

Compton Bishop Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

12th July 2023

Present: Councillors T Mason (Chairman) D McCarthy, E Parker, M Shaw, T Kelly and Parish Clerk A Mortimore.

23/7A To receive any apologies for non-attendance.

Apologies were received from Councillors C Settle and G Hancock and Somerset Councillor B Filmer.

23/7B To receive declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest.

23/7C To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th June 2023.

It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

The Chairman signed the minutes.

23/7D To receive the Clerks report which was read by the Chairman.

Complaint received regarding inappropriate parking outside Cross Village Hall. Councillors agreed that the Chairman will respond to the resident who made the complaint as well as investigate possible solutions with the Hall Committee.

23/7E To receive the County Councillor report.

This was read out by the chairman.

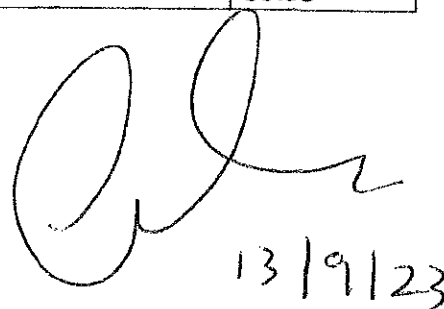
23/7F To consider request for fuel for the CBPC Strimmer.

This was approved by the members.

23/7G To approve the bank statement and the following statements.

Payee	Description	Amount £
Somerset County	Dog Bin emptying	250.85
T Mason	Postage to Lloyds of new signature Mandate	5.20
T Mason	Webbington Hotel replacement Defib Sign	34.96
Mr M Rolfe	Fuel for Strimmer	24.99
Spanglefish	CBPC Web Site Hosting	39.95

These payments were approved by the Councillors.



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booster vaccine this autumn:

- a) residents in a care home for older adults
- b) all adults aged 65 years and over.
- c) persons aged 6 months to 64 years in a clinical risk group.
- d) frontline health and social care workers
- e) persons aged 12 to 64 years who are household contacts of people with immunosuppression.
- f) persons aged 16 to 64 years who are carers and staff working in care homes for older adults.

Booster vaccinations are now planned to start on September 11 th , 2023.

3) **Flu vaccinations:** NHS England has confirmed it will start by prioritising flu vaccinations for children from September, to prevent children from getting seriously ill and to break the chain of transmission to the wider population. School aged children will be able to get the flu vaccine at school or at community clinics, Children aged two and three years will be able to get an appointment with their GP practice. This year, based on the latest scientific evidence, the JCVI has recommended adults over the age of 65 and those with underlying health conditions will be eligible for a flu with the offer starting from early October, to maximise protection for patients right across the winter months. The flu season typically peaks in January when more people gather indoors.

4) **Roundabout sponsorship:** Local businesses are being invited to take advantage of roundabout sponsorship to advertise socially responsible goods and services. The space is available for advertising a wide range of goods and services. The new ethical advertising policy means that the Council will not sanction certain adverts such as those promoting junk food, fossil fuels, gambling or consumption of alcoholic drinks. The money generated by the initiative will go back into the Council's highways maintenance budget although not specifically earmarked for roundabout maintenance.

5) **Soft plastics recycling:** More than four tonnes of plastic bags and wrapping such as bread bags and confectionary packets, have been collected for recycling as part of the Council's role in a national project to expand recycling collections. The small-scale pilot involving 3,600 homes across two locations in Frome started at the end of

23/9G

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Payee	Description	Amount £
Somerset Council	40mph on Webbington Rd	4609.53
PATA	Payment for Pay role due 01/08 (late payt of £10 could be applied) making £26.20.	16.20
Spanglefish/R Parker	Payment for web hosting 2019-2022	0.00
	Postage to Lloyds of new signature Mandates x2	18.83
Clerk	+ Monthly Payments for Microsoft Office	
Clerk	Net Salary 12//7/23- 31/08/23	529.31
Clerk	HMRC Tax deducted at source	132.20
SALC	Remote Training	35.00
Mr M Rolfe	Plants, bonemeal and water retention crystals	44.00
SALC	Remote Training	30.00

These payments were approved by the Councillors. Councillor Parker informed the meeting that Richard Parker does not wish to be reimbursed for the Spanglefish Web Hosting as

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mentioned above. The committee asked Councillor Parker to pass on their thanks to Mr Parker for this very kind gesture.

23/9H

To consider the following Planning Applications.

Planning application number	Location	Proposal
21/23/00015/EC	Electronic telecommunications apparatus at Webbington Farm, Barton Rd, Webbington, Axbridge	Due to the response deadline and no August meeting, the Councillors agreed that they had no objection to this planning proposal.

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To note the Planning decisions update.

Planning application number	Location	Decision
21/23/00009/EC	Land South of, Crossmoor Drove, Axbridge,	Awaited
21/23/00011/EC	Turnpike Road, Lower Weare, Axbridge,	Awaited
21/23/00014/EC	Timberwork Buildings, Bridgwater Road, Cross, Axbridge, BS26 2EA	Awaited

23/9J

To consider a 20mph speed limit from A38 to Newtown in Cross.

It was agreed to reconsider this proposal as it was felt that the 20mph would only work in the built-up area of Cross. The speed watch team of Volunteers were very pleased with the support given by the Parish Council.

Councillor McCarthy and Michael Peel (Co-ordinator for Community Speedwatch Group) will draft an email which will be addressed to the relevant bodies (Police and Speedwatch Co-ordinator) regarding additional locations for the community speedwatch group within Compton Bishop Parish, the draft email will be sent to the Clerk.

A response to be sent to Gary Warren, Service Manager, Traffic Engineering Somerset Council informing that CBPC would need more time to complete the detailed application form for the implementation of a 20mph. Somerset Council are looking to deliver the scheme again next year.

A further suggestion was that 20mph posters were placed in people's windows to make drivers more aware of speeding which was successful in Axbridge and the costings for similar posters are being obtained.

23/9K

Safe Pathway Campaign Cross Lane – update on any progress with Axbridge Town Council and the Landowners.

There have not been any developments since the Safe Pathway Action Group met in August. However, the Clerk of Axbridge Town Council has informed the Parish Clerk that the

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Highways Advisory Group will be discussing the issue regarding the landowners at their next meeting scheduled for late September.

- 23/9L** **To consider purchase of a Battery Strimmer for use of the Councillors to cut grass verges etc around the Parish when required.**
Although the Parish already has a Strimmer this is used by the Maintenance Team mainly around the Cross Village area as it was a distance to other parts of the Parish.
It was agreed to purchase an electric strimmer along with a spare battery for use around the Compton Bishop/Webbington end of the Parish.
In order to follow the correct protocol, it was agreed to gather some prices from a number of garden machinery suppliers for further discussion at the next meeting.
A maximum price of £550 was then agreed including a spare battery. Councillors Parker, Settle and McCarthy will investigate the most suitable type of Strimmer for the parish requirements and obtain the necessary quotations to submit at the next meeting.
- 23/9M** **Church Lane Bus Shelter – progress in obtaining quotations for the installation of a bench.**
Councillor McCarthy has been in contact with a local resident who is a carpenter, and he has agreed to construct the bench from the spare oak wood he has accumulated and does not require any payment for the work or wood used. The resident is on holiday at present but will be contacted on his return.
- 23/9N** **New Sign on Wall at The New Inn to comply with the Yellow Lines on the road**
It was agreed that a costing should be obtained for a decision at the next meeting. Councillor McCarthy agreed to organise.
- 23/9O** **Village Signs – any progress on the “Cross Village” sign at the Compton Bishop end of the Village.**
Councillor McCarthy informed the meeting that along with Councillor Parker and a Photographer who is a resident in the Parish are willing to mock up a possible design for the sign. This will be installed next to the Compton Bishop sign but on the opposite side of the road.
It was mentioned that the Old Cross Village sign next to the footpath entrance along Cross Lane (boundary between Cross and Axbridge) also needs replacing so, depending on cost it may be possible to replace this at the same time.
- 23/9P** **To consider a request from St Andrews Churchwardens for £500 towards grass cutting.**
This was unanimously agreed.
- 23/9Q** **To consider the relationship between CBPC and the Cross Memorial Hall Committee and to appoint two councillors to attend the Hall Committee meetings and to contribute to the management of the hall.**
Cross Memorial Hall is a scheme set up under the Charity Commission number 1079133 with

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a total of ten Trustees, two of which represents Compton Bishop Parish Council. The hall trustees meet six times a year to discuss all the aspects of maintaining the facility for the residents and other communities or members of the public who may wish to hire the facilities. Currently Councillors McCarthy and Parker are on the Charity Commission website as the Trustee representatives of the Parish Council.

Attendance at such meeting by the parish representatives has been an issue due to their other commitments and Councillor Settle has agreed to attend such meetings if one or the other is not available to attend. The Clerk to contact the hall committee for dates of their meetings and to establish the criteria for a third nominee from the Council being involved.

23/9R **Springfield Wildlife Site – to consider a walk around the site by the Councillors along with The management Group set up last May (subject to the approval of the Management Plan by Somerset Council).**

At the time of the meeting CBPC were still awaiting approval of the Management Plan by Somerset Council. Once approved the management responsibility for the site will lie with the Parish Council and Somerset Council.

The Councillors agreed to make a visit on September 22nd to inspect the site to see impact of the furniture which was positioned back in the spring and general state of the area.

If Somerset Council can approve the plan before 26th September, then the volunteers and other individuals involved with wildlife site will visit on that date.

There was a discussion on the title of the volunteer group but there was no final commitment and will be discussed at the next meeting.

23/9S **To consider Councillor Training.**

This will be reviewed at the next meeting when further updates on appropriate training courses become available for consideration.

23/9T **To receive Councillor reports.**

Councillor Parker raised an issue mentioned in previous minutes regarding cars parking immediately outside Cross Memorial Hall. A poster has been produced about such parking and with the consent of the Hall Committee it will be displayed in the lobby of the hall.

23/9U **To review two of the CBPC procedures to update to 2023.**

Before the meeting Councillor Mason had emailed two CBPC procedures that needed updating. All Councillors to review the two procedures and feedback any comments by the next meeting so that the procedures can be updated to the current period.

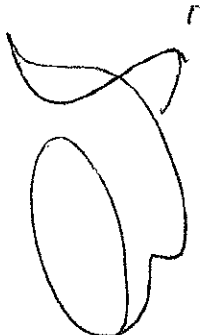
23/9V **Items for next agenda**

1) Safe Pathway Cross Lane – update on any progress with the Landowners.

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- 2) Update on the cost of obtaining an Electric Strimmer and spare battery.
- 3) Church Lane Bus Shelter – update on the progress of installing a bench.
- 4) New Sign on Wall at The New Inn to comply with the Yellow Lines on the road.
- 5) Village Signs – any progress on the “Cross Village” sign at the Compton Bishop end of the Village.
- 6) Springfield Wildlife Site – title of the volunteer Group
- 7) Councillor Training.
- 8) Review of CBPC procedures.
- 9) Invite Sam Winter of SALC to a council meeting.

Next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 11th October 2023

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