

COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Zoom on **Wednesday 6th January 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Diane Churches, Greg Jones, Stephen King (Chairman), John Rowland, Christopher Swain (part) and Geoffrey Walker. **Also in attendance:** Helen Richardson (Clerk), Dean Ruddle – (SCC & SSDC) and Tim Kerley (SSDC) and 2 members of public.

Public Participation:

205.1 **Apologies for Absence-** Tiffany Kearton

205.2 **Declarations of Interest:** Greg Jones (205.5b)

205.3 **Minutes:** It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd December 2020 and the Clerk signed them on behalf of the Chairman, who would sign them at the next available opportunity.

205.4 Planning

a) To receive notifications of district council planning determinations: None

b) To agree responses to planning and legal consultations:

i. 20/02644/REM. Land at Castlebrook. Application for reserved matters following approval of 19/02148/OUT for residential development for 5 dwellings, to include details of appearance. The Parish Council resolved to SUPPORT the application, but request SSDC to address highways issues submitted by a member of public.

➤ Chris Swain joined the meeting

ii. 20/03189/COU. Lower Hurst Farm, Hurst Drove. Proposed change of use of stable block and open fronted lean-to from agricultural to ancillary domestic use and the change of use of land from agricultural to garden. The Parish Council resolved to SUPPORT the application, but would request a condition that the out-building can only be ancillary use and not become a separate dwelling. The Parish Council also requested the biodiversity report is reviewed as in this location it is likely to require some mitigation.

c) Other planning consultation issues:

i. The Parish Council had received a report of an unauthorised Caravan Parking Area behind Ham Lane. The area had been investigated, but it was agreed that no action was required.

205.5 Accounts

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 04/01/21			£ 6,227.87
Less - Unpresented cheques:			
SALC	1321	191.87	
SALC	1337	30.00	
PKF Littlejohn	1338	240.00	
DJM Electrical (SW) Ltd	1340	108.00	
H C Richardson	1341	384.41	
HMRC	1342	87.60	
SSDC	1343	164.28	
Parish Magazine Printing	1344	141.30	
St Andrews PCC	1345	1,000.00	
Dick Sheppard (ROW volunteers)	1346	240.00	
SLCC	1347	48.38	
The Poppy Appeal	1348	80.00	
Jill Champion	1349	80.00	
			£ 2,795.84
Plus - Uncleared lodgements:			
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 4/1/21			£ 3,432.03
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 4/1/21			£ 66,237.93
Overall Bank Balance			£ 69,669.96
Overall Ledger Book Balance			£ 69,669.96

b) The following payments were approved

	Chq No.	Amount	VAT	Recover
Clerk salary & Expenses CD192		472.05	0	N/A
HMRC (PAYE month 9)		109.40	0	N/A
SSDC - Parish Ranger (November)		164.28	27.38	Y
Parish Magazine Printing (December)		141.30	0	N/A
Premier Christmas Trees		125.00	0	N/A
Playdale		145.52	24.25	Y
Greg Jones Reimburse - xmas tree working group		82.65	0	N/A
Jill Champion		80.00	0	N/A
Total value of cheques		1,320.20		

- c) The 2021-22 budget was approved and the Precept request set at £33993. This would result in no increase in the Parish Council element of Council tax payments for a Band D property based on the Council Tax Base figure.

205.6 **Reports**

a) Somerset County Council.

The County Councillor reported that the decision on the Climate Emergency funding was being delayed. There is still no further information on the Phosphate issue as they are waiting on legal advice.

b) South Somerset District Council.

The District Councillor reported that a large amount of staff are being redeployed due to the lockdown and so some projects/timetables will be delayed until normal service is resumed.

c) The Chairman reported that he had received complaints motorcycles & 4x4's using various paths around the Parish. Relevant land-owners have been informed. The Christmas Tree would be taken down this weekend in a Covid Safe manner. **Newsletter:** It was agreed that new lockdown information would be supplied and the size of the newsletter could be reduced depending on the amount of content for this month.

Lockdown: Spark have already been in touch with the request for a prescription collection. All the volunteers from previous lockdowns would be contacted to make sure they are still happy to help. Contact numbers for help would be circulated. Residents would be asked to look out for their neighbours. A generic email address would be created to field requests for help so that it doesn't rely on one person to respond. It was agreed that members of the Parish Council would trial small social gatherings on Zoom for parts of the Parish to reduce isolation.

d) Apologies were received from the police.

e) Right of Way Volunteers: The Christmas Tree will be taken down Sunday 10th January.

f) The Village Hall Committee: The Village Hall is closed apart from the Post Office.

205.7 **Highways Issues**

a) The Parish Council have submitted an application for funding from SCC for creating a safe cycling route to Somerton & Street.

b) A car is still blocking the church path in contravention of the Highways Act 1835 & Road Traffic Act 1980, and causing pedestrians to step out into the road to pass. Anyone making a complaint would be referred to the police.

c) It was reported that a Temporary Road Closure: ttr0401328SS - WW - Compton Street. Works expected to commence on 4th January 2021 and last for 5 days was now complete.

d) It was reported that a Temporary Road Closure: ttr0401270SS - WW - Peak Lane. Works expected to commence on 4th January 2021 and last for 5 days was now complete.

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

a) It was agreed that as the Great British Spring Clean was likely to be cancelled due to Covid, residents would be asked to help keep the Parish clean by picking up rubbish in areas that they walk regularly.

b) Improvements to broadband provision have been promised by different providers in different areas of the Parish and there appeared to be confusion about timescales and which providers were most likely to fulfil their offers. It was suggested that an outline of current position would be written for the village newsletter to clarify and encourage residents to apply for the voucher scheme which can be used for any provider

205.9 **Report of ongoing projects/issues**

a) Speed Indicator Device (SID) Programme – The report from the SID had been circulated and results discussed. It was agreed to share the results with the Police and with Somerton TC.

b) Community Tree Planting Project – Trees have arrived and are being held in a nursery.

c) Defibrillator – Training on hold

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

e) Proposed new Bridleway –Need to rotavate the strip for tree planting

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.

205.10 Items put forward for the next meeting: None

205.11 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 3rd February 2021 at 7pm
There being no further business the meeting ended at 20.25pm

Signed as a true record

Cllr. Steve King (Chairman)

Date: 3rd February 2021