

COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on Zoom on **Wednesday 5th May 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Diane Churches, Greg Jones, Tiffany Kearton, Stephen King (Chairman), Christopher Swain, and Geoffrey Walker. **Also in attendance:** Helen Richardson (Clerk), and 2 members of public.

- 210.1. Cllr Stephen King was elected as Chairman
210.2. Stephen King signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office on screen in view of other members.
210.3. Cllr Geoff Walker was elected as Vice Chairman
210.4. **Apologies for Absence-** John Rowland, Dean Ruddle– (SCC & SSDC) and Tim Kerley (SSDC)
210.5. **Declarations of Interest:** None
➤ **Public Participation:** None.
210.6. The Standing Orders and Financial Regulations were reviewed and adopted.
210.7. All Councillors were appointed as authorised cheques signatories.
210.8. The Clerk was appointed as Responsible Financial Officer
210.9. Chris Swain was appointed as Rights of Way Volunteer Co-Ordinator
Greg Jones was appointed as Parish Environment Warden.
Tiffany Kearton was appointed as Tree Warden.
Tiffany Kearton was appointed as Representative to the Village Hall.
210.10. Stephen King, Tiffany Kearton & Diane Churches were appointed onto the Staffing Committee.
Greg Jones, Geoff Walker, and Christopher Swain were appointed onto the Planning Committee.
Chris Swain, Greg Jones & John Rowland were appointed onto the Appeals Committee.
210.11. The 2020/21 schedule of meetings would be discussed in 210.18d
210.12. It was resolved that the the Council insurance policy was renewed with Zurich for one year.
210.13. **Minutes:** It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7th April 2021 and the Clerk signed them on behalf of the Chairman, who would sign them at the next available opportunity.
210.14. **Planning**
a) To receive notifications of district council planning determinations:
i. 21/00095/HOU: Lamperts Cottage Compton Street Compton Dundon. Alterations, the demolition of existing single storey rear extension and the erection of single and two storey rear extensions to dwellinghouse. **WITHDRAWN**
ii. 20/03268/LBC: Lamperts Cottage Compton Street Compton Dundon. Alterations, the demolition of existing single storey rear extension and the erection of single and two storey rear extensions to dwellinghouse. **WITHDRAWN**
iii. 20/02771/S73: Land Adjacent Ham Lane Compton Dundon. Application to vary conditions 2 (approved plans), 3 (parking plan), 13 (materials trigger point) and 14 (footpath plan) of approval 19/01598/FUL. **APPROVED**
iv. 20/00842/FUL: Middle Farm Peak Lane Compton Dundon. Demolition of agricultural buildings, erection of dwelling with parking and change of use of land from agricultural to domestic curtilage. **REFUSED**
v. 20/00840/FUL: South Barn Peak Lane Compton Dundon. Demolition of two barns, erection of dwelling with parking and change of use of land from agricultural to domestic curtilage. **REFUSED**
vi. 20/00841/LBC: South Barn Peak Lane Compton Dundon. Demolition of two barns, erection of dwelling with parking and change of use of land from agricultural to domestic curtilage. **APPROVED**
b) To agree responses to planning and legal consultations: None

210.15. **Accounts**

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 04/5/21			£ 3,577.92
Less - Unpresented cheques:			
	The Poppy Appeal	1348	80.00
			£ 80.00
Plus - Uncleared lodgements:			
Unity Current A/C Adjusted Balance at 4/5/21			£ 3,497.92
Lloyds Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 6/4/21			£ 58,382.93
	Overall Bank Balance		£ 61,880.85
	Overall Ledger Book Balance		£ 61,880.85
Included in Treasurer's balance as stated above are the following debits:			
(a) Direct Debit: - 19/4/21 BT Line/Broadband - £73.80			
(b) Direct Debit: - 29/4/21 Auto enrolment - £13.20			

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

	Ref no	Amount	VAT	Recover
Clerk salary & Expenses CD196(inc reimburse for Cage)	ep1382	550.95	25.7	Y
HMRC (PAYE month 1)	ep1383	89.80	0	N/A
Parish Magazine Printing (May)	ep1384	153.15	0	N/A
SSDC Ranger Labour (March)	ep 1385	164.28	27.38	Y
Will Austin (grass cutting April)	ep 1386	435.00	0	N/A
EON Unmetered Supply to Bus Shelter	ep 1387	23.43	N	
Jill Champion Awaiting invoice		80.00	0	N/A
Total value of cheques		1,496.61		

210.16. Reports

a) Somerset County Council.

The County Councillors sent his apologies.

b) South Somerset District Council.

The District Councillors sent their apologies.

c) The Chairman reported that he has contacted Connecting Devon & Somerset for an update on their broadband provision.

d) The police – No update

e) Right of Way Volunteers met for clearance on Plantation Lane and will be continuing this month. It was noted that land on Emblett's Lane is for sale, and if purchased could be considered for allotments.

f) The Village Hall Committee : No further update.

g) Speed Indicator Device (SID). Reports have been circulated: Somerton TC have suggested the purchase of an additional device, but it was agreed that the Parish Council did not require the use of an additional device. It was resolved to purchase an additional 4 mounts.

210.17. Highways Issues

a) It was reported that County have been marking the road in Goose Lane ahead of improved drainage works.

210.18. Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

a) An update on fibre broad provision in various areas of the Parish was received.

Openreach have installed High Speed fibre in Ham lane and are installing wires in readiness for High Speed Fibre in Compton Street. No information is available until the lines become live and it is unclear when the rest of the village might be connected. The Parish Council have been pushing for information from the various stakeholders but have been very frustrated with the lack of information forthcoming.

b) The provision of Internet to Meadway Hall was discussed – The Parish Council currently pays for the BT package to provide the line to the payphone and connection to broadband, but the fixed term contract has come to an end. It would be proposed to the Village Hall Committee that the phoneline should be terminated and that they should take over the broadband contract and connect to Ultrafast Broadband.

c) The Parish Council considered a resident's request to install a traffic mirror at the junction of Compton Street but agreed that they were not able to support the request. Somerset County Council do not permit the use of mirrors on the Public Highway as rather than improving safety, the mirror could (in some certain circumstances) increase the risk. The request was to erect the mirror on private property but this could not be supported by the Parish Council due to the associated risks.

d) It was reported that virtual attendance at meetings after the 6th May is not permitted and so a plan to return to Face to face meetings was agreed. The Parish Council would meet in the Main Hall on Monday June 7th to sign the External Audit Documents. In July the Clerk would arrange a consultative Zoom call with Councillors to advise the Clerk on current issues and the Clerk would use delegated powers to proceed. The Parish council would then return to the meeting hall in September after the summer break provided all restrictions have been lifted.

e) The Parish Council reviewed the Scheme of Delegation (Business continuity Motion) and extended it for 6 months until November 2021.

f) The Parish Council approved an additional £140 for the purchase of two loads of Mulch for tree planting

210.19. 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.

c) Proposed new Bridleway tree planting –Trees are growing well

d) Garden Allotments –. Viewing plot of land

e) New noticeboard – New Notice board for Littleton was approved

f) Village Archive –meeting planned for 18th May to form a committee to arrange Launch event booked in Meadway Hall on 18th September.

g) Clarendon House – Ongoing

210.20 Items put forward for the next meeting: None

210.21 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Monday 7th June 2021 at 7pm in the Village Hall
There being no further business the meeting ended at 20.27pm

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

Date: 7th June 2021