

Compton Bishop Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

8th February 2023

Present: Councillors T Mason (Chairman), D McCarthy, E Parker, M Shaw (from item 23/2E) and C Settle.

District Councillor B Filmer

- 23/2A To receive any apologies for non-attendance.
Apologies were received from Councillor T Kelly.
- 23/2B To receive declarations of interest.
There were no declarations of interest.
- 23/2C To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th January 2023.
It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

The Chairman signed the minutes.
- 23/2D To note that there is a casual vacancy on the Parish Council caused by the resignation of Mike Rolfe.
The casual vacancy was noted.
- 23/2E To vote to co-opt a candidate to fill the casual vacancy on the Parish Council caused by the resignation of Alex Lane in November 2022.
It was resolved to co-opt Martin Shaw to the Parish Council.

Councillor Shaw signed the declaration of office and joined the Council.
- 23/2F To receive the Clerks report.
The Parish Council currently does not have its own website. It posts Council related information on the Compton Bishop Community Website. The Clerk recommended the website company 'Parish Council Websites' and suggested that the Parish Council should set up a new website with this company. This will be discussed at the Council's March meeting.
- 23/2G To receive the County Councillors report.
Councillor Bob Filmer gave the report. There will be an estimated overspend of £20 million at the end of the current financial year. An overspend of £40 million is anticipated in 2023-24.

The newly formed Unitary Somerset Council will begin operating on 1st April. The hope is that the planning systems will be operating from this date.

Major road changes on the section of the A38 from Edithmead to Bristol Airport are still under consideration.

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23/2H To agree the Parish Council's bank account signatories.

It was resolved that the Parish Council's bank signatories should be Councillors Mason, Parker, McCarthy and Settle.

23/2I To approve the bank statement and budget and the following payments.

Payee	Description	Amount £
T Jay	Clerk's salary	350.10
HMRC	PAYE	87.40
T Jay	Expenses	47.60

The bank statement, budget and payments were approved.

23/2J To consider the following Planning applications

Planning application number	Location	Proposal
21/22/00018/CM	The Manor House, Butts Batch, Compton Bishop, BS26 2HF	Conversion of two outbuildings into holiday accommodation and rationalise windows to the South elevation of the main dwelling. It was resolved not to comment on this planning application.

It was resolved to

23/2K To note the Planning Decisions Update.

Planning application number	Location	Decision
02/22/00021	Land to the South of Houlgate Way, Axbridge, BS26	Awaiting decision
21/22/00019	The Manor House, Butts Batch, Compton Bishop, BS26 2HF	Awaiting decision
21/22/00023	Land east of Turnpike Road, Lower Weare, BS26	Withdrawn
21/22/00027	4 Kennel Lane, Webbington, BS26 2HS	Granted
21/22/00029	Winash, Bourton Lane, Cross, BS26 2EP	Granted

The planning decisions were noted.

23/2L To consider whether the Parish Council should hold a consultation meeting with parishioners to discuss the future usage of the Springfield Wildlife Site.

It was resolved to hold a consultation meeting at a date to be arranged.

Post meeting note: The consultation meeting will be held on Monday 20th February at 7pm in Cross Memorial Hall.

23/2M To approve a Site Management Plan for the Springfield Wildlife Site.

This item was adjourned until the March meeting.

23/2N To discuss the arrangements for events in the Parish to celebrate the King's Coronation on 6th May.

The National Trust has agreed that an event can be held in the quarry. An orchestra will be performing, along with Cheddar Handbells. A request was made for the Parish Council to

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make a donation towards the costs of running the event. This will be considered at the Parish Council's March meeting.

- 23/20 To consider which Councillors should sit on the Council's staffing committee.
It was resolved that the staffing committee should comprise of Councillors McCarthy, Parker and Shaw.
- 23/2P To consider a request from the Cross and Compton Bishop Climate Action Group for a donation to cover the costs of the group's meetings at the Cross Memorial Hall.
It was resolved to donate £100.
- 23/2Q To receive Councillor reports.
Now that the parish has an active Community Speedwatch team the Parish Council will be able to apply for funding from Avon and Somerset Police for a Speed Indicator Device.

The Exeter Turnpike Milestone on the A38 is a Grade 2 listed structure. The Chairman is liaising with South West Heritage regarding its re-installation.
- 23/2R Items for next agenda .
To approve a Site Management Plan for the Springfield Wildlife Site.

To consider whether the Parish Council should set up its own website, and to decide the website provider should be used.

To consider whether the Parish Council should make a donation to the costs of running the event in the quarry to celebrate in King's Coronation.

Next Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday 8th March 2023.