

Compton Bishop Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 14th June 2023

Present : Councillors T Kelly, D McCarthy, E Parker, C Settle, M Shaw. G Hancock
Apologies: T Mason
Minuets : R Parker

23/6A To receive any apologies for non-attendance.

Cllr Mason offered his apology. Vice Chair Claire Settle presided.

23/6B To receive declarations of interest.

There were none

23/6C To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th May 2023 previously circulated.

The minutes were approved

23/6D To vote to co-opt a candidate Geof Hancock to fill the casual vacancy on the Parish Council caused by the resignation on of Cllr. Rolfe in January 2023.

Mr. Hancock was proposed by Cllr Settle and unanimously approved.

23/6E To receive the Clerks report.

In the absence of a clerk the Vice Chair read the report.

23/6F To receive the County Councillors report.

Cllr Filmer gave an update :

Bus Services 48 and 126. The fares will be £2 this year and £2.50 next year

Gritting of roads will be provided for the 90,000 miles of our roads

Grass cutting of verges will be reduced from 10 cuts to 6.

Repairing potholes has an allocation of £25,000,000

23/6G To consider the Locum Clerks request for payment for AGAR work, previously circulated.

This was unanimously approved

23/6H To approve the bank statement and the following payments.

Payee	Description	Amount £
Mr M. J. Isgar	Hedge Cutting at Kennel Lane	72.00
Ms E Parker	Costs of organising of Coronation Celebration held in Cross Quarry	175.00
Ms E Parker	Donation for King Alfreds Concert Band	150.00
Mr A. R. Jay	Locum support for AGAR	587.80
Ms T Gill	Safe Pathway Posters	87.00
Memorial Hall use	September 22 to April 23	180.00
Memorial Hall use	April 23 to December 23	162.00

Mr R Young	Annual Auditors fees	25.00
Spanglefish	CBPC Web Site Hosting	39.95

All payments were unanimously approved

23/6I

To consider the following Planning applications			
Planning application number	Location	Proposal	
21/23/00009/EC	Land South of, Cross moor Drove, Axbridge, Somerset	Erection of general purpose agricultural building.	To be referred to Somerset Planning
21/23/00011/EC	Land To The North Of, Turnpike Road, Lower Weare, Axbridge, BS26 2JG	Improvement to existing access track to allow for vehicular entry, including new hardstanding, gate and fencing	To be referred to Somerset Planning

23/6J

23/6J To note Planning Decision update		
Planning Application Number	Location	SCC Decision
21/23/00004/EC	Newlands Farm, Axbridge, BS26	Granted

23/6 K To review Compton Bishop Complaints and Grants Procedures

Deferred to next month's meeting.

23/6L To approve a Site Management Plan for the Springfield Wildlife Site.

The document was not made available to Councillors until the day before this meeting,. All but one councillor had not had the opportunity to read the large document. It was agreed to set a timescale to review and approve the Draft Management Plan by 21st June. Questions and concerns are to be emailed to Councillor Shaw before this date. If approved by a majority, then a draft Management Plan would be submitted to Somerset County Council for their comments.

23/6M To review and approve the letters responding to concerns raised in March

Not yet concluded and needs further deliberation.

23/6N To consider a request from St Andrews Churchwardens for support towards grass cutting

Mr. Stephen McColgan explained there were two green spaces within the Village which are available to all visitors to the area. It was approved to make a donation for the grass cutting of these areas. The procedure and the cost is to be decided.

23/6O To discuss use of Infrastructure Funds for Bench in Church Lane Bus Shelter



Cllr McCarthy outlined the need for a bench to be available at the bus shelter for the local school children, the many walkers and visitors. It was agreed to pursue this and obtain a quotation

23/6P To discuss Tree Planting

Cllr McCarthy requested that the £100 left from the tree planting fund should be spent on two more trees at the Webbington Car parking area. The optimum time for planting would be September. Cllr McCarthy suggested some native trees. Cllr Shaw to price standard or select standard tree sizes in the autumn, October – November. Bird Cherry and Rowan Trees were suggested (with Deer guards). The request was unanimously approved

23/6Q To discuss Auto Speed watch, cost £549

Councillors recognised the good work Mike Peel and his team has achieved with Speed Watch with his team.

A request has been made for a grant from Avon & Somerset Police for a 'Speed Indicator Device' (SID). If we are not successful in getting funding then we could look at purchasing an Auto Speedwatch device at a cost of £549. Cllr Bob Filmer advised caution as the auto speedwatch device needs to be authorised by Somerset Council.

23/6R To receive a report from Somerset Council regarding the rebuilding of the Bridge on AX15/1.

Cllr. Filmer (SCC) reported that the bridge on the southern side is scheduled to be repaired

23/6S To approve the purchase of a replacement Defibrillator Sign for the Webbington Hotel.

It was reported that the original sign has been removed. Councillors were in agreement to provide £34.96 for the sign.

23/6T To approve nominations for CBPC named representative and substitute for the Local Community Councillor Network.

It was approved that Councillors McCarthy, Settle and Mason would be the representatives.

23/6T To receive Councillor reports.

- (a) Members of the 'Coffin Lane Campaign' attended Somerset Council's inaugural Somerset Unitary Authority Annual Meeting, which included all the councils of Somerset. Chair of the campaign group, Tess Gill, addressed the meeting on the on-going issues with the lack of a safe path between Cross and Axbridge for walkers, invalids and cyclists.
- (b) Cllr McCarthy reported that Water on road from Webbington Hotel is thought to include sewage and is being investigated.

Next Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday 12th July 2023.



12/7/23