

# COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2010.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Cllrs M Bowles (Acting Chairman), I Parsons and D Stacey [N.B. The quorum is 3]

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr T Billing (Parish Clerk), Cllr A Canvin (SSDC), Cllr J Zouche (SCC) and Mr D Shears (SSDC Rights of Way Officer). There were 3 members of the general public present.

### PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Mr Les Taylor spoke on two subjects:

1. There is currently no volunteer for deliveries of the Parish Newsletter between Tweenways and Littleton Lane. Chairman Cllr G Jones is covering this area whilst a volunteer is being sought.
2. Concerns regarding the village school and the lack of representation on the Federation Board of Governors. With no further public participation, Cllr Bowles opened formal proceedings.

#### 1. Apologies for absence.

The Clerk reported that apologies had been received from members Cllr Greg Jones (Holiday), Cllr Churches (Holiday) Cllr S Solle (Holiday) and Cllr D Jones (work commitments). The council **RESOLVED** to accept these apologies. Non member Cllr J Beale (SSDC) sent her apologies for absence.

**2. Declarations of Interest.** No declarations were forthcoming.

#### 3. Approval of the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2010

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes as a true record. Cllr Bowles signed the minutes.

► **Items 10a) brought forward:** It was agreed that the letters regarding the school be forwarded to the Chair of Governors of the Federation of Compton Dundon and Kingsdon schools. Cllr Zouche reported that there is a vacancy for a community governor on the governing body.

#### 4. Report from the County Councillor.

Cllr Zouche noted the letter (reference TB/385) written by the Clerk to South Somerset Highways regarding highway drainage at the Moor Close Estate and will liaise with the South Somerset Highways Manager.

**5. Reports from District Councillors.** Nothing to report.

**6. Report from the Police.** One reported crime in Compton Dundon for the month of July 2010, concerning a theft of £5 in pound coins from the cash box in St. Andrews Church on the 29th July 2010. This is the third theft from the box and we [the police] are asking that if anyone has any information regarding this, please contact telephone 0845 4567000.

#### 7. Report from the Rights of Way Officer.

The volunteers met on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2010 and replaced the old stile at the junction with Peak Lane on Public Footpath L7/9. They also replaced the steps on the stile at the southern end of the track to Heck's Orchard on Public Footpath L7/8. Church Path in Compton Street along the frontage of Old Home Farm and the field adjacent will be examined at the next meeting to determine the amount of replacement stone required.

**8. Village Hall Report.** Nothing to report.

#### 9. Highway Reports.

- a) The potholes "Behind Town" continue to be a problem. The work carried out in 2009 proved to be ineffective and the road in its 50m stretch from Compton Street is now in very poor condition.
- b) Blocked Gullies in Peak Lane north of School Lane.

#### 10. Correspondence requiring decision.

- a) Letters regarding Compton Dundon C of E VC Primary School. [Dealt with after item 3]
- b) SALC Email from Mr Peter Lacey: Legal advice with regard to the letters in item 10a) of this agenda. Noted
- c) SSDC: Invitation to Annual Meeting with Area North Town & Parish Councils. Noted
- d) South Somerset Highways, Scott Davies: Review of winter maintenance services. Noted.
- e) South Somerset Highways, Scott Davies: Approval of site for grit bin in Peak Lane. Noted.

f) SSDC (Legal & Corporate Services): Notice of making Public Path Order for diversion of footpath L7/35 at Compton Street, Compton Dundon (former Laws Farm). Noted.

**11. Correspondence for information.**

a) Yeovil District Hospital. Newsletter Issue 12 - Summer 2010. Noted.

**12. Notifications of district council planning determinations.** None received in July 2010

**13. Planning Consultations:**

a) 10/01770/FUL Mr and Mrs Jeremy Hunter. Retention of barn for domestic storage/workshop (GR 349007/130383) Lower Farm Barn, Farm Lane (Track), Littleton TA11 6NP. Case Officer Claire Alers-Hankey. Return date 5<sup>th</sup> August 2010. **RESOLVED to RECOMMEND REFUSAL** for the following reasons:

1. It was a condition of 99/02565/COU that the barn be removed but this has not been complied with.
2. The parish council recommends that the application in its present form be withdrawn and replaced with an application for Change of Use for the barn and curtilage.

**14. Accounts.**

a) The clerk gave the following report on bank accounts:

Treasurers A/C Statement at 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2010		<b>2087.21</b>
Less unrepresented cheques	000532	-22.99
	000533	-211.50
	000536	-40.00
	000537	-95.00
Plus uncleared lodgments	None	0.00
Treasurers A/C balance		<b>1717.72</b>
Business Instant Access Account at 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2010		<b>869.64</b>
Fixed Term Account (3months) at 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2010	Matures 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2010	<b>20000.00</b>
Fixed Term Account (12 months) at 4 <sup>th</sup> February 2010	Matures 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2010	<b>10000.00</b>
	<b>Balance</b>	<b>32587.36</b>
	<b>Ledger Book</b>	<b>32587.36</b>

The Clerk reported that the Annual Audit had been completed and signed off by the Auditor on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

b) Cheques and bank transfers:

- (i) 000538: SSDC Printing of village directory £37.60
- (ii) 000539: St Andrews PPC Grant Aid £500.00
- (iii) 000540: Sweet-Telecom re Feb 2010 Broadband Service at the Village Hall £22.99.
- (iv) 000541: Simply Gardens (Mr P Rivers) re grass cutting in May at the Village Hall £211.50.
- (v) 000542: T Billing Clerk's Salary and Expenses. £352.52
- (vi) 000543: HMRC PAYE deductions: £69.60
- (vii) 000544: Moore Stephens Annual Audit £158.62
- (viii) 000545: Information Commissioner's Office renewal £35.00

It was **RESOLVED** that the cheques and the bank transfer be approved and signed.

c) Re-investment of funds on a new Fixed Term Account. The Clerk will administer the investment.

**15. Purchase of grit bin for Peak Lane.**

It was agreed to go ahead with the purchase and to install in Peak Lane just north of its junction with School Lane. The colour green was selected.

**16. Playing Field Enhancement Project.** Nothing to report.

**17. Questionnaire for the Parish Plan.**

The Clerk noted comments from Councillors and will issue a final draft for approval at the next meeting.

**18. Grant aid for the Table Tennis Club.**

The Clerk reported that the application for grant aid had been withdrawn.

**19. SCC Community Safety Consultation Survey.** Councillors agreed to complete the questionnaire.

**20. Agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting.**

**21. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010.**

With no further business to be transacted, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:35pm.

Signed as a true record .....  
Cllr G Jones (Chairman)

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010