

Compton Bishop Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

27th September 2022

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

County Councillors: B Filmer.

- 22/11A To receive any apologies for non-attendance.
Councillor T Kelly and County Councillor T Grimes were not present at the meeting.
- 22/11B To receive declarations of interest.
There were no declarations of interest.
- 22/11C To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th August 2022.
It was resolved to approve the minutes. The Chairman signed them as being a true record of the meeting.
- 22/11D To receive the Clerks report.
The Clerk attended a meeting at Nether Stowey regarding the Local Community Networks which will be formed when the new Somerset Council comes into operation. It is clear that there is still a great deal of uncertainty about the Local Community Networks. Councillor McCarthy and the Clerk will be attending an all day briefing regarding Local Community Networks in Yeovil on 4th October.
- 22/11E To receive the County Councillors report.
County Councillor B Filmer reported regarding the new Unitary Authority – Somerset Council which will begin operating next year. The Local Community Network plans are still a ‘work in progress’. The current consultation is critical. Both the Parish Council and members of the public are encouraged to respond to the consultation.

Somerset County Council has financial problems at the present time. These are caused by a number of reasons including inflation and the rise in the minimum wage. There is a shortfall of £22 million in this year’s budget. Cuts and savings are being investigated. Between 75 and 80% of the Council’s budget is now spent on adult and children care services.
- 22/11F To approve the bank statement and budget and the following payments.

Payee	Description	Amount £
T Jay	Clerk’s salary	349.90
HMRC	PAYE	87.60
T Jay	Expenses	41.80
SALC	Annual subscription	168.22
Defib store	Three defibrillator batteries	630.00
Nature Sign Design	Oak posts, brass rubbing plaques, fingerpost for Wildlife Site	1536.00

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The bank statement and payments were approved.

22/11G

To consider the following Planning applications

Planning application number	Location	Proposal
21/22/00002/DT	Land north of Cross Moor Drove, Lower Weare	Erection of an agricultural building. It was resolved to object to the planning application, and to submit comments which will be posted on the Sedgemoor District Council website.
21/22/00010/CM	Rackley Barn, Rackley Lane, Compton Bishop, BS26 2HJ	Change of use of annex to allow for holiday let. It was resolved to object to the planning application, and to submit comments which will be posted on the Sedgemoor District Council website.
21/22/00020/EC	Newland Farm, Cross Moor Drove, Lower Weare, BS26 2JE	Erection of an agricultural building. It was resolved to object to the planning application, and to submit comments which will be posted on the Sedgemoor District Council website.

22/11H

To note the Planning Decisions Update.

Planning application number	Location	Decision
17/21/00103	Stear Bushes, Wedmore Road, Cheddar, BS27 3ED	Awaiting decision
21/22/00002	Land North of, Cross Moor Drove, Lower Weare, Axbridge	Awaiting decision
17/22/00002	Stear Farm, Wedmore Road, Cheddar BS27 3ED	Awaiting decision
17/22/00010	Land to the West of Hollywood House, Hannay Road, Cheddar BS27 3BT	Awaiting decision
21/22/00009	Compton House, Coombe Lane, Compton Bishop, BS26 2HE	Awaiting decision
21/22/00015	6, Church Lane, Compton Bishop BS26 2EZ	Granted

The planning decisions update was noted.

22/11I

To receive an update on progress in respect of the Cross to Axbridge Footpath.
No further information is available at the present time.

22/11J

To receive an update regarding the Community Speedwatch Team.
Community Speedwatch sessions (Old Coach Road).

The Community Speedwatch volunteers have carried out about four sessions. The two approved locations are both in Old Coach Road which has a 30mph limit. One is past the White Hart on the left hand side heading west. The other is on the left hand side before the bridge heading to Weare. Each session is 1 hour long usually between 08:30 - 09:30.

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Over these sessions they have recorded over 400 cars passing with approximately 35 found to be speeding. These are entered onto the police computer system, and warning letters will be sent to the registered owners. The group have to add 10% + 3mph before motorists can be reported.

The Community Speedwatch coordinator is currently waiting on permission from the police to add more sites. Unfortunately, this takes time.

More volunteers are needed to join the Community Speedwatch team.

- 22/11K To receive an update from the Cross Climate Change Group.
There will be a public meeting held at 7pm on 5th October in the Cross Memorial Hall. There will be an informal question and answer session with experts and local residents who will be sharing their knowledge. Tea and coffee will be served.
- 22/11L To receive a report from the Springfield Wildlife Working Group on the document currently being prepared by the Group for and on behalf of the Parish Council
The document is currently being prepared. A schedule of tasks has been agreed with Sedgemoor District Council following a site meeting. A number of trees will have to be removed.
- 22/11M To consider the parking of camper vans at Webbington Road car park.
It was resolved not to change the decision made in minute 21/12 O i.e., that the Council would not take ownership of the Webbington Road car park.

Therefore, the Parish Council has no power or authority to place any restrictions on camper vans being parked at Webbington Road car park.
- 22/11N To note that the 126 Bus Service from Weston super Mare to Wells is being discontinued and to consider any actions that the Parish Council can take.
It was resolved to write to County Councillor Mike Rigby who has the transport portfolio expressing the Parish Council's concerns that this service is being discontinued.
- 22/11O To consider a proposed new location for the milestone.
A new location has been found for the milestone. Councillor E Parker is thanked for agreeing to prepare the planning application which will be required.
- 22/11P To consider how the Parish Council will respond to the Somerset Council LCN consultation.
It was resolved that Councillors Lane, Mason and McCarthy will prepare and submit the Parish Council's response to the consultation.
- 22/11Q To receive an update following the meeting with Somerset County Council Traffic Management Officers on 23rd September.
A record of the meeting is being prepared by one of the Traffic Management Officers which will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.
- 22/11R To receive Councillor reports.
There were no reports.

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22/11RS

Items for next agenda.

Along with the standing items, there will be an item to receive an update following the meeting with Somerset County Council Traffic Management Officers on 23rd September.

Next Parish Council Meeting Wednesday 9th November 2022.

End of minutes