

Compton Bishop Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

14th December 2022

Present: Councillors T Mason (Chairman), D McCarthy, E Parker and C Settle.

District Councillor B Filmer

22/13A To receive any apologies for non-attendance.

Apologies were received from Councillors T Kelly and M Rolfe.

22/13B To receive declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

22/13C To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th November 2022.

It was resolved to approve the minutes. The Chairman signed them as being a true record of the meeting.

22/13D To receive the Clerks report.

Somerset County Council has still not decided where the Local Community Network boundaries will be. There is still a great deal of uncertainty over how the working practices of Town and Parish Councils will change under the new Unitary Council.

There is still a vacancy for someone to be co-opted to the Parish Council. Anyone interested in becoming a Parish Councillor should contact the Clerk.

22/13E To receive the County Councillors report.

Councillor Filmer gave his report to the meeting. The Somerset County Council Executive are due to be deciding on the composition of the new Local Community Networks in January. Negotiations are continuing regarding planning and licensing. Four hundred Ukrainian refugees are located in Somerset. The County Council is re-launching its appeal to find people willing to give a temporary home to one of these families.

22/13F 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	46.78
M Rolfe	Printing expenses	6.00
Banwell Garden Centre	Bedding packs	9.50

It was resolved to approve the bank statement and payments.

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22/13G

To consider the following Planning applications

Planning application number	Location	Proposal
21/22/00027/CM	4 Kennel Lane, Webbington, BS26 2HS	Ground mounted PV solar panels. The Parish Council's response has been submitted to Sedgemoor District Council and can be found on their website.
21/22/00026/CM	Bourton Cottage, Bourton Lane, Cross, BS26 2EP	Demolition of detached garage and the erection of new detached workshop with first floor storage space. The Parish Council's response has been submitted to Sedgemoor District Council and can be found on their website.
02/22/00021/DT	Land to the South of Houlgate Way, Axbridge, BS26	Approval of reserved matters for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of 53 dwellings (30% affordable housing).

The Parish Council's responses to the above planning applications have been submitted to Sedgemoor District Council and can be found on their website.

22/13H

To note the Planning Decisions Update.

Planning application number	Location	Decision
21/22/00015	6, Church Lane, Compton Bishop, BS26 2EZ	Awaiting decision
21/22/00019	The Manor House, Butts Batch, Compton Bishop, BS26 2HF	Awaiting decision
21/22/00020	Newland Farm, Cross Moor Drove, Lower Weare, BS26 2JE	Granted
21/22/00023	Land east of Turnpike Road, Lower Weare, BS26	Awaiting decision
21/22/00025	14 Big Tree Close, Compton Bishop, BS26 2EY	Granted

The planning decisions were noted.

22/13I

To receive an update on progress in respect of the Cross to Axbridge Footpath.

There was no update on progress, however this matter was brought up at the public meeting held in Axbridge regarding planning application 02/22/00021. Concerns were raised that if 53 dwellings were to be built then this would mean an increase in the number of pedestrians walking from Axbridge to Cross/Compton Bishop. This item will be removed from future meeting agendas.

22/13J

To receive an update regarding the Community Speedwatch Team.

There was no update, apart from that the team are still operating. This item will be removed from future meeting agendas.

22/13K

To receive an update from the Cross Climate Change Group.

There was no update this month. This item will be removed from future meeting agendas.

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- 22/13L To confirm that the Parish Council intends to ask Sedgemoor District Council to vary the 2005 Springfield Wildlife Site agreement.
A long discussion took place between three Parishioners and Councillors about the proposals for the Wildlife Site. The Parishioners voiced their concerns about the proposals.
It was resolved that the Parish Council will ask Sedgemoor District Council to vary the 2005 agreement.
Councillors McCarthy, Parker and Settle will prepare a list of the items that the Parish Council would like to be changed.
- 22/13M To consider how the Parish Council should spend Community Levy Infrastructure funds of £1,271.
This item was adjourned to the January Parish Council meeting.
- 22/13N To receive an update following the meeting with Somerset County Council Traffic Management Officers on 23rd September.
The responses received from the Somerset County Council Traffic Engineer were discussed. The Parish Council had previously requested that deer warning signs be installed on Webbington Road. The Traffic Engineer had advised that there was already a 'plethora' of warning signs on this road and if an additional deer warning sign was to be installed then one of the existing signs would have to be removed. The Parish Councillors considered this, and resolved that none of the present signs should be removed, therefore the request for deer warning signs would be withdrawn.
- 22/13O To consider the number of hours worked by the Parish Clerk.
It was resolved to increase the Clerk's hours from eight to ten per week commencing April 2023.
- 22/13P To receive Councillor reports.
Clinical waste has been fly-tipped in Webbington Road. The Clerk asked that details be sent to him, and he would report the matter to Sedgemoor District Council.
- 22/13Q Items for next agenda.
- To consider how the Parish Council should spend Community Levy Infrastructure funds of £1,271.
 - To consider the new location of the Milestone in the Parish.
 - To consider how the Parish Council responds to planning applications.

Next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 11th January 2023.

End of minutes