## **Compton Bishop Parish Council**

Minutes for the meeting held on 9th December 2020 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillors: T Mason, M Rolfe, E Parker, D McCarthy, A Brellisford, T Brownlow

Parish Clerk S Diaz

County Councillor B Filmer

Due to technical issue the representative from Census was unable to attend and provide information on the Census 2021 and will attend the next Parish Council meeting in January.

The meeting started at 7.35pm

20/12A	To receive any apologies for non-attendance
	Councillor A Lane and District Councillor G Godwin-Pearce sent their apologies
20/12B	To receive declarations of interest
	There were no declarations of interest
20/120	To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2020 previously circulated
	It was resolved to approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2020.
20/12D	Clerks report
	The report was sent out prior to the meeting

20/12E To approve the bank statement and budget and the following payments

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
27.11.20	Sedgemoor District Council	Staff costs November	£392.28
13.11.20	SALC	GDPR Training	£25.00
26.11.20	S Diaz	Expenses-printing and data defender stamp to cover confidential information	
27.11.20	M Rolfe	Expenses-post and concrete for Maggies plaque	£12.45
19.11.20			£1802.20

It was resolved to approve the budget, bank statements and payments

20/12F Planning Decisions Update The decisions were noted

Planning application number	Location	Decision
21/20/00023	Durisdeer, Old Coach Road, Cross, Axbridge, Somerset, BS26 2EF	Granted
21/20/00024	Dunnett Cottage, Rackley Lane, Compton Bishop, Axbridge, Somerset, BS26 2HJ	Awaiting decision

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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	Awaiting decision
17/18/00073	Land to the North of, Axbridge Road, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27	Awaiting decision

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To consider the feasibility to upgrade the path between Cross and Lower Weare to a cycle path It was resolved to consider the feasibility to upgrade the path between Cross and Lower Weare to a cycle path. The Clerk will contact Weare Parish Council and ask them for their consideration and to arrange a meeting to discuss the proposal.

Councillor Filmer advised that the path would be more accessible once cut back and would make enquiries to the Probation Service who work on these projects, however due to the Covid-19 pandemic they have been unable to work in teams and work has been suspended.

The meeting was closed at 7.49pm to allow J Brellisford to update the Parish Council on the projects for the Climate Emergency Fund.

The meeting was re-opened at 8.10pm

20/12H To consider projects for the Emergency Climate Funding

It was resolved to apply for the Emergency Climate funding for the following projects:

Car charging points in the parish, tree planting scheme, increasing biodiversity, reinstating hedgerows, planting scheme to reduce flood risk and supporting the SAVE scheme. J Brellisford will continue to obtain costings and guidance for the application and liaise with the Clerk who will apply before 12th January 2021.

20/121 To consider the draft budget and precept request for 2021-2022

> The Parish Council debated the budgets at length, and it was resolved that the Parish Council would request £14500 for the Precept for 2021-2022 which has remained the same as 2020-2021.

20/12/ To consider supporting Slow Ways

It was resolved to support Slow Ways

20/12K To consider the quote to repair and fit replacement glass in the telephone box

> It was resolved to approve a quote of up to £50 to repair the glass at the telephone box, the quote will be circulated once received.

20/12L To consider a reply to the letter received from Axbridge Town Council regarding Cross Lane It was resolved that a prepared letter would be sent with the draft report to the Clerk at Axbridge Town Council. Six Councillors voted in favour of the prepared letter and one Councillor voted against.

It was agreed that the report of the responses received would be posted on the website.

20/12M To consider the quote from Clean Surroundings for weed spraying on Webbington Road £14 + VAT It was resolved to approve the quote from Clean Surroundings for weed spraying on Webbington

Road £14 + VAT

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Councillor Reports

Councillor McCarthy reported that there is a large verge on the Webbington Road in the Parish which would be suitable for planting and is awaiting confirmation from Somerset County Council Highways. Details of the Community Speedwatch set up process have been forwarded to the residents who had shown an interest in forming a group in the village.

Councillor Rolfe advised that Steve Brinson would be able to supply materials to fill potholes in the parking areas/laybys in the parish.

Sedgemoor District Council have not met with Sarah from Springfield Wildlife Site due to Covid restrictions.

Councillor Brellisford has spoken to the local PCSO's who are unable to use Skype, therefore he will trial the free Microsoft Teams software to potentially use at the next meeting.

Councillor Filmer has raised the Psychological calming concerns with Alyn Jones again and will advise once he has received a response. The number of Covid 19 cases are decreasing and the R number is around 1 at present. The vaccine is being rolled out in the County at Yeovil and other publics sites are being discussed.

Domestic abuse rates have increased during the lockdown. In a usual 3-month time scale there approximately 2000 calls reporting domestic abuse. This has increased to 10000 calls in the last 3 months of the lockdown.

The One Somerset/Stronger Somerset proposals are now with the Secretary of State and a Consultation will be held in March or April of next year. County Council elections may not take place due to the consultation.

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Items for the next Agenda

Census presentation and the local Police are joining the next meeting

Next Parish Council Meeting 13th January 2021 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.35pm

End of minutes

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