

COMPTON DUNDON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held at Meadway Hall, Ham Lane, Compton Dundon on **Wednesday 6th January 2010.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cllrs M Bowles, D Churches, D Jones, G Jones, I Parsons, S Solle and D Stacey

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

Public Participation: None

1. Apologies for absence:

All members were present. Non-member Cllr J Beale (SSDC) sent her apologies.

2. Declarations of interest.

12a) Cllr Bowles (close neighbour); Cllr G Jones (friend of applicant) both prejudicial.

3. Minutes of the meetings held on 2 December 2009.

Typographical error in paragraph 7. Delete "L&/12"; replace with "L7/12". With this correction it was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes as a true record and the chairman signed them.

4. Report from the County Councillor.

Cllr J Zouche gave a summary of activities of the Highway Authorities in tackling the problems of ice and snow on roads throughout the county. He also stated that he has a meeting planned with Scott Davies where he would discuss the issues raised by the PC regarding gully clearance.

5. Reports from District Councillors.

Cllr A Canvin gave his report which included an update on the proposed redevelopment of Moor Close. He also stated that exploratory talks were taking place with East Devon District Council with regard to possible joint working arrangements.

6. Report of the Police.

No report received.

7. Report from the Rights of Way (ROW) Officer.

Mr Shears stated that the volunteers met on 13th December 2009 and erected two new kissing gates on Public Footpath L7/23 between the B3151 and Touch Lane (Restricted Byway L7/12) to replace stiles. They also erected the Parish Christmas tree at The Cross, Compton Dundon.

8. To discuss Highway Reports and Highway Defect List Update.

a) It was reported that a gully near to Metcalfe House in Main Road (B3151) is still blocked.

b) Ice on Ham Lane on the bend at "The Nook" had resulted in a car accident on 21st December 2009. It appears that the road was not subsequently gritted because there was no record of a police report. The Clerk will contact the police.

c) It was reported that that 10 bags of grit is available to all villages and towns. In addition Grit bins can be purchased by the parish councils and the South Somerset Highways will fill them with grit. The Clerk agreed to investigate.

d) There are pot holes in Hurst Drove and Behind Town.

e) A car accident was reported on Monday 4th January 2010 near to Millway Cottage, Somerton Road (B3151).

9. Correspondence requiring decision.

a) SSDC: Ethical Standards Self Assessment Survey. Members completed the forms and returned them to SSDC.

b) Yarlinton Housing Group: Reply to Complaint Reference 966718 regarding the Moors Close Development. This was duly noted and summarised in the Clerk's letter to Yarlinton Housing Group (item 15).

c) SSDC: Request to nominate an Environmental Warden. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should take this role.

10. Correspondence for information.

- a) Flourish Homes (Previously Mendip Housing): Newsletter Dec 2009. Noted.
- b) Dick Gossling (Woodland Officer – Forestry Commission): Update on the Monument Felling application. Noted.
- c) Peter Robertson: Letter supporting the Parish Council’s letter TB/337 re Monument Felling application. Noted.
- d) SSDC: Decision to explore joint working arrangements with East Devon District Council. Noted.
- e) SSDC: Presentation notes on workshops for Dog Control Orders and general Environmental Enforcement. Noted.
- f) SSDC: BT Red Telephone Boxes Adoption Programme. The Clerk reported that this was being progressed.
- g) Yeovil District Hospital: Newsletter Issue 10 Winter 2009. Noted.
- h) Mr DE Welch: Copy of letter of objection to Planning Application 09/04343/FUL. Noted.
- i) Mrs JM McConachie: Copy of letter of objection to Planning Application 09/04343/FUL. Noted.
- j) Mr & Mrs Stacey (Ham Lane) : Copy of letter of objection to Planning Application 09/04343/FUL. Noted.
- k) SSDC: Reduction in the threshold for Affordable Housing Provision. Noted.
- l) SALC: Items of interest to Councillors and Clerks. It was agreed that the Clerk should attend the workshop on the New Model Standing Orders at Edington Village Hall on Tuesday 16th Feb 2010 at a cost of £15.
- m) Somerset Rural Youth Project: Newsletter Winter 2009. Noted.
- n) SSDC: Flood awareness workshop Wednesday 20th Jan 2010. Noted.

11. District council planning determinations.

- a) 09/04014/FUL Mr M O’Connor. Alteration to existing access and installation of new gates (GR349538/130822). Woodland Dene, Littleton, Somerton, Somerset TA11 6NR. **GRANTED PERMISSION**. Noted.
► Cllrs Bowles and G Jones left the room at this juncture. Cllr D Jones took the chair for item 12a).

12. Planning Consultations.

- a) 09/04607/FUL Mr & Mrs A Strudwick. Corner Farm, Compton Street, Compton Dundon TA11 6PS. Demolition of various buildings, erection of two dwellings and formation of new vehicular access (Revised Application 04/03511/FUL) (GR 349126/132928). Case Officer Linda Hayden. Return date 31/12/2009 extended to 7/1/2010 by agreement. The acting chairman invited the applicant to explain the differences between the previous and this amended application. After some debate it was **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND APPROVAL**.

- Cllrs Bowles and G Jones returned to the room.

13. Accounts.

- a) The clerk gave the following report on bank accounts.

Treasurers A/C Statement at 3 December 2009		834.51
Less unrepresented cheques	000491	-402.50
	000493	-30.00
	000494	-22.51
	000495	-57.50
Plus uncleared lodgments	None	0.00
Treasurers A/C balance		322.00
Business Instant Access Account at 3 December 2009		4,078.75
Fixed Term Account (3months) at 3 December 2009		10000.00
Fixed Term Account (12 months) at 3 December 2009		10000.00
	Balance	24,400.75
	Ledger Book	24,400.75

- b) The Clerk presented the following cheques for payment approval:
- (i) 000496: Mr J H Osborne re Supply and delivery of a Christmas tree £85.00
 - (ii) 000497: T Billing Clerk’s Salary and Expenses. £460.36
 - (iii) 000498: Sweet-Telecom re Jan 2010 broadband Service at the Village Hall £22.99
 - (iv) Bank Transfer from BIA to current Account £600.00
- c) It was **RESOLVED** that the cheques and the bank transfer be approved and signed.

14. Moors Close Redevelopment and Housing Need Survey.

Cllr A Canvin informed the PC that the developers, Yarlinton Housing Group, will attend a pre-application meeting at SSDC but the date has yet to be fixed. The Chairman informed the meeting that the Housing Needs Survey resulted in a good response.

15. Public Consultation by Yarlinton Housing Group regarding the Moor Close Re-Development

The Clerk tabled a letter (Reference TB/339) summarising the concerns expressed by councillors at the previous Parish Council meeting. The council agreed by **RESOLUTION** that the letter be sent to Yarlinton without amendment.

16. Playing Field Enhancement Project.

The Chairman gave an update on the detailed planning of the upgrade which included a summary of a meeting with Adrian Moore (SSDC) and Darren Moore (Area Sales Manager – Playdale Playgrounds Ltd). SSDC have pledged £5000.00 towards youth provision provided that the PC match-fund this amount.

17. To receive the Village Hall Report.

The hiring charge for the PC remains at £10 per meeting for 2010.

18. Adoption and Decommission of telephone kiosks.

The Clerk reported that he had written to BT to accept the adoption provided that the council is given a satisfactory quotation from BT for the removal of the electrical supply.

19. Bus Stop at Junction of Littleton Lane and B3151.

The Clerk reported that he had written a letter of complaint to First Customer Services regarding buses failing to stop at Littleton Hill and had received assurances that operators had been briefed to prevent similar incidents.

20. Parish Quality Status.

The Clerk reported that the application for Parish Quality Status had been handed to Peter Lacy SALC. The Clerk recommended a change of Internet Provider for the PC website with domain name www.comptondundon-pc.gov.uk using phpwebsite free public-domain software. It was **RESOLVED** to accept this recommendation. The Clerk agreed to register the name through WHAM Ltd.

21. Agenda items for the next Parish Council meeting.

- a) Purchase of grit bins.
- b) Church Path Maintenance.

22. Date of the next Parish Council Meeting.

Wednesday 3rd February 2010.

With no further business to be transacted, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:06pm.

Signed as a true record
Cllr Greg Jones (Chairman)

Date: 3rd February 2010