

COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

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(Part) – (SCC & SSDC) and Tim Kerley (SSDC) and 0 members of public.

Public Participation: None

208.1 **Apologies for Absence-** None

208.2 **Declarations of Interest:** None

208.3 **Minutes:** It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd February 2021 and the Clerk signed them on behalf of the Chairman, who would sign them at the next available opportunity.

208.4 **Planning**

a) To receive notifications of district council planning determinations:

- i. 20/03474/HOU. 2 Moor Close Compton Dundon: Erection of a single storey extension to rear and a new porch to front of dwelling. APPROVE
- ii. 20/03448/HOU, The Old Farmhouse Compton Street Compton: Demolition of small lean-to extension at the rear of the property, and the erection of a new kitchen extension. WITHDRAWN
- iii. 20/03189/COU. Lower Hurst Farm Hurst Drove Compton Dundon: 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. APPROVED
- iv. 20/03055/LBC, The Old Farmhouse Compton Street Compton Dundon Somerton: Demolition of small lean-to extension at the rear of the property, and the erection of a new kitchen extension. WITHDRAWN
- v. 20/03022/HOU. Turgles Compton Street Compton Dundon The erection of a two storey rear and single storey side extensions to dwelling. APPROVED
- vi. 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 and landscaping details. APPROVED
- vii. 20/02841/HOU. Byrelea Peak Lane Compton Dundon: The erection of single storey side and rear extensions and loft conversion. APPROVED

b) To agree responses to planning and legal consultations:

- i. 20/03645/HOU. Whitestones, Peak Lane Compton Dundon: demolition of existing rear conservatory, side porch and existing rear extension. construction of new ground floor rear side return extension. the replacement of wall cladding and erection of Front porch. The Parish Council resolved to SUPPORT this application. The proposed extension replaces an existing extension, which has problems with leaking. The overall footprint is not substantially larger than the existing footprint.

c) Other Planning Issues:

- i. A report of a static caravan was received behind Ham Lane, the issue would be investigated and discussed again next month.

208.5 **Accounts**

- a) The Clerk gave the following report on bank account reconciliation. The Lloyds Bank current account was closed on 3rd March and the balance transferred to Unity Bank. Under the switch agreement any payments presented in the next 36 months will be forwarded to Unity Bank. The Lloyds BIA account will remain open for a couple of months until the precept has been received and then it will close and the balance transferred to Unity Bank Savings account.

Treasurers A/C Statement at 02/3/21			£ 11,094.68
Less - Unpresented cheques:			
SALC	1321	191.87	
SALC	1337	30.00	
The Poppy Appeal	1348	80.00	
			£ 301.87
Plus - Uncleared lodgements:			
Treasurers A/C Adjusted Balance at 2/3/21			£ 10,792.81
Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 2/3/21			£ 58,382.47
Overall Bank Balance			£ 69,175.28
Overall Ledger Book Balance			£ 69,175.28
Included in Treasurer's balance as stated above are the following debits:			
(a) Direct Debit: - 16/2/21 BT Line/Broadband - £73.80			
(b) Direct Debit: - 2/3/21 Auto enrolment - £13.20			
(c) Transfer: - 15/2/21 from BIA - £10,000 to cover switch			

b) The following payments were approved: GJ & SK to authorise payments

	Ref no	Amount	VAT	Recover
Clerk salary & Expenses CD195	147761080	402.96	0	N/A
HMRC (PAYE month 11)	65928058	89.80	0	N/A
SSDC - Parish Ranger (December) - awaiting invoice		328.56	54.76	Y
SSDC - Operational Playground Inspections	816612395	127.20	21.2	Y
Parish Magazine Printing (March)	369023580	141.30	0	N/A
AV Parts Master Ltd - Logitech Meet-up Video Conferencing Can	12741743	958.80	159.8	Y
Microbitz Computers - HP Laptop	386058738	714.00	119	Y
Dell PC for meeting room - Awaiting invoice		462.73		Y
Somerton TC - SID & NRSWA Streetworks Unity	702097214	2,851.66	475.28	Y
Somerset Arts Therapy Business - Grant approved 207.8c	73178582	160.00	0	N/A
Jill Champion (January) awaiting bank details		80.00	0	N/A
Total value of cheques		6,317.01		

208.6 Reports

a) Somerset County Council.

It was reported that the May County elections have been cancelled.

b) South Somerset District Council.

The District Councillor reported that at their last meeting they went through the Annual Plan, the set the capital budget revenues & set Council Tax with an increase of 2.91%. The Phosphate Calculator has now been brought into Planning policy. Somerset Waste Partnership are testing an electric recycling vehicle. Cllr Kerley agreed to give an explanation of the phosphate calculator at the next meeting. He would also look into reports of unauthorised development behind Clarendon House.

➤ Dean Ruddle joined the meeting.

c) The Chairman received a request that the Parish Council contact SSDC Housing Officer regarding the latest vacancy at Homefield Close to ensure that it is allocated in accordance with the S106 agreement. The Chairman reported that the Planning application 20/03055/LBC at the Old Farmhouse had been withdrawn. They had proposed a modest extension however they had been informed that it would be refused, but a more suitable extension would be a larger extension with excessive glass and skylights. The District Councillors were interested in reasons for the withdrawal..

d) The police reported that they had followed up on the results from the Parish Council Speed Indicator Device and had positioned an enforcement officer at the end of Robins Way. Over 25 people were caught speeding with a top speed of mid 40's.

e) Right of Way Volunteers are meeting on the 23rd March to assist with the tree planting. Members need to pre-register to comply with Covid Restrictions.

f) The Village Hall Committee are meeting Tuesday 9th March to discuss re-opening and grass cutting.

g) Speed Indicator Device (SID). Sharing Agreements have been signed and circulated, the formal exchange arrangement with Somerton TC will begin on a two-week rotation. The results are being sent to the police see 207.6d)

208.7 Highways Issues

a) The pothole in Ham Lane by the Piggery has still not been repaired. It has been reported to fix my street, but the report appears to be ignored by officers when other reported issues are being fixed. It was requested that the County Councillor speak to highways.

➤ Dean Ruddle left the meeting.

208.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

a) It was agreed that increased prevalence of dogs mess had become a serious issue in the Parish, but this was a County-wide issue and more education was needed to ensure people picked up their dog's mess. It was agreed that the Parish Council would request one more dog bin in Hayes Lane in addition to the one already requested in Ham Lane. The Clerk would ask the District Council for marketing material to encourage people to clean-up after dogs or report persistent offenders. A resident had contacted the Parish Council

regarding the footpath along the hedge of the Village Hall Playing Field TK would forward to the village hall and suggest more signage.

b) The Parish Council approved the price increase for the Parish Magazine Printing.

208.1 **Report of ongoing projects/issues**

a) **Community Tree Planting Project** – tree planting would take place at the new bridleway on the 23rd March, thanks was passed on to John Rowland who had agreed to rotovate the strip of land to be planted.

b) **Defibrillator** – Training on hold

c) **Neighbourhood Plan**- The draft application is underway, a zoom meeting would be arranged with a Neighbourhood Planning consultant, before completing the application. He has suggested applying for the funding in parts, in line with our plan.

d) **Proposed new Bridleway** –See 208.1a

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** – see 208.6b

208.10 Items put forward for the next meeting: Presentation on the Phosphate Calculator

208.11 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 7th April 2021 at 7pm
There being no further business the meeting ended at 20.38pm

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

Date: 7th April 2021