

Compton Bishop Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON

9th MARCH 2022

Present: Councillors T Mason, A Lane, D McCarthy, M Rolfe and C Settle.

County Councillor B Filmer

Locum Parish Clerk T Jay

22/3A To receive any apologies for non-attendance.

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillors T Kelly and E Parker.

22/3B To receive declarations of interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

22/3C To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th February 2022 previously circulated.

It was resolved to approve the minutes as being a correct record of the meeting.

22/3D To receive the Clerks report.

The Parish notice cabinet opposite The White Hart was partially destroyed during Storm Eunice. The door was ripped off and the glass smashed. This has been reported to the Parish Council's insurers, and a claim will be submitted.

The Council's laptop has been serviced and is now operating properly. The cost of the service was £75, which is within the budget set for the work.

The lid of the dog bin at Coombe Lane was damaged during Storm Eunice and needs replacing. The Locum Clerk was asked to enquire with Clean Surroundings as to whether they may have a replacement lid that we could have.

22/3E To receive the County Councillors report.

County Councillor Filmer provided a report to the meeting.

22/3F To approve the bank statement and budget and the following payments.

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
1.3.22	T Jay	Locum Clerk payment and expenses	424.60
1.3.22	PC Rescue	Computer maintenance and repair	75.00
9.3.22	D McCarthy	Mileage claim to collect trees	14.40
1.3.22	Wedmore I.T	Standing order for IT back up.	10.00
10.3.22	Jubilee Celebrations Committee	Donation	500.00
10.3.22	Cross and Compton Bishop Climate Change Action Group	Donation	100.00

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

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22/3G To consider the following Planning applications

Planning application number	Location	Proposal
21/22/00005/CM	Bourton Cottage, Bourton Lane, Compton Bishop BS26 2EP	Erection of a two-storey extension to the front (North) and side (East) elevation on site of existing extension to be demolished. It was resolved not to object to the application
17/22/00002/DT	Stearth Farm, Wedmore Road, Cheddar BS27 3ED	Approval of the details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for 58 dwellings (use Class 3) along with associated open space and landscaping. It was resolved to object to this application and details can be found on www.sedgemoor.gov.uk
17/22/00003/DT	Strawberry Field Park, Draycott Rd, Cheddar BS27 3FN	Erection of 11 lodges, relocation of the site warden's accommodation and re use of the existing warden's lodge for holiday accommodation, with associated infrastructure and works. It was resolved to object to this application and details can be found on www.sedgemoor.gov.uk
17/22/000010/IL	Land to the West of Hollywood House, Hannay Road, Cheddar BS27 3BT	Erection of 6 self-build dwellings and creation of new vehicular access. It was resolved to object to this application and details can be found on www.sedgemoor.gov.uk
49/22/00002	Land north of Turnpike Road, Lower Weare, Axbridge BS26	Formulation of new access track. It was resolved not to comment on this application.
21/22/00006	The Granary, Dunnett Farm, Webbington Road, Compton Bishop, Axbridge, BS26 2HH	Conversion of detached garage into a holiday let. It was resolved not to comment on this application

22/3H To note the Planning Decisions Update

Planning application number	Location	Decision
17/21/00103	Stearth Bushes, Wedmore Road, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3ED	Awaiting decision
21/21/00012	The Cottage At Rackley, Rackley Lane, Compton Bishop, Axbridge, Somerset, BS26 2HJ	Awaiting decision
17/21/00006	Saxon Place, Station Road, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3AG	Awaiting decision
17/18/00053	Land To the West Of, Lower New Road, Cheddar, BS27 3DZ	Awaiting decision
21/22/00002	Land North of, Cross Moor Drove, Lower Weare, Axbridge	Awaiting decision
21/22/00004	Land North of, Cross Moor Drove, Lower Weare, Axbridge	Planning permission refused
21/22/00001	6 Church Lane, Compton Bishop, Axbridge, Somerset, BS26 2EZ	Awaiting decision

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21/22/00003	12 Wavering Down Rise, Axbridge, BS26 2JJ	Granted
21/21/00032	Cross End, Webbington Road, Cross, Axbridge, BS26 2EL	Granted

The decisions were noted.

22/3I To consider the replacement of the missing fingerpost in the parish.

It was resolved to purchase a replacement fingerpost.

22/3J To reconsider the decision made in February 2022 to donate £100 to Bridgwater Citizens Advice Bureau.

The Clerk has made several efforts to contact the Citizens Advice Bureau, which is now called Sedgemoor not Bridgwater, with no success. A letter was returned undelivered, and three calls to the switchboard asking for the manager to contact the Clerk were not responded to.

It was resolved to reverse the previously decision to make the donation of £100.

22/3K To consider a response to the reply received from Sedgemoor District Council on 17th February to the letter sent to them on 14th February regarding regarding Local Plan Policy C5.

A draft response by Councillor Rolfe had been previously circulated to Councillors.

It was resolved to submit the response.

22/3L To receive an update regarding the footpath between Cross and Axbridge.

Negotiations are continuing with the two landowners.

22/3M To consider whether the Parish Council should offer financial support to voluntary organisations in the parish to enable them to hire the Memorial Hall.

It was resolved not to offer financial support to voluntary organisations at the present time.

22/3N To receive and consider a Highways Report.

Councillor McCarthy gave the report.

Sedgemoor District Council have been asked to replace two stiles in the parish which are at the end of their natural life with galvanised ones. The permission of the landowners will be required, so the SDC officer has been asked to action this.

Community Speed Watch - A date has now been arranged for PCSO Stephen Hemmett to meet and discuss training with potential volunteers for Community Speed Watch (the meeting is booked and will be held at the village hall)

Potholes - work completed.

The potholes in Church Lane (Thatcher's entrance gate) and in Kennel Lane (near the notice board) have now been repaired. Most of the potholes in the Webbington Road pull in have been filled in.

Trees from Sedgemoor District Council - The Silver Birch and Cherry Trees have now been planted. They sit in a corner of the grassed area of the Webbington Road vehicle pull in area.

Road Markings

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A parishioner has reported that she was nearly hit by a car at the junction of Old Coach Road and Webbington Road (near the corner of village hall). The parishioner would like the Parish Council to contact SCC highways about the faint hatchings at each side of the junction.

Matters arising from Coffin Lane Meeting

Amended countryside code:

Guidance to landowners in the new code in respect of any gates allowing access to all including those using mobility scooters and buggies. In addition, the requirements in respect of fencing etc. It was agreed that the Coffin Lane Campaign Group would write to the Somerset County Council footpath officers requesting he bring these matters to the attention of the landowners as the current guidance was not being followed.

Matters arising from the Cross, Compton Bishop Climate Action group meeting

I have emailed the Somerset County Council Climate Emergency Team (on behalf of the Cross, Compton Bishop Climate Action group) with regards to the verges in this parish and the possibility of using parts of verges for community planting.

22/30 To receive an update regarding the proposals for the Springfield Wildlife site.

A site meeting with Sedgemoor District Officers is being arranged.

22/3P To consider the purchase of thirty pounds worth of petrol for the cutting of the grass verge at Kennel Lane.

It was resolved to agree the purchase.

22/3Q To consider the suggestions for heritage assets in the parish to be included on the new Southwest Trust heritage list.

The Councillors were asked to email suggestions to the Locum Clerk.

22/3R To receive Councillor reports.

There were no reports.

22/3S Items for next agenda

To review the asset register.

Next Parish Council Meeting 13th April 2022.

End of minutes