

Compton Bishop Parish Council

COMPTON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting 18th June 2025

Present: Councillors T Mason (Chair), E Parker, D McCarthy, G Hancock, H Dean, D Ham and Alan Mortimore (Clerk).

25/06A To receive any apologies for non-attendance.

Councillor C Settle.

Somerset Councillors B Filmer and T Grimes.

25/06B To receive any declarations of interest.

No declarations of interest were received.

25/06C To receive and approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 14th May 2025 previously circulated.

It was resolved to approve the minutes. Councillor Mason signed the minutes as being a true record.

25/06D To receive Clerks Report.

1) Speed Indicator Device (SID) – It was confirmed that the three poles for holding the SID has now been installed and the Clerk will now contact the company that the council previously agreed would fix and move the SID to each of the three locations.

2) Accounting data for the 2024-2025 financial year has now been posted on the website.

25/06E To receive County Councillors Report.

Councillor Filmer was not able to attend the meeting but provided a written report which will appear on the website.

25/06F To approve the bank statement and the following payments.

Payee	Description	Amount £
Clerk	Net salary (May 25)	356.47
HMRC	Tax deducted at source (May 25)	89.00
Clerk	Expenses (May 25)	37.99
CBPC	Employer National Insurance Contribution	4.27
ScribeLite Accounting for Parish Councils	Direct Debit set up for monthly payments providing a full accounting system for the Parish from July 2024.	14.40 Monthly
Lloyds Bank	Monthly Bank Charges (commenced from Jan 25)	4.25
Arien Signs	Signage for the Reverse of Cross Village Sign	112.80
Mike Rolfe	Petrol for Strimmer	25.74
Cross Memorial Hall	Open Parish Meeting 19 th May 2025	20.00

The payments were approved, except the payment to Arien Signs as the sign has not yet been fitted. See item **26/06N**.

25/06G To consider the following Planning applications

Planning application number	Location	Proposal
21/25/00006	Compton House, Compton Lane, Compton Bishop, BS26 2HE	Erection of single store pool building with raised external terrace, external steps and timber pergola. It was resolved to make no observations or comments on this application. Full details are on the Somerset Planning Website.

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21/25/00002	Land to the East of Manor Farm, Cross, Axbridge	Erection of 2 self-build dwellings and associated works. It was resolved to make no observations or comments on this application. Full details are on the Somerset Planning Website.
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25/06H To note the Planning Decisions Update.

Planning application number	Location	Decision
21/24/00006	Land North of Cross Moor Drove, Lower Weare	Awaited

25/06I Safe Pathway Campaign Cross Lane – update on any progress the Landowners.

The Clerk confirmed that he has received a positive response from the local MP – Tessa Munt who has agreed to meet the council to help move the project forward with the Landowners. It was agreed that the Clerk to organise a meeting with the MP in August to include representation from Axbridge Town Council, Somerset Council and other interested local community groups such as the Safe Pathway Campaign Group. In the first instance the Clerk will obtain dates of availability from Tessa Munt.

25/06J To consider Councillor Training.

Appropriate training sessions to be considered when a fresh set of courses become available.

25/06K To receive Councillor reports.

1)Vegetation covering road signs and public benches – Councillors McCarthy and Dean mentioned that some road signs are not visible and a bench in Church Lane cannot be used due to overgrown vegetation. This appears to be the resident’s responsibility letting such growth over their boundaries and not being sufficiently aware of the problem. It was agreed that, wherever possible a “quiet” word with the resident would suffice, otherwise an official letter from the Clerk may be needed. In the meantime, the Clerk will get the situation clarified with Somerset Highways.

25/06L Update on cutting back of vegetation that is stopping the water flowing through streams that cause problems with overflowing water and no good for the wildlife habitat.

The Clerk confirmed that he has not had any response from the Landowner who still needs to cut back the vegetation, even though a further letter was sent to the Landowner after the last meeting. It is understood that he is in contact with the Environment Agency on how to proceed with this issue.

25/06M To consider issues encountered with the National Trust (NT).

Councillor McCarthy confirmed that some of the issues raised with the NT has now been resolved. Problems regarding potholes still need to be completed. NT did indicate that they are bringing in stone for another project and if there is any surplus, they will use it to fill in the potholes in the parking pull-ins near the NT signage and the Rackley Lane junction. There will be an update at the next meeting.

25/06N Update of the fitting on the back of the village sign in Old Coach Road (towards Weare).

After the last meeting the Clerk arranged for the signage to be fitted as soon as possible. He will contact Arien Signs for an update. Hence the reason why the payment has not been made under **25/06F**.

25/06O To consider appointing a Local Footpath Liaison Officer.

Councillor Parker confirmed that a local resident has agreed to take on the role as the Local Footpath Liaison Officer. The current officer (who wishes to retire from the role) will update the new officer on the procedures.

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25/06P Update on the Anonymous letter of complaint regarding Yeo Bridge Farm (off the A38 at Lower Weare) which has been forwarded to Somerset Planning Enforcement and the Environment Agency.

Although both Somerset Enforcement and the Environment Agency had acknowledged the letter there has been no further response from either agency as to whether they would act on such an anonymous complaint. It was resolved that the Councillors would investigate the situation themselves and report back to the Clerk who will then, if necessary, contact both agencies under the auspices of the parish council.

25/06Q To consider a request for a donation towards the annual grass cutting charges at St Andrews.

It was resolved to increase the donation to £700 (£500 in the previous year) towards the grass cutting for the 2024 season to help cover the shortfall for the year. The Clerk to advise the Churchwarden accordingly and explain that this increase is a “one off” for the 2024 season only. With all the changes being made at Somerset Council and the handing down of certain responsibilities to local council’s further donations cannot be guaranteed.

25/06R Items for the next agenda

- 1) Safe Pathway Campaign – update on the meeting with Tessa Munt MP.
- 2) To consider Councillor Training.
- 3) Update on the progress of installing the Speed Indicator Device around the Parish.
- 4) Update on Cutting back of vegetation that is stopping the water flowing through streams that cause problems with overflowing water and no good for the wildlife habitat.
- 5) Update on any progress with the National Trust (NT) filling in the potholes near the NT signage and Rackley Lane junction.
- 6) Update on the fitting of the wording on the back of the village sign in Old Coach Road (towards Weare).
- 7) To consider the issue of water flowing across the road by the Webbington Hotel.
- 8) To consider what action should be taken on the anonymous complaint received regarding Yeo Bridge Farm.
- 9) To consider if any action is required due to overgrown vegetation on road signs and Benches.

Next Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday 9th July 2025 at 7pm.