

# Compton Bishop Parish Council

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

**13<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Present: Councillors T Mason, T Kelly, A Lane, D McCarthy, E Parker, and M Rolfe.

Locum Parish Clerk T Jay

22/5A To receive any apologies for non-attendance.  
Apologies were received from Councillor C Settle.

District and County Councillors Filmer and Godwin-Pearson did not attend due to it being the pre-election period.

22/5B To receive declarations of interest.  
There were no declarations of interest.

22/5C To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022 previously circulated.  
It was resolved to approve the minutes as being a correct record of the meeting.

22/5D To receive the Clerks report.  
Seven parishioners stood for election to the Parish Council, which means that they were elected unopposed. These are T Kelly, A Lane, T Mason, D McCarthy, E Parker, M Rolfe and C Settle.

22/5E To receive the County Councillors report.  
There were no councillor reports due to it being the pre-election period.

22/5F To approve the bank statement and budget and the following payments.

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
1.4.22	T Jay	Locum Clerk payment and expenses	430.00
1.4.22	Jubilee Committee	Donation for Jubilee celebrations	500.00
1.4.22	Michael Peel	Petrol for grass mower	30.00
1.4.22	Climate Change Action Group	Donation	100.00
1.4.22	Memorial Hall	Room hire	180.00
1.4.22	Wedmore I.T	Standing order for IT back up.	10.00
1.4.22	SALC	Planning training	25.00
1.4.22	SDC	Payroll administration 2021-22	147.59

It was resolved to approve the bank statement, budget and payments.

22/5G To consider the following Planning applications

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Planning application number	Location	Proposal
21/21/00010	Old Manor House, Cross Lane, Cross, BS26 2ED	Replacement of existing staircase. It was resolved not to object to this application.

22/5H To note the Planning Decisions Update.

Planning application number	Location	Decision
17/21/00103	Stearth Buses, Wedmore Road, Cheddar, BS27 3ED	Awaiting decision
21/21/00012	The Cottage At Rackley, Rackley Lane, Compton Bishop, Axbridge, BS26 2HJ	Awaiting decision
17/21/00006	Saxon Place, Station Road, Cheddar, BS27 3AG	Awaiting decision
17/18/00053	Land To the West Of, Lower New Road, Cheddar, BS27 3DZ	Awaiting decision
21/22/00001	6 Church Lane, Compton Bishop, Axbridge, BS26 2EZ	Awaiting decision
21/22/00005	Bourton Cottage, Bourton Lane, Compton Bishop BS26 2EP	Granted
21/22/00002	Land North of, Cross Moor Drove, Lower Weare, Axbridge	Awaiting decision
17/22/00002	Stearth Farm, Wedmore Road, Cheddar BS27 3ED	Awaiting decision
17/22/00003	Strawberry Field Park, Draycott Rd, Cheddar BS27 3FN	Awaiting decision
17/22/00010	Land to the West of Hollywood House, Hannay Road, Cheddar BS27 3BT	Awaiting decision
49/22/00002	Land north of Turnpike Road, Lower Weare, Axbridge BS26	Awaiting decision
21/22/00006	The Granary, Dunnett Farm, Webbington Road, Compton Bishop, Axbridge, BS26 2HH	Awaiting decision
21/22/00008	Land Adjoining, Old Telephone Exchange, Bridgwater Road, Cross, Axbridge	Awaiting decision

The planning decisions were noted.

- 22/5I To review the Parish Council's asset register and insurance policy cover. It was resolved to amend the asset register and insurance policy to include the Parish Council's ownership of the restored fingerposts (value £2,160) and six bird boxes (value £180). The asset register will be amended to include an additional four cabinets of nominal value.
- 22/5J To receive an update regarding the recent cases of criminal damage in the Parish. There has been no update from the police regarding their enquiries.
- It was resolved to replace the smashed safety glass panel in the phone box with transparent perspex.
- 22/5K To receive an update on progress in respect of Cross to Axbridge Footpath. The District Councillors are currently in dialogue with one of the landowners.
- 22/5L To receive update on the 'Representations in respect of Highway Issues in the Parish of Compton Bishop' document submitted to Somerset County Council in September 2021. There was no County Councillor present to provide an update.

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An inaugural speedwatch meeting has been held. It is looking likely that a speedwatch team will be formed in the parish. Volunteers to join the team will be welcomed.

- 22/5M To consider the arrangements for the storage of Compton Bishop archive material.  
A request has been received from a local archivist for the Parish Council to become custodian of archive material relating to the parish. It was agreed that the Parish Council will take possession of the material which will be stored in the Memorial Hall. It is hoped that the material will be scanned and made available to parishioners electronically on the Council website.
- 22/5N To receive an update regarding the Wildlife Site.  
A site meeting has taken place with Sedgemoor District Council officers. Several improvement ideas are being investigated. Sedgemoor District Council will arrange for a wood chipping machine to be brought to the site in July to get rid of many logs at the site, and for ground clearance work to take place in October.  
  
There is a possibility that the Parish Council will be given the chance to take ownership of the Wildlife Site from Sedgemoor District Council in the next year. To prepare for this happening, a Parish Council Wildlife Site Working Group will be set up.
- 22/5O To receive an update regarding the Webbington Road car park.  
There is evidence of tyre skid marks in the car park. It is thought that these are caused by 'boy racer' drivers who have been causing a nuisance in this parish, and surrounding ones.
- 22/5P To receive Councillor reports.  
There is local speculation that Cross Lane will be resurfaced soon. The Clerk will enquire with County Highways regarding this. This work is required as there are large cracks and potholes in the road surface.  
  
The replacement for the missing fingerpost has been ordered.  
  
The damaged road signs on Webbington Road have been reported to County Highways. The 30 mph sign opposite the New Inn is now at an angle and the post is coming away from the ground. This has also been reported.
- 22/5Q Items for next agenda.  
To consider the establishment of a Parish Council Wildlife Site Working Group.
- 22/5R The Council is recommended to resolve that members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following agenda item by reason of the confidential nature of the items of business to be transacted, in accordance with section 1(2) of the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960.  
There were no members of the press or public present.
- 22/5S To consider Parish Council staffing matters.  
Since the last meeting the Parish Clerk Sally Diaz had informed the Chairman that she was resigning her position. The Chairman thanks Mrs Diaz for all her hard work over the years she has been the Clerk. The Locum Clerk Tony Jay has informed the Chairman that he would be prepared to take on the Clerk role permanently.

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It was resolved to appoint Tony Jay as Parish Clerk commencing 1<sup>st</sup> May 2022.

Next Parish Council Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

End of minutes