

Compton Bishop Parish Council

Minutes for the Annual Parish Meeting being held on 23rd April 2021 at 7.15pm via Zoom

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

County and District Councillors: B Filmer and G Godwin-Pearson

To receive the Chairman's report

During the year the council has received 26 planning applications and contributed to Axbridge and Cheddar Town and Village plans.

The Planning Application for an Industrial Power Station was opposed by your Parish Council and rejected by Sedgemoor District Council. The applicant has appealed the matter to the Secretary of State, and your council has repeated its objection to the plans.

Work is underway to try to get additional rubbish / dog bins on the Webbington Road. The council is working to try to secure funding for a Projector and Sound system for the Memorial Hall to enable a greater use of the community facility.

We have recently received the unwanted attention from "Boy Racers" who seem to think it acceptable to make a nuisance of themselves on the Webbington Road. We are working to get this situation resolved.

Unfortunately, we have recently received resignations of two of our council and will be looking for volunteers within the community.

To receive the clerks report

The Parish Council's finances remain healthy due to the sound financial management of the Council.

At the start of the financial year the Council's bank balance stood at £10666. At the end of March, the balance was £18521.04. A VAT refund of £361.12 for 2020-21 will be applied for. Therefore, the Council's cash assets effectively total £18309.88.

The Council have received CIL funds of £1620 from the building projects in the Parish. The Council are considering projects to utilise these funds.

Village grants for 2020-2021 have totalled £700.00, and a late request from Contact magazine to be discussed at the Parish Council meeting.

The precept demand has remained the same as last year at 14500. This will mean that a band D house will pay an additional £0.20p more a year to the Parish Council.

This decision to keep the Precept at the same amount was taken due to the Covid pandemic and the financial pressures residents are facing, the Parish Council did not want to increase their Council Tax payment for the year ahead. I am very confident that all financial decisions taken by the Parish Council have been the correct ones.



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21/4A To receive any apologies for non-attendance

All Councillors were present.

21/4B To receive declarations of interest.

Councillor Filmer declared an interest.

21/4C To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th March 2021 previously circulated.

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10th March 2021.

21/4D Clerks report-sent prior to the meeting

21/4E To approve the bank statement and budget and the following payments

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

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
13.01.21	Puriton Parish Council	Virtual Conference	£18.00
12.2.21	Sedgemoor District Council	Staff costs/payroll charge April by DD	£554.28
23.3.21	D McCarthy	Plants for Rackley Corner	£12.99

Councillor Filmer left the meeting at 7.40pm

21/4F Planning applications

Planning Application Number	Proposal	Location:
17/21/00018	Outline application with some matters reserved, for the erection of 9no. dwellings and formation of access (resubmission).	Land adjoining, Draycott Road, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 It was resolved to object to this application.
21/21/00001	Erection of a home office/ studio part on the footprint of the existing garage (to be demolished).	Bishops Mead, Webbington Road, Compton Bishop, Axbridge, Somerset, BS26 2ER. It was resolved to make no comment on this application.
21/21/00006	Erection of an agricultural building and formation of associated access.	Land North of, Cross Moor Drove, Lower Weare, Axbridge It was resolved to object to this application.



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21/4G Planning Decisions Update

Planning application number	Location	Decision
21/21/00003	Summerfield Cottage, Webbington Road, Compton Bishop, Axbridge, Somerset, BS26 2ER	Awaiting decision
21/21/00002	Harvest Gate, Old Coach Road, Cross, Axbridge, Somerset, BS26 2EQ	Granted
17/20/00088	Land To The North Of, Helliars Lane, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27	Awaiting decision
21/20/00025	Prospect Cottage, Webbington Road, Compton Bishop, Axbridge, Somerset, BS26 2EU	Awaiting decision
17/20/00088	Land To The North Of, Helliars Lane, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27	Awaiting decision
17/20/00064	Land At, Steart Bushes, Wedmore Road, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27	Awaiting decision
21/20/00022	Old Manor House, Cross Lane, Axbridge, Somerset, BS26 2ED	Granted
17/18/00073	Land to the North of, Axbridge Road, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27	Awaiting decision

21/4H To consider the anti-social behaviour on the Webbington Road.

It was resolved to contact the local Sergeant from the local Police to arrange a meeting with Councillors and to ask for the Traffic Police to attend also to discuss speeding, anti-social behaviour and the 'boy racer' issues currently taking place. The Clerk will ask the anti-social behaviour team at Sedgemoor to attend as well.

21/4I To consider a design for litter signs in the parish.

It was resolved to order 3-4 signs through Arien Signs.

21/4J To consider responding to the Consultation on One or Stronger Somerset.

It was resolved to support the Stronger Somerset proposal.

21/4K To consider a response to Thatcher's regarding the spraying notice and chemicals used.

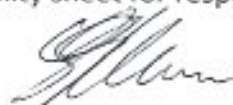
It was resolved to write to Thatchers to ask if they can be more specific with dates planned for spraying. The clerk will ask if a flagpole and flag can be added to the orchard with a notice board on the entrance of the orchard on Webbington Road stating the days/times of spraying. The clerk will ask if one of their representatives can attend one of the Parish Council meetings and for a list of the chemicals used.

21/4L To consider the road surface on the verge side of Cross Lane.

It was resolved to write to Somerset Highways/Street Works to ask for this to be repaired.

21/4M To consider a bus service for residents.

It was resolved to ask residents at the Open Meeting if this would be used and Councillor Parker will create a feasibility sheet for responses. A potential route is in discussion from East Brent and



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Brent Knoll, Councillor Filmer will clarify who to contact. The clerk will contact Shipham, Weare, Cheddar and Axbridge to see if they are interested in a bus route through their villages to Bristol.

- 21/4N To arrange for the grass area on the Webbington Lay-bys to be rolled prior to seeding with grass. It was resolved to ask Steve Brinson to roll the grass area by the Webbington lay-bys.
- 21/4O To consider requesting road furniture to make drivers aware of concealed entrances of properties onto Webbington road.
It was agreed that Councillor Parker will provide a map and photos of the proposed idea for the next meeting.
- 21/4P To consider asking Somerset Highways to extend the 30 mile an hour limit to include the 3 houses 161metres west of existing speed limit sign.
It was agreed to wait until a meeting has taken place with the Police regarding speeding and readdress this issue at a later date.
- 21/4Q To consider supporting the Somewhere House Somerset project.
It was resolved to send a letter of support to Somewhere House Somerset project.
- 21/4R To consider the request for a donation from Contact magazine.
It was resolved to make a donation to the Contact magazine.
- 21/4S To consider an upgrade to the path on A38.
Councillor Filmer advised of a potential upgrade to the A38 as it is a major network. This is being led by North Somerset Council and supported by Somerset County Council. This will be from Edithmead round about to the far side of Bristol Airport. Funding has been provided and discussions are taking place of what could be improved. A public consultation will be available over the next few weeks.

The proposed plan at the junction at Cross will be staggered (a kink in Cross Lane), dependent on funding and discussions with the landowners. Councillor Filmer has requested if a footpath can be considered between Compton Bishop and Axbridge. He has asked if there are options of a cycle path to be included on the A38. This will be included on the consultation questionnaire. He has asked that there is liaison with business owners in Cross.
- 21/4T To consider a design for the Cross Lane Village sign.
It was agreed to look at this at a later date.
- 21/4U To consider commenting on the Self-Build and Custom Build Homes Supplementary Planning Document.
It was agreed to postpone this until the next meeting.
- 21/4V To consider asking Sedgemoor District Council Planning Department if permission has been obtained for a stable block on Rackley Lane Llama and Trekking premises.
It was agreed to ask Sedgemoor District Planning Department if permission has been obtained for a stable block on Rackley Lane Llama and Trekking premises.
- 21/4W Councillor Reports
There were no reports.



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21/4X Items for the next Agenda-face to face meetings, new Parish Councillor application and to ask them to do a short presentation.

Next Annual Parish Council Meeting 5th May 2021 at 7.30pm

End of minutes

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