

COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Zoom on **Wednesday 7th April 2021**

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

Public Participation: Two residents spoke of their concern regarding variations from approved plans, and loss of native hedge at the development at the Pound, Ham Lane.

209.1 **Apologies for Absence-** Christopher Swain

209.2 **Declarations of Interest:** Greg Jones(209.5b), John Rowland (209.4bi)

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

209.4 **Planning**

a) To receive notifications of district council planning determinations:

- 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. **APPROVED**
- ii. 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. **REFUSED**

b) To agree responses to planning and legal consultations:

- i. 21/00583/HOU. Hurst Lea, Hurst Drove, Compton Dundon. Erection of a first floor to the existing bungalow. The Parish Council resolved to SUPPORT the application.
- ii. 21/00695/HOU & 21/00696/LBC. Lilac Cottage. Removal of conservatory and construction of new extension and alterations. (Resubmission of expired approval 15/04790/FUL & 15/04791/LBC). The Parish Council resolved to SUPPORT the application.

c) Other Planning Issues:

- i. It was reported that it appears that someone is living in a Static Caravan behind Ham Lane. The Clerk would raise the issue with Planning enforcement.
- ii. Concerns were raised about a wall at the development at the Old Pound (19/02417/FUL) not being placed in accordance with approved plans. A section of the hedge has also been removed. The resident was advised that variations to the position of the wall were likely to be allowed under permitted development. Any part of the hedge within the planning applications should be replaced with native hedge under the permissions given and so this would be monitored. The Clerk would contact SSDC to ask if the hedge further along Ham Lane could be protected.
- iii. Tim Kearney gave a presentation on the workings of the Phosphate Calculator.

209.5 **Accounts**

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 06/4/21			£ 5,322.09
Less - Unpresented cheques:			
The Poppy Appeal	1348	80.00	
Jill Champion	ep1374	80.00	
SSDC	ep1375	164.28	
			£ 324.28
Plus - Uncleared lodgements:			
Unity Current A/C Adjusted Balance at 6/4/21			£ 4,997.81
Lloyds Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 6/4/21			£ 58,382.93
Overall Bank Balance			£ 63,380.74
Overall Ledger Book Balance			£ 63,380.74
Included in Treasurer's balance as stated above are the following debits:			
(a) Direct Debit: - 16/3/21 BT Line/Broadband - £73.80			
(b) Direct Debit: - 30/3/21 Auto enrolment - £13.20			

b) **The following payments were approved:** TK & GW to authorise payments

	Ref no	Amount	VAT	Recover
Clerk salary & Expenses CD195	ep1376	483.85	0	N/A
HMRC (PAYE month 12)	ep1377	112.40	0	N/A
Parish Magazine Printing (April)	ep1378	153.15	0	N/A
Jill Champion (February)	ep1379	80.00	0	N/A
Greg Jones (reimburse)	ep1380	16.99	2.83	Y
Total value of cheques		846.39		

It was agreed that the Dell Desk top (approved last month) would be purchased by GJ on credit card (upto £500+VAT) and reimbursed.

209.6 **Reports**

a) **Somerset County Council.**

The County Councillor reported that grass cutting would start on A & B roads in May - July, C & Unclassified roads would follow, then a second cut would be carried out on A & B roads where required, but there would be no second cut on C & unclassified roads.

➤ Dean Ruddle left the meeting.

b) **South Somerset District Council.**

The District Councillor reported a large amount of money had been given to the Octagon Theatre. He has also looked into the footpath at L7/30. The Clerk was asked to report the footpath to the SSDC County footpath officer.

c) **The Chairman** reported that the application to the Somerset Climate Emergency Fund for a new cycle path was unsuccessful. It was agreed that alternative ways of achieving the project should be considered.

d) **The police** -2 crimes were reported in March.

e) **Right of Way Volunteers** are meeting on the 11th April to do some clearance on Emblett Lane. They will also be looking at installing some stiles on the new bridle way.

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

g) **Speed Indicator Device (SID).** Somerton have had the two devices for two weeks and now both are in our parish for two weeks. It was noted from the latest results speeds appear to be slower this time, possibly due to the fact that drivers had spotted the first device and are driving more slowly once they come to the second. The results are being sent to the police. A resident had expressed his concern about speeding through the Parish and so it was suggested that concerned residents could set up Community Speedwatch to help to reinforce the impact from the Speed Indicator Device.

209.7 **Highways Issues**

a) It was reported that notification has been received that Ham Lane would be closed from 26th April. It has also been confirmed that work is planned in next years budget to resolve the drainage issue on Peak Lane/Church Hill.

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

a) It was reported that the Village Hall Committee had decided not to pay the additional cost of grasscutting to have the cuttings taken away. They also don't want the cuttings should not be collected and stored on site. They wanted the clippings to be left to mulch. There are two piles of grass from last year which John Rowland offered to remove.

b) It was reported that under current legislation the May meeting would be the last on zoom and the June Meeting should be back in the Meadway Hall under Covid restrictions. The Main Hall would be needed as the Meeting Room would not allow for social distancing. It was very possible that legislation could change in the next few months. The Meeting in May would be the annual meeting of the Parish council and the Annual village Meeting. The implications of returning to face to face meetings would be discussed next month.

209.9 **Report of ongoing projects/issues**

a) **Defibrillator** – Training on hold

b) **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.

c) **Proposed new Bridleway tree planting** –Thanks to John Rowland for rotovating the strip of land, a good turn out of volunteers helped with the planting on the new bridleway.

d) **Garden Allotments** –. No further update

e) **New noticeboard** – New Noticeboard had been erected. New Notice board for Littleton to be discussed.

f) **Village Archive** – Launch event booked in Meadway Hall on 18th September.

g) **Clarendon House** – Ongoing

209.10 Items put forward for the next meeting: None

209.11 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 7pm
There being no further business the meeting ended at 21.13pm

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

Date: 5th May 2021