

# COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Zoom on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllrs Diane Churches, Greg Jones, Tiffany Kearton, Stephen King (Chairman), John Rowland, Christopher Swain and Geoffrey Walker. **Also in attendance:** Helen Richardson (Clerk), Dean Ruddle – (SCC & SSDC) and Tim Kerley (SSDC) and 13 members of public.

**Public Participation:** A number of residents spoke in opposition to item 204.4bi Land at Compton Street. The Agent for the pre application discussion at Land Adjacent to Parkwood (item 204.4ci) presented the details of proposals.

204.1 **Apologies for Absence- None**

204.2 **Declarations of Interest:** Diane Churches (204.4bi), John Rowland (204.4bi, ii, & iii)

204.3 **Minutes:** It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November and the Clerk signed them on behalf of the Chairman, who would sign them at the next available opportunity.

204.4 **Planning**

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

i. 20/02094/FUL. Compton Dundon School, School Lane, Compton Dundon. The erection of four single storey classrooms (Retrospective) PERMIT with Conditions.

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

i. 20/02673/OUT. Land at Compton Street, Compton Dundon. Outline application for the erection of 3 detached single storey Dwellings and 2 detached two storey dwellings with associated parking arrangements.

The Parish Council resolved to OBJECT as concerns were raised over access, ecology, proximity to listed buildings, the scale of the development and loss of privacy & overlooking.

ii. 20/02841/HOU. Byrelea, Peak Lane, Compton Dundon. The erection of a single storey side and rear extensions & Loft Conversion.

The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to this application

iii. 20/02903/S73A. 1-27 Robins Way, Compton Dundon. Application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) and 3 Materials) of planning approval 16/03045/FUL and 20/01261/S73A to include minor variations to the house elevations & landscaping details.

The Parish Council resolved to SUPPORT the proposed changes.

iv. 20/03022/HOU. Turgles, Compton Street, Compton Dundon. The erection of a two storey rear and single storey side extensions to dwelling.

The Parish Council resolved to SUPPORT the application

c) **Other planning consultation issues.**

i. The Parish Council considered the pre-application consultation erection of dwelling on land adjacent to Parkwood, Hayes Road.

The Parish Council reviewed the information provided in the pre-app, and agreed that in principle the proposals did not raise any concern.

ii. The issue regarding caravans behind Ham Lane was deferred to next month

204.5 **Accounts**

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 30/11/20			£ 2,119.21
Less - Unpresented cheques:			
Information Commissioner	1316	40.00	
SALC	1321	191.87	
Will Austin Garden Services	1332	280.00	
SSDC	1334	164.28	
Parish Magazine Printing	1333	204.06	
b green and sons	1335	546.00	
Parish Online	1336	90.00	
SALC	1337	30.00	
PKF Littlejohn	1338	240.00	
Jill Champion	1339	480.00	
DJM Electrical (SW) Ltd	1340	108.00	
			£ 2,374.21
Plus - Uncleared lodgements:			£ 3,000.00
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 30/10/2020			£ 2,745.00
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 30/10/2020			£ 69,237.34
Overall Bank Balance			£ 71,982.34
Overall Ledger Book Balance			£ 71,982.34

Included in Treasurer's balance as stated above are the following debits:

(a) Direct Debit: - 16/11/2020 BT Line/Broadband - £73.80

(b) Direct Debit: - 30/11/2020 Auto enrolment - £13.20

(c) Direct Debit: - 25/11/2020 PWLB repayment - 230.90

b) **The following payments were approved**

Purpose for Expense	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Clerk salary & Expenses CD190		384.41	0	N/A
HMRC (PAYE month 8)		87.60	0	N/A
SSDC - Parish Ranger (October)		164.28	27.38	Y
Parish Magazine Printing (November)		141.30	0	N/A
St Andrews PCC		1,000.00	0	N/A
R Sheppard - Rights of Way Volunteers		240.00	0	N/A
SLCC Subscription		48.38	0	N/A
The Poppy Appeal		80.00	0	N/A
Jill Champion		80.00	0	N/A
<b>Total value of cheques</b>		<b>2,225.97</b>		
Transfer from BIA to Treasurer's Account		3,000.00		

- c) 2nd Draft 2021-22 budget: Changes to the second draft included expenditure for a projector, a new noticeboard at Littleton, renovation of the finger posts, and the Bridle Way project

204.6 **Reports**

a) **Somerset County Council.**

The County Councillor reported that Somerset County Council have resolved to ask the secretary of State to defer the May Election. A feasibility study into a new train station at Somerton/ Langport will be carried out. The Second tranche of the Somerset Climate emergency money is open until 11<sup>th</sup> January. Somerton TC has teamed up with a company called IDDEA that offers Solar Panels at a reduced price and will be available to residents of Compton Dundon & Littleton.

b) **South Somerset District Council.**

The District Councillor reported investigations into the phosphates issue was still ongoing.

c) **The Chairman** reported that he had spoken to Openreach and the first phase of the fibre network would be fiber to the home along Ham Lane with up to 200mb.

d) The PCSO reported that incidents in the area were low currently, but they would be seen more in the area as they would be using the Castlebrook Inn as a base to work from time to time. She warned that residents should be careful of disposing of boxes of high value items so as not to advertise gifts that had been given at Christmas.

e) **Right of Way Volunteers:** The Christmas Tree will be going up Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

f) **The Village Hall Committee:** The minutes have been circulated

204.7 **Highways Issues**

a) **The Parish Council are considering a proposal for creating a safe cycling route to Somerton.** The application is being prepared for the second window of applications for the Somerset Climate fund towards creating a cycling route to Somerton. Costings are being prepared and the application should be submitted within a month.

b) A car is still blocking the church path in contravention of the Highways Act 1835 & Road Traffic Act 1980, causing pedestrians to step out into the road to pass. The owner of the vehicle informed the Parish Council that repairs to the vehicle were progressing.

204.8 **Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision**

a) Expenditure was approved to purchase a computer, video conferencing camera & crate to operate the Projector in the meeting Room. Up to £2000 was approved, with £1000 paid by a grant from SSDC.

204.9 **Report of ongoing projects/issues**

a) **Speed Indicator Device (SID) Programme** – CS has attended Chapter 8 training, and the SID device will be collected from Somerton next week.

b) **Community Tree Planting Project** – Trees have arrived and are being held in a nursery. Site visit to be arranged at the allotments.

c) **Defibrillator** – Training on hold

d) **Neighbourhood Plan**- Application needs to be prepared to submit for funding.

e) **Proposed new Bridleway** –letter has been sent to affected allotment.

f) **Garden Allotments** –Solicitor considering our position. Looking for alternative site.

g) **Electric Charging points** –On Hold

h) **New noticeboard** – Arrived, still needs to go up.

i) **Digital Archive** – Application rewritten – need more volunteers.

j) Clarendon House – Monitoring promised works on access.

204.10 Items put forward for the next meeting: None

204.11 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7pm  
There being no further business the meeting ended at 21.13pm

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

Date: 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021