

COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held in Meadway Hall on **Monday 7th June 2021**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs Diane Churches, Greg Jones, Stephen King (Chairman), John Rowland, Christopher Swain, and Geoffrey Walker. **Also in attendance:** Dean Ruddle– (SCC & SSDC) Helen Richardson (Clerk), and 3 members of public.

➤ **Public Participation:** Three members spoke of their concern regarding planning breaches and unauthorised access to the garage behind Ham Lane

211.1 **Apologies for Absence-**, Tiffany Kearton, and Tim Kerley (SSDC)

211.2 **Declarations of Interest:** None

211.3 **Minutes:** It was RESOLVED to accept the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5th May 2021 and the Chairman signed them.

211.4 **Planning**

a) **To receive notifications of district council planning determinations:**

i. 21/00695/HOU: Lilac Cottage, Removal of Conservatory and construction of a new extension and alterations (Resubmission of expired approval 15/04790/FUL & 15/04791/LBC): APPROVE

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

c) **Other Planning Consultation issue:**

i. Planning Breach at the Garage behind 'Robins' in Ham Lane.

The Parish Council agreed that it appeared that planning conditions for the garage at the back of Ham Lane had been breached as it was reported that someone is staying there over-night. Questions over rights of access for non-agricultural purposes were also raised but would be a civil matter and not a concern for Planning Enforcement. A complaint has been lodged with Planning enforcement regarding the use of the garage and it was agreed to review progress at next month's meeting. DR would contact the new planning enforcement officer.

211.5 **Accounts**

a) The Parish Council resolved to accept the report from the Internal Auditor.

b) The Parish Council resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statements.

c) The Parish Council resolved to approve the Accounting Statement for YE31 March 2021 (unaudited) and the Chairman signed it.

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

Treasurers A/C Statement at 31/5/21			£ 1,757.53
Less - Unpresented cheques:			
The Poppy Appeal	1348	80.00	
			£ 80.00
Plus - Uncleared lodgements:			
Unity Current A/C Adjusted Balance at 31/5/21			£ 1,677.53
Lloyds Business Instant Access A/c Balance at 9/4/21			£ 92,376.44
Overall Bank Balance			£ 94,053.97
Overall Ledger Book Balance			£ 94,053.97
Included in Treasurer's balance as stated above are the following debits:			
(a) Direct Debit: - 17/5/21 BT Line/Broadband - £79.68			
(b) Direct Debit: - 28/5/21 Auto enrolment - £13.20			
(c) Direct Debit: 25/5/21 Public Works Loan - £230.90			

e) **The following payments were approved: CS & GW to authorise payments**

	Ref no	Amount	VAT	Recover
Clerk salary & Expenses CD197	ep1389	495.30	0	N/A
HMRC (PAYE month 2)	ep1390	90.00	0	N/A
SSDC Ranger Labour (April)	ep1391	186.48	31.08	Y
Will Austin (grass cutting May)	ep1392	290.00	0	N/A
Zurich Municipal	ep1393	426.25	45.67	Y
Jill Champion(May)	ep1394	80.00	0	N/A
DJM Electrical (For electrical work in meeting room)	ep1395	147.12	24.52	Y
Parish Magazine Printing (June)	ep1396	153.15	0	N/A
Total value of cheques		1,868.30		

A transfer of £50,000 was approved from the Lloyds Bank Business account to the Unity savings account.

211.6 Reports

a) Somerset County Council.

The County Councillor reported that the vaccination programme is going well, but caution is still needed and there has been a recent outbreak in Wincanton. £6 Million has been put into hospitality and small business recovering from the pandemic.

b) South Somerset District Council.

It was reported that the Phosphates issue continues, as Wessex Water need to put in place their credits system.

c) The Chairman reported that a resident had offered to donate some artwork to the Parish, but as the Parish Council did not own any buildings, it would be suggested that the resident contacts the village Hall Committee or the Castlebrook Inn.

d) The police – A written update was provided showing the crime statistics for the neighbourhood, and a general alert was given to remind residents in the warmer weather to close all windows when leaving homes unattended.

e) Right of Way Volunteers reported that the work on Plantation Lane & Emblett Lane has been completed. Stile clearing will be taking place this month.

f) The Village Hall Committee : The minutes of their meeting have been circulated

g) Speed Indicator Device (SID). Reports have been circulated: It has been noted that as lockdown is lifting traffic numbers are slowly increasing, however average speeds are decreasing. A replacement pole is required for one of the locations, the Clerk was asked to contact County Highways to see if they could provide one.

211.7 Highways Issues

a) It was reported that Peak Lane would be closed between the 26th July and 20th August for essential highways maintenance work. A complaint was received about the potholes on Middle Drove, and while it was recognised that this would not be priority for Highways, the Clerk was asked to contact them to see if they had any crushed hardcore to fill up the holes.

211.8 Correspondence and items requiring discussion/decision

a) The Parish Council agreed that they would like to plant a jubilee tree to mark her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 as part of the Queens Green Canopy. The Village Hall committee would be asked if they could provide a suitable location.

b) The Parish Council approved expenditure of £1284.13+VAT for a new noticeboard at Littleton.

211.9 Report of ongoing projects/issues

a) Defibrillator – Contact trainer to see if he would be willing to go ahead with training.

b) Neighbourhood Plan- Zoom meeting with consultant to be arranged for 30th June.

c) Proposed new Bridleway tree planting –Still waiting for invoice for mulch. Grass is getting long, JR agreed to cut it.

d) Garden Allotments –. The proposed land at Emblett Lane was sold prior to the Auction

e) New noticeboard – item 211.8b

f) Village Archive –met on 18th May to form a committee. Meeting planned for July 20th to arrange Launch event booked in Meadway Hall on 18th September.

g) Clarendon House – Ongoing

211.10 Items put forward for the next meeting: Queens Jubilee (September meeting)

211.11 The date of the next Parish Council Meeting was confirmed as Wednesday 1st September 2021 at 7pm in the Village Hall. An advisory meeting would be held on Zoom on Wednesday 7th July to assist the Clerk using delegated powers.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 20.35pm

Signed as a true record

Cllr. Stephen King (Chairman)

Date: 1st September 2020

After the meeting the Parish Council reviewed the following planning applications:

21/01462/DPO: Land At Home Farm Compton Street Compton Dundon. Application to discharge a S106 Agreement dated 6th July 1992 between South Somerset District Council and Gordon Carbin, Joan Carbin and Colin Gordon Carbin in relation to (i) the demotion of agricultural buildings, (ii) implementation of a landscaping scheme, (iii) the tying of the approved farmhouse to land and imposition of an agricultural occupancy tie, and (iv) removal of permitted development rights (application 912849).

The Parish Council had NO OBJECTION to the application.

21/01287/HOU: Old Decoy Farmhouse, Peak Lane, Compton Dundon. Erection of a single storey extension.

The Parish Council SUPPORT the application however they requested that the material should match the existing material and be red brick not timber cladding. (Greg Jones declared an interest and did not take part in the discussion)

21/01207/S73: Home Farm, Compton Street, Compton Dundon. Demolition of existing agricultural buildings and the erection of 8 dwellings & garages and the creation of an associated new access and driveway (S73 application to vary condition 2 (approved plans) of approval 19/00775/FUL to allow changes to house types and layout.)

The Parish Council SUPPORT the application for the new site layout, but have been informed of a privacy issue in relation to plot 7 which overlooks an existing home. This can easily be resolved by changing the internal layout and swapping the bathroom & dressing room with the bedroom, so that the windows overlooking the existing home are obscured glass. (Geoff Walker declared an interest and did not take part in discussions).