

# Compton Bishop Parish Council

## COMPTON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL Minutes of the meeting 13<sup>th</sup> March 2024

**Present** Councillors T Mason (Chair), E Parker, M Shaw, C Settle and Parish Clerk Alan Mortimore

**24/03A** **To receive any apologies for non-attendance.**  
Councillors T Kelly D McCarthy and G Hancock, Somerset Councillors B Filmer and T Grimes.

**24/03B** **To receive declarations of interest.**

**24/03C** **To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2024 previously circulated.**  
It was resolved to approve the minutes as a true record of the meeting. The Chairperson signed the minutes.

**24/03D** **To receive the Clerks report.**

- 1) The Fence on the Corner of A38** There appears to be confusion who is responsible for the repair and upkeep of this fence. The Clerk obtained a copy of the 2015 agreement between the landowner and the council. The Council agreed to funding the cost of its installation but there was nothing in the documentation to indicate that the council was responsible for its upkeep.
- 2) Draining of muddy water from a field off Church Lane from a field rented to Thatcher's.** During the prolonged period of heavy rain at the beginning of the year, muddy water had been running from the field into Church Lane and effecting the Bus Shelter and coming out under the Truespeed cabinet. It was agreed to monitor the situation over the coming months under more normal weather conditions to ascertain if this problem persists.

**24/03E** **To receive the County Councillors report.**

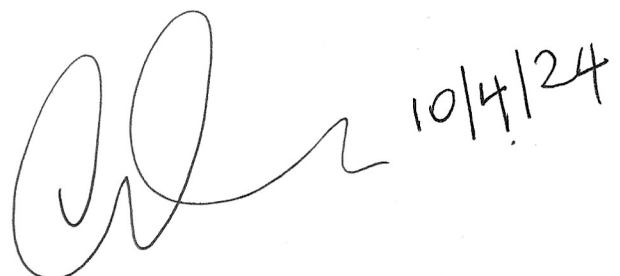
- 1) Council's Finances** – The Somerset Council overspend for 2024/25 of £36.6M is predicted to increase to £147.9M in 2026/7 if no action is taken. Consequently the Council is proposing over 260 cuts (or fee increases) to service funding for 2024/5.
- 2) Changes to waste collection days** – These changes started from 12<sup>th</sup> February with an 18 month collection calendar being delivered to affected households in the former Sedgemoor and Somerset West and Taunton area as well as a small part of South Somerset.

The full text of the briefing will be posted on the Parish Council website.

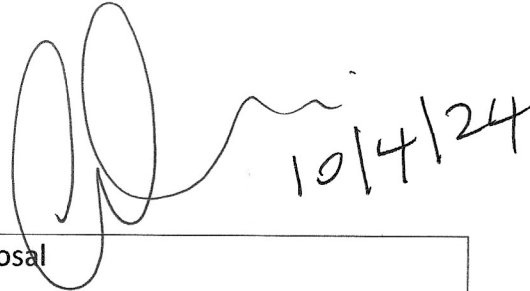
**24/03F** **To approve the bank statement and the following payments.**

Payee	Description	Amount £
Clerk	Net salary (Jan 24)	31 6.86
HMRC	Tax deducted at source	79.80
Clerk	Expenses	11.48

These payments were approved by the Councillors.



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24/03G

To consider the following Planning applications

Planning application number	Location	Proposal
21/23/00017	Land to the South West of Townsend Farm, Prowses Lane, Townsend, Axbridge.	Variations of Planning Permission 21/20/00003 to amend soft and hard landscaping. Amended application.

24/03H

To note the Planning Decisions Update.

Planning application number	Location	Decision
21/23/00018	Timberwork Buildings, Bridgwater Road, Cross, Axbridge, BS26 2EA.	Awaited.
21/23/00023	Land adjacent to River Axe, North of Turnpike Rd, Lower Weare, Axbridge BS26.	Awaited.
21/23/00025	The Cheese Barn, Butts Batch, Compton Bishop, Axbridge, BS26 2HF.	Granted.
21/23/00026	The Cheese Barn, Butts Batch, Compton Bishop, Axbridge, BS26 2HF.	Granted.
21/23/00013	26 Church Lane, Compton Bishop, Axbridge, BS26 2HB	Referred to Committee on 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2024.
21/23/00019	The Cedars, Old Cross Rd, Cross, Axbridge.	Granted.
21/23/00021	Clarks Farm, Kennel Lane, Webbington, Axbridge, BS26 2HS	Awaited
21/23/00020	Clarks Farm, Kennel Lane, Webbington, Axbridge, BS26 2HS	Awaited
21/23/00027	Rowan Cottage, Webbington Rd, Compton Bishop BS26 2ER	Awaited,

24/03I

**Safe Pathway Campaign Cross Lane – update on any progress with Axbridge Town Council and the Landowners.**

Cllr Mason confirmed that he is still awaiting a response from one of the landowners as well a reply from Axbridge Town Council (ATC) from a letter sent to them by the Clerk. This issue has been referred to Somerset Councillor Filmer to see if some progress can be made.

24/03J

**Village Signs – any progress on the “Cross Village” sign at the Compton Bishop end of the Village.**

As both Cllrs Hancock and McCarthy were involved in taking this item forward it was agreed This should be carried forward to the next meeting.

24/03K

**To consider Councillor Training.**

Cllr Shaw has now produced a training matrix so that the Councillors as well as the Clerk can update their training record as and when they attend the required courses. It was agreed to officially adopt this training matrix with the clerk updating this when courses are

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attended. The Clerk to promote any relevant training as and when they become available such as the essential training courses for both new Councillors as well as for the Clerk. The matrix can also be used for Councillors to remain up to date with the current local authority working practices by also attending "refresher" training.

24/03L

**To receive Councillor reports.**

- 1) **Flooding on the Webbington Rd /Vernon Lane** – At the time of the meeting the water had receded. Cllr Settle offered to keep a watch on the situation in case further action is needed.
- 2) **Springfield Wildlife Site** – Cllr Shaw advised that the Dam which has deteriorated over time and is contacting Somerset Council for the best way to resolve the matter permanently. In the meantime, a temporary repair is needed with some hardwood planks at a cost of around £95 and the councillors agreed to cover the cost.
- 3) **A Resident in Old Coach Rd has asked for the Council's assistance** – water has been flooding into their garden from the overflowing ditch which needs to be cleared so the water can run freely away. Enquiries to be made on who is responsible for the ditch so action can be taken on getting it cleared of weeds and silt.

24/03M

**To review two of the CBPC procedures to update to 2024.**

The Councillors confirmed that they had reviewed a further two CBPC procedures and that no amendments were deemed necessary, and these were updated for the current period.

24/03N

**Update on obtaining funding from Avon and Somerset Police for Speed Indicator Devices (SID) through Cross Village.**

No response has been received from Avon and Somerset Police and the Clerk to chase up with the Police.

24/03O

**Update on the purchase of an Electric Strimmer/Brush Cutter.**

Cllr Shaw along with Cllr Settle offered to visit some suppliers together and finally choose a suitable battery Strimmer and report back with costings at the next meeting. This was agreed.

24/02P

**Approval to pay the Clerks salary by standing order.**

24/02Q

**To discuss the re-establishment of the Planning Analysis Group.**

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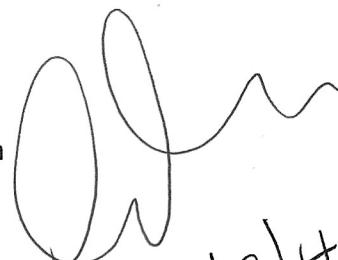
**To discuss water flowing onto the Highway at various locations.**

24/02S

**Items for the next agenda.**

- 1) Safe Pathway Cross Lane – update on any progress with ATC and the Landowners.
- 2) Village Signs – any progress on the "Cross Village" sign at the Compton Bishop end of the Village.
- 3) Councillor Training
- 4) Review of CBPC Procedures.
- 5) Update on obtaining funding from Avon and Somerset Police for Speed Indicator Devices (SID) through Cross Village.
- 6) Update on the purchase of a Strimmer.

**Next Parish Council Meeting – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 at 7pm**



10/4/24