

COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Zoom on **Wednesday 3rd February 2021**

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

Public Participation:

207.1 **Apologies for Absence-** None

207.2 **Declarations of Interest:** None

207.3 **Minutes:** It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6th January 2021 and the 27th January 2021 and the Clerk signed them on behalf of the Chairman, who would sign them at the next available opportunity.

207.4 Planning

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

b) To agree responses to planning and legal consultations: None

c) Other Planning Issues: None

➤ John Rowland & Tiffany Kearton joined the meeting

207.5 Accounts

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

| | | | |
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| Treasurers A/C Statement at 03/2/21 | | | £ 3,538.55 |
| Less - Unpresented cheques: | | | |
| SALC | 1321 | 191.87 | |
| SALC | 1337 | 30.00 | |
| DJM Electrical (SW) ltd | 1340 | 108.00 | |
| HMRC | 1342 | 87.60 | |
| The Poppy Appeal | 1348 | 80.00 | |
| H C Richardson | 1350 | 472.05 | |
| HMRC | 1351 | 109.40 | |
| SSDC | 1352 | 164.28 | |
| Playdale Playground | 1355 | 145.52 | |
| J P White (Christmas Tree) | 1358 | 125.00 | |
| | | | £ 1,513.72 |
| Plus - Uncleared lodgements: | | | |
| Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 3/2/21 | | | £ 2,024.83 |
| Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 3/2/21 | | | £ 66,238.53 |
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| Overall Bank Balance | | | £ 68,263.36 |
| Overall Ledger Book Balance | | | £ 68,263.36 |

b) The following payments were approved

| | Chq No. | Amount | VAT | Recover |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-----------------|-------|---------|
| Clerk salary & Expenses CD193 | | 472.05 | 0 | N/A |
| HMRC (PAYE month 10) | | 109.40 | 0 | N/A |
| SSDC - Parish Ranger (December) | | 164.28 | 27.38 | Y |
| Parish Magazine Printing (February) | | 141.30 | 0 | N/A |
| Greg Jones Reimburse - litter pickers | | 21.90 | 3.66 | Y |
| H Richardson Reimburse (Lorry Signs) | | 100.80 | 16.8 | Y |
| Jill Champion | | 80.00 | 0 | N/A |
| Total value of cheques | | 1,089.73 | | |

207.6 Reports

a) Somerset County Council.

The County Councillor reported that the accounts cannot be signed off until the valuation for some of the assets are correctly calculated. There are also issues with duplicate invoices from Skanska.

b) South Somerset District Council.

The District Councillor reported that planning was still being held up due to the ongoing phosphates issue and is likely to continue until the sewerage plant at Somerton is upgraded in 2025. Developers will be required to mitigate for additional phosphates created by their development by creating new heathland or wetland using a calculator determined by the District Council, alternatively there is a credit scheme through Wessex Water. The practicality of the arrangement is uncertain especially for smaller developers.

c) **The Chairman** reported that the Castlebrook Inn has been given a west of England Traditional Pub of the Year Award. The trial of the Zoom coffee meeting in Peak Lane has gone well and so other people were encouraged to set up similar meetings in other areas of the Parish

d) There was no report from **the police**.

e) **Right of Way Volunteers** are not meeting due to Covid, apart from taking the Christmas Tree down.

- f) **The Village Hall Committee:** There is concern about youths climbing on the Village Hall Roof and the police have been informed. The latest Covid lockdown grant has been applied for.
- g) **Speed Indicator Device (SID).** The Device has been trialed in several of the positions and it was agreed that by the 1st March all positions will have been trialed and the formal exchange arrangement with Somerton TC will begin on a two week rotation.

207.7 **Highways Issues**

- a) The pothole in Ham Lane by the Piggery has still not been repaired and will be reviewed next month.

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

- a) The Grass cutting contract was agreed for 2021-2022.(£1950 for the main field with additional £15 per mow for the memorial grass) The Village Hall committee are considering paying the difference in cost to have the cut grass taken away (additional £525)
- b) The Parish Council approved £649 inc VAT for Option 2 to replace the Clerks Laptop plus £55 for data transfer if required.
- c) The Parish Council agreed a grant of £160 for Somerset Arts Therapy Business to pay for their Zoom subscription.

207.9 **Report of ongoing projects/issues**

- a) **Community Tree Planting Project** – Upto £200 was approved to spend on tree guards and stakes for the tree planting at the new Bridleway. Planting would be arranged in a Covid Safe way in the next few weeks.
- b) **Defibrillator** – Training on hold
- c) **Neighbourhood Plan-** The draft application is underway.
- d) **Proposed new Bridleway** –Need to rotavate the strip for tree planting
- e) **Garden Allotments** –Solicitor considering our position. Looking for alternative site. No further update
- f) **New noticeboard** – Arrived, still needs to go up.
- g) **Digital Archive** – Application rewritten – need more volunteers and will arrange an event in Village Hall when Lockdown is lifted
- h) **Clarendon House** – Update received from Owner proposing new access, but it was reported that there may be some unapproved development at the end of the lane.

207.10 Items put forward for the next meeting: Pothole in Ham Lane, Dog bins

207.11 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 3rd March 2021 at 7pm
There being no further business the meeting ended at 20.37pm

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

Date: 3rd March 2021