuilding to dwelling. The Parish Council resolved to SUPPORT the application but request that the occupation of the new dwelling remains associated with the main dwelling and could not be sold separately from the main dwelling.

c). Other planning consultation issues: The Parish Council discussed a pre-application proposal for the Old Tavern and agreed that in principle, they would be minded to support the redevelopment of an annex re-using the garage on the same footprint as the existing building, but a decision would be made once they saw plans. However, a further suggestion of a caravan park would not be welcomed, due to the safety of the access into the site.

198.5 Accounts

- a) The Parish Council accepted the Internal Auditors Report.
- b) The Parish Council approved the Annual Governance Statement 2019/20
- c) The Parish Council approved the Annual Return for YE 31 March 2020 (unaudited) and signed by the Chairman and the Clerk.
- d) The Clerk gave the following report on bank account reconciliation.

Treasurers A/C Statement at 30/6/2020			£ 3,103.37
Less - Unpresented cheques:			
Steve King Reimburse	1286	£ 39.48	
H C Richardson	1289	£ 499.80	
HMRC	1290	£ 109.40	
Compton Dundon Post Office	1298	£ 80.00	
H C Richardson	1301	£ 410.56	
H M R C	1302	£ 87.40	
Will Austin Garden Services	1303	£ 270.00	
			£ 1,496.64
Plus - Uncleared lodgements:			£ -
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 30/6/2020			£ 1,606.73
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 30/6/2020			£ 81,229.32
Overall Bank Balance			£ 82,836.05
Overall Ledger Book Balance			£ 82,836.05
Included in Treasurer's balance as stated above are the following debits:			
(a) Direct Debit: - 16/6/2020 BT Line/Broadband - £70.20			
(b) Direct Debit: - 30/6/2020 Auto enrolment - £13.20			
(c) Direct Debit: - 19/6/20 Safe Custody Key £7.50 returned			

e) The following payments were approved

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Clerk salary & Expenses CD186	1304	494.97	0	N/A
HMRC (PAYE month 3)	1305	87.60	0	N/A
David Collard & Co (internal Audit)	1306	252.00	42	Y
Playsafety Ltd (Safety Inspection)	1307	94.80	15.8	Y
SSDC Parish Ranger (20 April /6 May)	1308	328.56	54.76	Y
Unisan Ltd (Lockable mini sanitiser Station)	1309	204.72	34.12	Y
Total value of cheques		1,462.65		
Transfer from BIA to Treasurer's Account		3,000.00		

198.6 Reports

- a) The County Councillor reported that plans for 'Somerset one' the unitary authority were progressing and he was continuing to produce weekly reports with the help of another councillor, to keep the Parish Council up to date with Covid related matters. The Chairman thanked him for the updates.
- Dean Ruddle left the meeting
- b) The District Councillor reported that he was concerned about government changes to planning policy.
- c) The Chairman passed on his thanks to Greg Jones for creating the weekly newsletter keeping residents up to date throughout lockdown. It was hoped that the monthly newsletter might commence in the Autumn. It was reported that Wessex Water had provided an update that they were continuing to look into problems with the Sewerage System *'There are ongoing investigations into ground water infiltration within the foul sewer network in Compton Dundon. Whilst there is not a leak, the sewer can be overwhelmed during periods of heavy rain which in turn can cause flooding. We are continuously looking for the causes of ground water infiltration and when discovered, we try to employ effective remedial solutions'*
- 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, and work is mounting up and so work would be taken on by individuals rather than as a group.
- f) The Village Hall Committee will be meeting for the AGM on the 3rd September. The Village Hall is due to open in September to groups, and the projector in the meeting room has been installed.

198.7 Highways Issues

It was reported that there has been no progress on the Footpath L7/30.

198.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

- a) The Parish Council agreed that Charlie Parsons would be appointed as the Parish Councils Domain Name Administrator. He would charge on an ad hoc basis as and when this role required him to do anything.
- b) The Parish Council reviewed the current allotment usage and the associated legal documentation. It was agreed that the Clerk would speak to the solicitors that had been contacted in 2013 and investigate how we could change the status of the land legally to Small holdings. The Parish Council would also look into possible sites for Garden Allotments within the village to be discussed in September.
- c) The Parish Council agreed to create a permissive path across the land containing Agricultural Allotments to give pedestrians & horse riders a route, away from the B3151.
- d) The Parish Council reviewed the NALC consultation for the draft Code of Conduct and supported the document with no changes.

198.9 Report of ongoing projects/issues

- a) **Speed Indicator Device (SID) Programme** – Send Letter of authorisation to Somerton TC to progress project.
- b) **Community Tree Planting Project** – 1st Batch of trees planted- application for more trees from Woodland Trust in November.
- c) **Defibrillator** – Training postponed
- d) **Meeting room Projector & Screen** – installed
- e) **Neighbourhood Plan-GJ** attended Webinar on 20th May. Our next step is to apply for the grant.
- f) **Proposed new Bridleway** –See item 198.8c.
- g) **Allotments** –Land-owner contacted regarding sale of land, other sites being considered.
- h) **Electric Charging points** – On hold
- i) **New noticeboard** – ordered- due August
- j) **Digital Archive** – Review application.

198.10 Items put forward for the next meeting: Safe cycling route to Somerton, Rospa Report, Garden Allotment site, online banking.

198.11 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 2nd September 2020 at 7pm

There being no further business the meeting ended at 21.17pm.

Signed as a true record

Cllr. Steve King (Chairman)

Date: 2nd September 2020