



## Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2005

**Present:** Cllrs: Simpson, Tobin, Hay, Lovell and Withecombe

**Apologies:** Cllr Tabrett

In attendance: Clerk

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.35

**05/01/01 Minutes of the meeting held on December 1<sup>st</sup> 2004** were approved. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman and entered in the Minute Book.

**05/01/02 Code of Conduct**  
Nothing to declare.

**05/01/03 Matters Arising**  
**Co-opting a member**

Clerk produced a letter from Sedgemoor's electoral services to say that we can now go ahead and co-opt as soon as possible. Three letters were received from prospective candidates wishing to be considered for the vacancy of Parish Councillor however, voting was deferred to the next meeting.

**Community Budget 04/05**

An award of £500 was received by the Parish Council and clerk to send a cheque and letter to Cross Memorial Hall committee for Chair cushions.

**Quality Council**  
Nothing to report

**Update on Carol Singing/ Charity**

The Cllrs decided that a donation of £150 be made to the Rotary Club of Mendip to go towards the cost of a Shelter Box for the Tsunami disaster.

**Parish Web Site**  
Nothing to report

**Springfield Wildlife Site**

The Official signing of the Community Partnership Venture Agreement is due to be signed on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> January. = at 2pm. The Chairman expressed the hope that most Cllrs would attend.

**Trees/ Maintenance Matters**  
Nothing to report

**05/01/04 Financial**

The monthly income/budget report was not reviewed this month, the bank statements had not arrived due to the holiday period.

**Income**

**Expenditure**

**Presentation of the budget 05/06**

All Cllrs approved the budget for the period 05/06.

Clerk presented a letter from Mr Alf Small the treasurer of Contact Magazine requesting a donation from the Parish towards cost of production. Clerk to reply that this Parish Council is only prepared to donate if other Parish Council's do the same.

**05/01/5 Planning**

Mr Roper – Yeo Bridge Farm, Mr Roper. 21/04/00016/CJA Use of Land to site two additional mobile homes. Clerk to circulate planning details and report at next meeting.

**Enforcement Matters:**

Clover Farm – Equestrian Workers Mobile Log Cabin. Clerk presented letter from Enforcement Officer stating that due to staff shortages this matter can not be looked into. Clerk instructed to write to Kerry Rikards as the lack of response is intolerable.

Condoric – letter from Enforcement Officer as above.

**05/01/6 Footpaths and Highways**

Cross Lane pavement – Nothing to report

**National Trust Footpath –**

Clerk received a letter from Mr. Hewston, NT Property Manager in response to letter raising concerns about impassable footpaths for walkers on Crook Peak Estate. The tone of Mr Hewston's letter indicated that all that could be done is being done so Cllr Tobin proposed a meeting with the NT regarding this matter.

Cllr Tabrett raised concerns about stones outside Falaise – noted that if stones get any worse then the Chairman will have a word with the owner of the house.  
Foliage at the front garden of Two Hoots is encroaching on the pavement – Cllrs would like owners to trim back. Clerk to find out who owns the property.

**05/01/7 Correspondence**

- SDC Guidance Notes on Rural Housing – file
- The Future of Council Housing in Sedgemoor - file
- Invitation to the Elected Members Day – for the Safety Camera Partnership – Cllrs unable to attend.
- A guide to Firework safety – file and put on noticeboards as required
- Parish Survey – Environment Department – SDC - file

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 21:15 p.m.  
Next Meeting Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February 05 at 19.30

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. H. ...', written over a horizontal line.



**Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2005**

**Present:** Cllrs: Simpson, Tabrett, Tobin, Hay, Lovell

**Apologies:** Cllr Withecombe

**In attendance:** Clerk

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.35

**02/02/01 Minutes of the meeting held on January 5<sup>th</sup> 2005** were approved. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman and entered in the Minute Book.

**02/02/02 Code of Conduct**

Nothing to declare.

**02/02/03 Matters Arising**

**Co-opting a member**

Chairman discussed the details of each of the five candidates, Cllr Tabrett proposed Mr Jeremy Dorber and Cllr Hay seconded, there was a unanimous vote for Mr Dorber. Clerk instructed to write to each of the candidate.

**Contact Magazine**

The councillors agreed to inform Mr. Alf Small, the Contact treasurer that the council feels all parish councils in the Crook Peak group should be urged to adopt the same formula by contributing £1.00 per household annually towards the cost of the magazine. Copy letter to each of the councils involved.

**Quality Council**

Cllr Tabrett read out a letter from Peter Lacey explaining SALC's view point. No action to be taken.

**Speed Limit**

Update from Cllr Tobin budget request for 2005 will be reviewed in February, but the spend on the A38 is already over budget so no more reviews would be conducted in 2005. Clerk instructed to ask Alan Ham to cover this topic in his talk at the AOM.

**Update on Yearbook**

Yearbook should be printed in a couple of weeks then clerk to distribute.

**Parish Web Site**

Nothing to report

**SLCC**

Decided to renew membership

**Cluster Group Meeting**

Cllr Lovell reported on the last meeting held in Axbridge, which discussed a planning framework for the next 5 years.

**Trafalgar Anniversary**

Mrs Mohan suggested planting a tree in Big Tree close, Cllr Tabrett to liaise with Mrs Jordan.

**Gardening Club**

A donation of £50 was requested by Mrs Tyas cost towards the Annual Show, this was agreed clerk to forward cheque.

**Annual Open Meeting**

To be held on 22nd April, Clerk to inform CC Ham and DC Denbee. Discussion of the agenda; suggested that a speaker is found to talk about Springfield Wildlife site, Cllr Tabrett to report back at next meeting. Cllr Hay would like a to seek volunteers and Ideas for the Village Fun day and suggestions for the location of tree for Trafalgar.

**Springfield Wildlife Site**

Cllr Tabrett reported a very good turnout of parishioners for the ceremony at the site for the official signing by the Chairman and Sedgemoor chairman of a partnership management agreement, the first of its kind in the district. Despite repairs to the pond's retaining bank, water was still escaping into the nearby brook and a watch was being kept on the situation.

**Trees/ Maintenance Matters**

Nothing to report

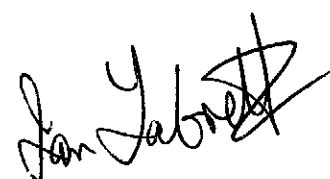
**02/02/04 Financial**

**Income**

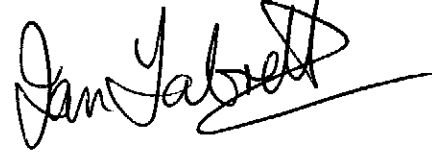
Interest: Treasurer Acc. .20p  
Business Money Manager 0.00

**Expenditure**

100251 Clerk salary/expenses £194.08  
100250 Cross memorial Hall £500  
100248 Chris Byrne Xmas Chocs £50.00  
100252Rotary Club Mendip £150



100249 Cllr Tabrett Strimming £10.50



Total income £0.20

Total Expenditure £904.58

#### 02/02/05 Planning

Cllr Simpson read out a letter from Steve Atkinson explaining the lack of coverage due to illness in the planning enforcement team. Cllrs decided that no action should be taken but monitor the situation.

Mr Roper – Yeo Bridge Farm, Mr Roper. 21/04/00016/CJA Use of Land to site two additional mobile homes and two touring caravans. Cllrs recommended refusal of this application.  
Mrs Rix, Land to the South of Condoric – retention of piping of two ditches, inclusion of land within the garden area and 2m high fence. Cllrs recommended refusal of this application.

#### Enforcement Matters:

Clover Farm – Nothing to report  
Condoric – nothing to report.

#### 02/02/06 Footpaths and Highways

Cross Lane pavement – Nothing to report

National Trust Footpath – Cllr Tobin to report at later date

#### Upgrade on Footpath AX15/15

Received an application to change footpath to bridle path, Cllr Tabrett reported that it could take 4-6 years to have the path considered for the change of status.

#### Bridleway AX15/12 The Scaurs

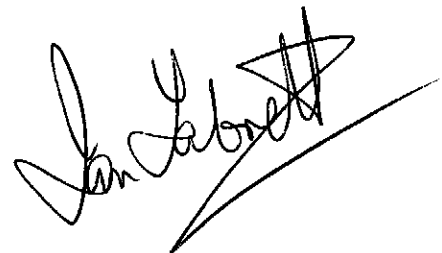
Complaint had been received by the council and Sedgemoor right of way officer about the number of dead elm trees brought down across the path by recent high winds. Mr. James Crawford and an adjoining landowner have been contacted to clear the obstructions, and the council agreed to put-up signs warning users of the need for caution until work has been carried out.

Cllr Tobin mentioned that the hard standing had been laid by the bus shelter at the bottom of Church Lane, Cllr Tobin sent a letter of thanks to Liam Gill and asked that these improvements are mentioned in the next newsletter.

#### 02/02/07 Correspondence

- Letter of thanks from Mendip Rotary for CB donation of £150
- Letter of thanks from Cross Memorial Hall for the cheque for £500.
- Invitation to a Charity Ball at the Webbington Hotel.
- Mendip Hill Forum, Cllr Tabrett expressed an interest in attending
- Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Authorisation of the Qualified Person and amendments to Schedule 12a – action file.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 21:40 p.m.  
Next Meeting Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 05 at 19.30





**Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2005**

**Present:** Cllrs: Tabrett, Tobin, Lovell, Withecombe, Dorber  
**Apologies:** Cllrs Simpson & Hay  
**In attendance:** Clerk  
The Vice-Chairman opened the meeting at 19.35

**02/03/01 Minutes of the meeting held on February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2005** were approved. The minutes were then signed by the Vice-Chairman and entered in the Minute Book.

**02/03/02 Code of Conduct**

Nothing to declare. Clerk handed out copies of 'A code for the future, consultation'.

**02/03/03 Matters Arising**

**Welcome to the new Councillor**

The Vice-Chairman welcomed Mr. Jerry Dorber. The clerk handed out the code of conduct form and the booklets 'On becoming a new councillor and declaration of interest'. A discussion followed concerning the term friend and the clerk was instructed to seek greater advice on planning matters and definitions.

**Resignations**

Vice-Chairman confirmed that Chairman Patrick Simpson would be leaving at the end of the month. Cllr Lovell proposed that under the Data Protection Act the code of conduct forms should be returned to members once they have resigned, clerk instructed to write to Colin Spencer.

**Contact Magazine**

The councillors were shown letters sent by Mr Alf Small, Rev. Ken Brown, CC Alan Ham and Cllr Simpson. The members agreed not to decide on a donation at this stage but to defer for discussion at a future meeting. Contact Mag to remain on the agenda pending replies from the other parishes with regard to them adopting the same formula of contributing £1.00 per household annually towards the cost of the magazine.

**Update on Yearbook distribution**

The cost of advertising revenue should generate income of £1455, clerk sent out all invoices to contributors. Still awaiting invoice from Moneygivers. It was agreed that the Yearbook has been well received from Parishioners.

**Annual Open Meeting**

Vice-Chairman and Clerk to meet before next parish council meeting to finalise agenda. The CMH agenda was shown to members and a letter by the Chairman Mrs Jane Murray requesting two representatives to sit on the Hall Management Committee. Cllr Withecombe said that she would be willing to remain a representative but only in the same capacity as she has been contributing and the second representative would be discussed in May with the new Council. Clerk to write to Mrs Murray accordingly. Clerk produced a letter from the new fire safety officer asking to give a talk to parishioners. Clerk to contact person and suggest talking at AOM.

**Trafalgar Tree**

Cllr Tabrett reported that Big Tree Close would not be suitable for planting a tree. Other sites like public verges and near the bus shelter require lots of form filling. So far failed to find a suitable place.

**Parish Web Site**

Cllr Withecombe requested contributions from members for the site. Suggestion that the Parish Newsletter be put on web site and digital photographs of the parish. Cllr Withecombe to remain editor.

**Springfield Wildlife Site**

Nothing to report

**Trees/ Maintenance Matters**

Nothing to report on trees but under maintenance it was brought to the Cllr's attention the bags of horse manure deposited outside the front garden of Mr & Mrs Smith, Orchard End. Clerk to write to the owners.

**Bench opposite White Hart.**

Seat now in poor state. Cllr Tabrett to ask Mr. Bob Andrews to quote on repair, a decision on whether to replace or mend will follow.

**02/03/04 Financial**

**Income**

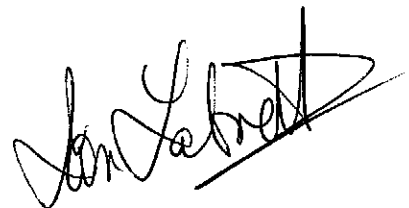
Interest: Treasurer Acc. .15p  
Business Money Manager 0.00

**Expenditure**

100254 Clerk salary/expenses £138.23  
100255 Gardening Club £50.00

Total income £0.15

Total Expenditure £188.23





SLCC Membership renewal of £64.00 was agreed and signed by Vice-Chairmen.

**02/03/05 Planning**

Mr Roper – Yeo Bridge Farm, Mr Roper. 21/04/00016/CJA Use of Land to site two additional mobile homes and two touring caravans. SDC Committee decision is to approve. Cllr Tabrett to speak to John Denbee and Cllr Lovell to ask if Mr G Lunn could attend planning meeting.

Mrs Rix, Land to the South of Condoric – retention of piping of two ditches, inclusion of land within the garden area and 2m high fence. SDC Planning decision is refusal of this application.

**Enforcement Matters:**

Clover Farm – Nothing to report

Copperill Lodge, – nothing to report.

**02/02/06 Footpaths and Highways**

Cross Lane pavement – Nothing to report

**Upgrade on Footpath AX15/15**

Cllr Tabrett reported that The National Trust is likely to object to the upgrade to a bridle path as the path is so narrow and would not be suitable. Mr James Crawford indicated in a letter to the Cllrs that he has no strong feelings about the upgrade as long as the path is not used by horse riding schools. Members commented that such a condition could not be imposed if the upgrade went ahead.

**The Scaurs**

The path is now open and usable. Cllr Withecombe to write a letter of thanks to the owners of Brindle Cottage and Clerk to write to James Crawford.

Cllr Tabrett to write to Mr and Mrs Scott to re-open the dialogue concerning the extension of the Cross Lane footpath.

Cllr Tobin raised concerns regarding the rubbish being dumped on the Webbington Road, Cllr Tabrett to investigate problem and contact SDC.

Cllr Tobin informed the cllrs that the National Trust cleared gorse from pinch points gorse above Barton.

Cllr Tabrett raised the issue of the Crèche closing at the KOW, having been contacted by a parishioner. Clerk instructed to write to Mr Alan Jones CEO of SCC and copy Mr Alan Ham

**02/03/07 Correspondence**

Nothing to report

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 21:10 p.m.  
Next Meeting Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April 05 at 19.30





**Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on April 6<sup>th</sup> 2005**

**Present:** Cllrs: Tabrett, Hay, Dorber and 4 parishioners  
**Apologies:** Cllrs Tobin & Withecombe  
**In attendance:** Clerk

In the 10 minutes allocated to the public before the meeting opened Mrs Caroline Wooley mentioned concerns about an application to open the pathway to off-road vehicles between Rackley Lane and Kennel Lane. Cllr Tabrett said the late owner Mr Ian Crawford diverted the public footpath because parts of the old route had slid into the river. Somerset rights of way department had refused the recent application because of insufficient detail; even if it was re-submitted, there would be a delay of some years before it could be considered, and he advised resident to delay sending their views to SCC until that time.

The second concern raised by two parishioners is the increased traffic along Webbington Road. The clerk instructed to try and obtain a return visit by the flashing speed sign.

The Vice-Chairman opened the meeting at 19.43

**06/04/01 Minutes of the meeting held on March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2005** were approved. The minutes were then signed by the Vice-Chairman and entered in the Minute Book.

**06/04/02 Code of Conduct**

Cllr Tabrett read out a letter from Mr Bob Brown solicitor to Sedgemoor District Council concerning the member's rights of interest. The letter mentions that the councillors declaration of interests forms will be retained personally by the solicitor for three years. Clerk instructed to reply to the letter and enquire on whose authority has the decision been made. Further more Clerk to establish the criteria of declaration of interest on planning matters.

Cllr Tabrett declared an Interest in continuing the strimming in the village.

Cllr Tabrett recommended that Councillors respond to the questionnaire 'A code for the future, consultation'.

**06/04/03 Matters Arising Resignations**

Cllr Tabrett informed the meeting that at the council's Annual meeting in May the Cllrs need to select a Chairman. Cllr Tabrett said that he is willing to serve as Vice-Chairman if elected but due to family commitments he could not stand as chairman.

Clerk mentioned that the legal notice of the parish council vacancies have been displayed on the noticeboards and they will remain for 14 working days.

**Contact Magazine**

Cllr Tabrett read out a letter from the Clerk to Weare Parish Council which stated that the Cllrs are not prepared to adopt the £1.00 per household formula of contributions to Contact Magazine. It was agreed that Compton Bishop would donate the same amount as last year £269.00 but would review the level of support in 2006.

**Annual Open Meeting**

Agenda approved and handed to cllrs for distribution to parishioners.

**Trafalgar Tree**

One suggestion was St Andrew's church paddock. Cllr Hay to contact parochial authority.

**Parish Web Site**

Nothing to report but the clerk said that the site was advertised in the Spring newsletter.

**Springfield Wildlife Site**

A talk will be given by Mrs Sarah Ayling at the Annual Open Meeting.

**Trees/ Maintenance Matters**

Nothing to report.

**Bench opposite White Hart.**

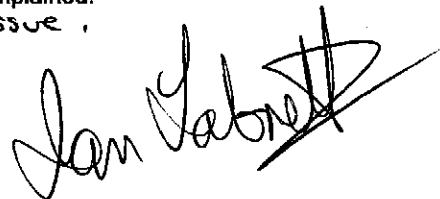
Cllr Hay will chase-up Mr Andrews.

**Bags of Manure outside Orchard End**

Cllr Tabrett read out several correspondence; a letter from Sedgemoor Environmental Health, a letter from the PC to the owners of Orchard End and reply from the Mr and Mrs Smith the owners of the property and a letter of complaint from a parishioner. The clerk instructed to contact SDC'S legal department as the PC considers that they are responding in an appropriate way as the manure has been in situ since February 1<sup>st</sup> and parishioners have complained.

*Cllr Hay said she would abstain from voting on this issue.*

**06/04/04 Financial**



**Income**

Interest: Treasurer Acc. .13  
Business Money Manager £28.36  
Yearbook adverts £565

**Expenditure**

100257 Clerk salary and home allowance £180  
100259 Clerk Expenses £61.13  
1002256 Cllr Tabrett Expenses £19.53  
100258 SLCC Renewal £64.00  
100260 Photographs SWS £11.50

Total income £593.94

Total Expenditure £336.16

SALC Membership renewal of £112.22 was agreed and signed by Vice-Chairmen.

**06/04/05 Planning**

Land to rear of 17 Big Tree Close, Mr and Mrs Harvey, Erection of Bungalow, formation of parking and access. The planing sub-committee noted that it is a tight sloping site.

Prospect Cottage, Webbington Rd, Mr and Mrs Tyas The parish council has no objection to this application as it is only a small extension.

Mr Roper – Yeo Bridge Farm- Use of land to site two additional mobile homes . Nothing to report as council has not received a certificate to date.

**Enforcement Matters:**

Clover Farm – Nothing to report

Copperill Lodge, – Cllr Tabrett read out a letter from Sedgemoor's enforcement team which stated that retrospective planning consent needs to be applied for the mobile home, willow bridge and extension of curtilage. Cllr Tabrett to confirm this with owners.

**06/04/06 Footpaths and Highways**

Cross Lane pavement – Nothing to report

Upgrade on Footpath AX15/15

The council noted the concerns from members of the public.

Cllr Tabrett reported that he wrote to Mr and Mrs Scott about re-opening the dialogue concerning the extension of the Cross Lane footpath. But as yet has not received a reply.

Cllr Tabrett read out an email from Mr John Stuchbery about concerns regarding the rubbish being dumped on the Webbington Road, Cllr Tabrett has investigated the problem and after contacting SDC he has been assured that the rubbish will be removed.

It was agreed that Cllr Tabrett to continue strimming in the parish.

**06/04/07 Correspondence**

- Letter from Mr Richard Young SDC to say that he is leaving his position.
- Video on Broadband – Clerk to file
- Civic Reception in Wells – Cllrs unable to attend.
- Email from Mr John Stuchbery concerning PC's donation to international causes. Cllrs believe that any donation made from the precept should go to local causes as there are so many national campaigns that it is difficult to pick. Clerk to email Mr Stuchbery.
- Rights of way maintenance is being taken over by Sedgemoor.
- Cllr decided not to continue to subscribe to Thatch magazine.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 21:05 p.m.  
Next Meeting Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 05 at 19.30



M. Tobin

**Minutes of Compton Parish Council planning meeting held on May 16<sup>th</sup> 2005**

**Present:** Cllrs: Tabrett, Tobin, Dorber, Hay, Withecombe;

**In Attendance:** Applicant Mr Chris Byrne and four parishioners.

**Apologies:** Mr Keith Petit, who submitted brief written observations on planning application, Land to the north of Wavering Down.

**Chairman of the meeting:** Cllr Tabrett

- 1) **Proposal:** Erection of dwelling, garage and formation of access  
**Location:** Land to the north of Wavering Down, Webbington Road, Cross  
**Applicant:** Mr C. Byrne  
**Reference:** 21/05/00001/RSM

After visiting "Wavering Down" to view the site, the council retired to Cross-Memorial Hall. Mr Byrne answered questions from cllrs and members of the public and described a discussion he had with a senior planning officer during which he agreed a major amendment to access arrangements. Cllrs agreed that in view of comments in November 1995 by the Planning Inspector when allowing an appeal for development of the same site, and given assurances by the applicant:

**Decision:** APPROVE subject strictly to:

- a) Closure of present entrance and creation of new single access onto Webbington Road from the west of the frontage:
  - b) External finish to match existing on "Wavering Down" but with muted colour (deleting proposed pebble dash finish; VDS 4.4, 7.12)
  - c) Single-storey dwelling (Inspector's report, para 8)
  - d) Tree planting (native species) especially to north and west of development site.
  - e) Subject to conditions 1-13 imposed by inspector with 1995 permission.
- 2) **Proposal:** Public Entertainment Licence – Jazz in the Garden 6/8/05 1800 hrs to 23:00hrs  
**Applicant:** Mr C Byrne, Wavering Down, Webbington Road, Cross

**Decision:** NO OBSERVATION

- 3) **Proposal:** Erection of detached double garage and formation of turning area  
**Location:** May Cottage, Webbington Road, Compton Bishop, Axbridge  
**Application:** Mr and Mrs D Clutterbuck  
**Reference:** 21/05/00007/pjb

**Decision:** APPROVE

- 4) **Proposal:** Erection of porch to SW elevation  
**Location:** Peak Barn, Webbington Road, Compton Bishop, BS26 2HW  
**Applicant:** Mr and Mrs Dorber  
**Reference:** 21/05/00006/CJA

**Code of Conduct:** Cllr Dorber declared an interest and took no part in the decision making.

**Decision:** NO OBSERVATION

M. Tobin

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**Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on May 4<sup>th</sup> 2005**

**Annual Meeting of the Council**

**Present:** Cllrs: Tabrett, Hay, Dorber, Withecombe and Tobin

**Apologies:**

In attendance: Clerk

The Vice-Chairman opened the meeting at 19.32

**04/05/01 Minutes of the meeting held on April 6<sup>th</sup> 2005** were approved. The minutes were then signed by the Vice-Chairman and entered in the Minute Book.

**04/05/02 Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman**

Clerk proposed Ian Tabrett as Chairman and Cllr Tobin seconded the proposal, which was unanimously carried. The Chairman, Ian Tabrett proposed Cllr Tobin as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Cllr Dorber the proposal was unanimously carried.

**04/05/03 Code of Conduct**

Cllr Tabrett read out a letter from Mr Bob Brown solicitor to Sedgemoor District Council concerning the member's rights of interest, code of conduct on planning applications and the bags of manure outside Orchard End. There was a discussion on planning procedure. Cllr Dorber proposed calling planning site meetings as deemed necessary on applications, all interested parties to be notified of date, time and place. It was agreed there should be a site meeting to consider an application for "Wavering Down", Webbington Road, Cross. Chairman to arrange.

**04/05/04 Matters Arising**

**Co-Option**

After a secret ballot Mr Patrick Mohan and Mrs Alison Rix were co-opted on to the council. Clerk instructed to notify the councillor's decision to all candidates.

**Feedback from Annual Open Meeting**

Generally felt to be a good meeting with 40 parishioners in attendance. Cllr Tobin questioned whether Cllr Ham confirmed that Sedgemoor would review the speed limit in Compton Bishop. Cllr Tobin to contact Cllr Ham to check.

**Contact Magazine**

Chairman read out a letter of thanks from Mr Alf Small for the council's donation of £269.00. Cllr Hay said that the donation was mentioned in the latest copy of Contact Magazine where it was reinforced that if all parishes gave a contribution equal to £1.00 per household then the majority of the printing costs would be met.

**Trafalgar Tree**

Cllr Hay said that planting an oak tree in the Church paddock adjoining overflow graveyard had been accepted by CPPC. Cllr Tabrett to talk to Sarah Ayling, clerk to obtain a copy of Chew Valley Trees brochure and pass to chairman.

**Parish Web Site**

There is now a link with Mrs Margaret Jordan's website. It was decided that PC Agenda, Newsletter and councillor details would be on the Website but not the minutes. Clerk to email Mr J Stuchbery the minutes after they have been approved by the chairman as he has kindly offered to continue to represent the Cray Charity and Memorial Hall Committee. Clerk to write to Mr Stuchbery and endorse the Cllrs appreciation of the offer to represent them. Also, to confirm with the chairman of both charities.

**Springfield Wildlife Site**

Chairman said that there had been another working party.

**Trees/ Maintenance Matters**

It was brought to the Cllrs attention that there is a dead Elm opposite Moonraker on the Webbington Road. As the tree is on the grass verge Cllr Tobin offered to inform Highways. Clerk instructed to write to the owners of Moonraker informing them that it is illegal to dump garden refuse on the Highway at the base of the dead elm.

**Bench opposite White Hart.**

Cllr Hay sent the Cllrs thanks to Mr Bob Andrews and a cheque for the sum of £63.68 for the repair of the bench.

**Bags of Manure outside Orchard End**

The bags of manure have been removed. It was noted that DEFRA is taking up the issue of storage of horse manure as from July 1<sup>st</sup> manure must be stored in a leak proof container. Clerk to file article from Sunday Telegraph and Cllrs are to monitor the situation.

**Family Fun Day**

Cllr Hay to speak to Mr. Dave Williams. Evening event on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

M. Tobin

Total income £473.76

Total Expenditure £2796.31

- The PC approved the Parish Annual return 2004/05 and the Chairman signed the finance form for the Accountants, Moore Stephens. The Auditor, Mr Dick Tyas wrote a letter supporting the "well-kept financial records". He recommended that the Parish Councillor's should look at the book, 'Governance and Accountability in Local Councils - A Practitioners Guide'. A further, recommendation from Mr Tyas was to make more use of the higher interest 'Business Account'. Mr Tyas kindly offered to audit the PC accounts next year, all the Cllrs thanked him for his time.
- Cllrs Tabrett, Tobin and the clerk signed the PC Mandate Form. Cllr Hay had signed the form the previous day. These persons can legally sign the PC cheques.

#### **06/07/06 Planning**

##### **Procedure for responding to planning applications**

The Chairman said that the PC's procedure on planning applications had to change, the new procedure for responding to planning applications was approved. It was agreed a Planning Committee be formed consisting of all parish councillors but with a quorum of three or half the membership whichever is lesser. Applications which, after notification to all councillors, have not been specifically referred to committee by one or more councillors as being contentious, be delegated to the Clerk for decision in conjunction with the Chairman and Vice Chairman and/or one other councillor for response to SDC within the time limit. All other applications be considered be committee after three clear days notice to members and the public.

##### **Update on previous applications**

Webbington Farm, Barton Road, Webbington WH Amersbury. Change of use and conversion of Agricultural barns and stables into five holiday units. The Chairman signed the Minutes of the planning site committee meeting held on June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2005.

Mr & Mrs Grant, Crossfield, Old Coach Road, Cross erection of single storey extension 21/05/00008/DRT

The Cllrs approved thjs application.

Mr J Crawford. Change of use and conversion of barn to dwelling stables to workshop/garage and alterations to access, demolition of existing sheds. Barn at Rackley Farm, Rackley Lane 21/05/00004/RSM

The Councillor's support this application as a sympathetic conversion and a considerable improvement to the existing very untidy site

Outline Planning Mr C Byrne. Land to North of Wavering Down, Webbington Road, Cross. Erection of dwelling, garage and formation of access. Granted outline permission from Sedgemoor District Council.

Mr and Mrs Dorber, Peak Barn, Webbington Road, Compton Bishop. Erection of porch to SW elevation. Granted permission from Sedgemoor District Council

Erection of detached garage and formation of turning area. May Cottage, Webbington Road, Mr and Mrs Clutterbuck. Granted permission from Sedgemoor District Council

##### **Enforcement Matters:**

Clover Farm - nothing to report.

Copperill Lodge

Chairman read out a letter from SDC dated 17<sup>th</sup> June 05, A planning contravention notice has been served on the owners of Copperill Lodge requesting information to prepare the way for the issue of a formal Enforcement notice in respect of the bridge and extended garden cutilege.

#### **06/07/08 Footpaths and Highways**

This heading will be removed from the agenda and be incorporated into 'Matters Arising' and 'New Matters'

##### **Fencing around old reservoir tank**

The fence has broken down and it was agreed that it was a danger to children and animal. Chairman to write a letter to NT.

##### **Proposed Bridle Modification form Kennel Lane to Rackley Lane**

Chairman read out an email from Cllr Hay. Cllr Tabrett said that there had been hundreds of applications in Somerset to upgrade footpaths into Bridleways so it would take about 6 years for this application to be dealt with. Also, the path does not now exist so it would seem unlikely that the footpath would be upgraded.

A discussion then followed concerning the barrier that the National Trust has put up in Bourton Coombe. The Cllrs decided that no action would be taken on the barrier as the NT are the landowners.

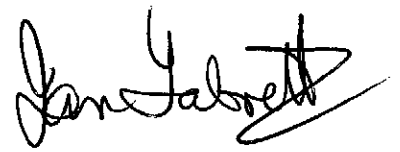
#### **06/07/09 Correspondence**

There was no correspondence

#### **06/07/09 Clerk's Employment Contract and Salary Review**

The PC went into committee in view of the staff/confidential nature of the matter, and agreed the wording of the employment contract and the national pay scale to which the salary should be linked.

**The Chairman closed the Meeting at 21.15 pm  
Next Meeting, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 05 at 19.30 p.m.**



**Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council planning meeting held on  
August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005**

**Present:** Cllrs Tabrett, Tobin, Dorber, Mohan, Rix, Withecombe and Hay  
**In attendance:** Parish Clerk, applicants Mr and Mrs Rawlings and their agent  
Mr Robert Stone and 30 parishioners.

**Apologies:**

**Declaration of Interests:** Cllr Tabrett declared a Code of Conduct interest in  
application 21/05/00012/PJB and left the meeting at that point.

**Chairman of the meeting:** Cllr Tabrett

**Proposal:** 21/05/00016/CJM Erection of hay barn/machinery store on land at  
the rear of Copperill Lodge, OLD Coach Road, Cross for T F & J P Rawlings.

Parishioners put a number of questions and concerns to the agent Mr Stone  
who responded on behalf of Mr and Mrs Rawlings.

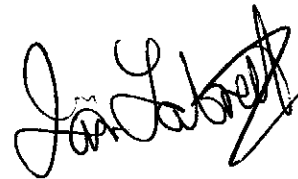
He said the barn was proposed to store agricultural machinery including a  
tractor, mower, spare parts for them and hay crop to be gathered from the  
field shown in the application. The mobile home currently on the site was only  
temporary and would be removed once the barn was built. The barn was  
sited in the position shown because no buildings were allowed within 7 metres  
of power cables in the field, and because the hard core surface was already in  
existence although the owners had extended the area slightly, and the height  
would have to be increased by 10cm because of flood risk. Tree-planting was  
planned around the northern side of the building to act a screen. Fuel stored  
would be in bunded tank and comply with oil storage regulations. Mr Stone  
said that he was unsure if silage would be stored and no discussions had  
taken place between the applicant and SDC concerning flood lighting or alarm  
systems, but he thought these could be installed without planning permission.

After the agent responded to questions the Chairman declared that the  
committee would go into formal session.

**Decision** (6 votes to 1) REFUSE the proposals for the following reasons.

- 1) Inappropriately sited close to residential property not in applicant's  
ownership (VDS)
- 2) Prominent in landscape when viewed from much of Old Coach Road  
and especially the ANOB;
- 3) No proven agricultural need for hay barn/machinery store of such a  
large size to service the indicated area of land;
- 4) Serious concern that proposed surface water run-off could become  
contaminated by fuel oil, other chemicals or silage liquor and thus  
Pollute the adjoining Cross Rhynes County Wildlife Site.

Because of concern by Cllrs and public SDC be informed that should the  
Development Control Committee be minded to approve this application,  
the Parish Council would strongly urge the following conditions:



Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on September 7<sup>th</sup> 2005



**Present:** Cllrs: Tabrett, Tobin, Rix, Mohan, Hay, Dorber and five parishioners.

**Apologies:** Cllrs Withecombe

In attendance: Clerk

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.30

During the time allotted for members of the public to speak, parishioners put questions regarding the finance for the village fun day and concerns regarding yellow lines in Old Coach Road. Chairman read out a note from Steve Gard licensee of the New Inn who said that double yellow lines would impact on his business greatly, and another parishioner expressed concern that a parking ban would lead to increase in the speed of traffic. The chairman reminded a member of the public he had no right to speak as his name did not appear on the latest register of electors of the parish.

**07/09/01 Minutes of the meeting held on July 6<sup>th</sup> 2005** were approved. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman and entered in the Minute Book.

**07/09/02 Declaration of Interests**

Nothing to declare

**07/09/03 Matters Arising**

**Village Fun Day (Funding and Loan of bunting)**

This item was brought forward. All Cllrs agreed to the loan of the bunting. Cllr Rix proposed the sum of £350 towards expenses of portaloos, childrens's entertainer and safer fencing on the receipt of relevant invoices. The motion was seconded by Cllr Dorber and carried unanimously.

**Road Signs**

Cllr Tobin reported a letter received from Mr Brian Aston, Traffic Engineer agreeing to the removal of all signs as previously discussed. However, Mr Aston failed to mention two further signs; one sheep sign at Webbington and 'Reduce Speed' on the A38 at Shute Shelf. Mr Aston was unaware of the reason for the Weight limit sign '5.5 tons' from Bleadon to Kennel Lane. Four new signs had been installed at the crossroads junction. The Cllrs unanimously agreed that the 'Welcome to Cross' sign on the A38 at Shute Shelf was outdated and of no benefit and should be removed. A letter had already been sent to Mr Aston asking him to remove all signs agreed at the previous meeting.

**Parking in Old Coach Road**

Cllrs proposed to seek expert advice about the problem and invite Mr Aston to present the findings at the Annual Parish Open Meeting. It was mentioned that there are a number of large commercial vehicles parked along Old Coach Road, which could be a danger to children crossing the road. Yellow lines may not be the solution as difficult to enforce. Cllr Tobin to email Mr Aston to seek his views and those of the police. Cllr Hay said that she would obtain a quote to have two portable safety signs made for use when the Memorial Hall is in use as the junction by the hall is potentially dangerous.

**Trafalgar Tree**

Chairman to liaise with the Rev Ken Brown and churchwarden Sue Ham on a suitable date late in November or early December for a short planting ceremony in the Church Paddock. Local contractor Steve Brinson has offered to erect a suitable guard fence around the tree at no expense to the Parish.

**Springfield Wildlife Site**

All Councillors received a copy of the annual report 2004/05. Which had been sent to SDC; in response the parks and open spaces officer Mr Harley Cook congratulated the council and volunteers on their work and offered to finance the purchase of five bird nesting boxes and a suitable wooden seat for visitors.

**Community Access Fund**

Application had been made to SCC for a 75 per cent grant to replace a stile between Mr Lovell's field and Bourton Lane with a kissing gate. An estimate from Steve Brinson to remove some of the vegetation and fit the gate is £340 plus VAT. Cllr Tabrett reported that Mr Guy Manning is to be the new footpaths manager for Sedgemoor from 28<sup>th</sup> September. The Scaurs had been cleared by Somerset County Council of dead trees and undergrowth and county engineers were investigating how to make the bridlepath more accessible for riders.

**NT Fencing**

Broken fencing around the redundant water tank at Cross had been repaired satisfactorily by Bristol Water.

**07/09/04 New Matters**

**CB Village Speed Limit**

Cllr Tobin explained that he has been in communication with County Councillor Ham about asking SCC to review Compton Bishop's existing speed limit but it was necessary to minute a resolution detailing exact requirements. The Councillors unanimously agreed to the removal of the 30 mph limit in Compton Village and to extend the 40 mph limit from New Town to Rackley Lane.



Jan Tabrett

**SCC Members Community Budget 2005/06**

Letter from County Councillor Alan Ham concerning monies being allocated to Community projects. Cllrs to look at cost of new parish noticeboard for Kennel Lane and/or the bus shelter in Old Coach road. Clerk instructed to ask Mr Petit about potential projects for Cross Memorial Hall. Report back at next meeting. Deadline for applications, December 31.

**Payphone changes**

BT proposes to downgrade the payphone in Compton Bishop to a card operation only. Cllrs accepted the change after hearing figures showing it was used for an average of only two paid calls a year; they were pleased that the phone is staying Clerk instructed to reply to BT letter.

**Highway Services Survey**

Cllr Tobin to complete the maintenance survey.

**Memorial Hall**

Chairman reported that Cross Memorial Hall had been awarded the highest hallmark Standard, Hall Mark 3 and said the management committee were to be congratulated on their achievement.

**Dog Mess**

Parishioners visiting Axbridge Reservoir had reported unacceptable levels of dog mess around the perimeter, with no dog mess bins provided. Clerk to email Axbridge TC Clerk to support any complaint to BWB on the problem.

**07/09/05 Financial**

**Income**

Interest: Treasurer Acc. .11  
Business Money Manager 0.00

**Expenditure**

100272 Annual payment Cross Memorial Hall £88.50  
100274 Renewal CPRE £ 25.00  
100279 Parish Salary and expenses £200.17  
100278 Parish Christmas cards £90.00  
100277 Accountants Moore Stephens £141.00  
Petty cash 0.00

Amenity Grant £81.69  
Total income £81.80

Total Expenditure £544.67

- A payment of £88.50 was made to Cross Memorial Hall for the hire of the room for PC meetings the period is from 01/04/05 to 31 March 2006.

**07/09/06 Planning**

Minutes of the planning sub-committee held on August 10<sup>th</sup> 2005 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

**Update on previous applications**

Mr and Mrs Grant Erection of single storey extension, Crossfield Old Coach Road, Cross. Sedgemoor District Council Planners Granted permission.

Mr J Crawford. Change of use and conversion of barn to dwelling stables to workshop/garage and alterations to access, demolition of existing sheds. Barn at Rackley Farm, Rackley Lane 21/05/00004/RSM  
Sedgemoor District Council Granted permission but with a number of conditions.

**Enforcement Matters:**

Clover Farm – nothing to report.

Cllr Tabrett reported on the 'Statement of Community Involvement for planning' published by Somerset County Council. No action to be taken.

**07/09/07 Correspondence**

- Chairman read out a letter from Mr Michael Gay concerning fostering friendship with the village of Comps in France.
- Letter from Sue Ham thanking the PC for a cheque for £150.00 for grass cutting at St. Andrews Church.
- Cllr Tobin highlighted a forthcoming seminar, Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September on Community Tourism run by Sedgemoor Regeneration Service, Cllrs unable to attend Clerk to send apologies.

**07/09/08 Confidential Business – Exclusion of the public**

Trees Maintenance Matters – Clerk instructed to reply to Solicitor's letter regarding dumping of garden refuse in Webbington Road.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 21.37 pm  
Next Meeting, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 05 at 19.30 p.m.

Jan Tabrett  
5/10/05

*Jan Tabrett*

**Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on October 5th 2005**

**Present:** Cllrs: Tabrett, Tobin, Hay, Dorber, Rix and Mohan and three parishioners .

**Apologies:** Cllr. Withecombe

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.32

In the time allotted for members of the public to speak, two parishioners raised the subject of traffic speed on the Webbington Road. The Chairman agreed that this would be discussed during the Meeting under the agenda item Speed Limit. A third member of the public advised that he had made a complaint to the Standards Board relating to the previous Meeting. The Chairman ruled that this would be considered by the Parish Council when any communication was received from the Board.

**05/10/01 Minutes of the meeting held on September 7th 2005** were approved. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman and entered in the Minute Book.

**05/10/02 Declaration of Interests**

Nothing to declare

**05/10/03 Matters Arising**

**Road Signs**

Cllr Tobin advised that the redundant road signs would be removed after the road works were completed on Shute Shelve. Cllrs said that the traffic lights on Shute Shelve had made it easier to cross the A38. Cllr Tobin to raise this with Mr Brian Aston.

**Parking in Old Coach Road**

A meeting will be held with Mr Aston on Thursday October 13th

**Trafalgar Tree**

The special ceremony to inaugurate the Tree will be at 12.00 on Sunday 27 November

**Speed Limit**

Clerk to send a copy of the September PC Minutes to County Cllr Ham with a covering letter requesting support for the review of the CB village speed limit. Cllr Tobin to try to get an illuminated Speed Sign installed near Church Lane on the Webbington Road.

**Members Community Budget**

It was agreed to make a request for funds for two new lockable Notice Boards for Webbington and in the vicinity of the Memorial Hall/OCR bus shelter. Cllr Hay to ask Mr Andrews for his recollection of the ownership of the bus shelters with a view to arranging for maintenance to be done.

**Dog Mess**

Axbridge Town Council will review the subject of dog mess around the reservoir on 17 November. Cllr Tobin reported that warning stickers installed by SDC through Compton Bishop village had been immediately removed, apparently by residents.

**05/10/04 New Matters**

**Parish Christmas Card**

As it is preferable for a greeting and diary dates to be printed in the Xmas card, rather than on an insert, Clerk to obtain a quote for this. Cllr Hay to liaise with the White Hart re the Carol evening on Sunday 18 December.

**05/10/05 Financial**

**Income**

Interest Treasurer acc.	0.21
Business Money Manager	£28.69
Precept	£3,000

**Expenditure**

100281 Cllr Tabrett Strimming	£77.71
100284 Clerk's expenses/salary	£192.24

**05/10/06 Planning**

Application by Mr & Mrs Knife for change of use of an annexe at The Yews was granted.  
Application by Dr Lewis for a dormer window at The Lawns was granted with Listed Building consent.  
Application by Mr & Mrs Rawlings for a hay barn behind Copperill Lodge was refused  
Clerk to pursue enquiry re Section 106 Agreement on a dwelling at Wavering Down Rise

**Enforcement Matters:**

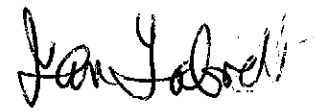
Yeo Bridge Farm - the number of caravans on site to be investigated

**05/10/07 Correspondence**

A letter from Mr Small re funds for Contact. Clerk to write to say that the PC has made its payment for 2005/6.  
Somerset Minerals local plan to be circulated  
Cllr Tobin to invite the Sedgemoor Rural Development Worker to attend a future PC meeting

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 20.35 p.m.  
Next Meeting Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2005 at 19.30

*Jan Tabrett*  
2/11/05



## **Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on November 2<sup>nd</sup> 2005**

**Present:** Cllrs: Tabrett, Tobin, Hay, Withecombe, Rix, Mohan, County Cllr Ham and 12 parishioners.

**Apologies:** Cllr. Dorber

**In attendance:** Clerk

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.35

In the time allotted for members of the public to speak, Dr Laband raised the subject of double yellow lines in the eastern section of Old Coach Road. The Chairman explained that the matter of parking had been raised by residents and that the Senior Traffic Engineer would look at the problem and his findings would be discussed at the Annual Open Meeting. Mr Brinson explained his planning application.

**02/11/01 Minutes of the meeting held on October 5<sup>th</sup> 2005** were approved. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman and entered in the Minute Book.

### **02/11/02 Declaration of Interests**

The Chairman declared an interest in the Correspondence from the Standards Board for England and would not take part in the discussion.

### **02/11/03 Matters Arising**

#### **CB Village Speed Limits**

Cllr Tobin read out a letter from Mr Bev Norman explaining that there was no funding in the budget to review the current speed limit. Cllr Tobin to write to Mrs Norman to consider funding in the next budget review – seconded by Cllr Mohan. County Councillor Ham explained that many areas throughout Cheddar Valley had realised the speed limits were a mistake, could be an expensive process to alter the present speed limits.

#### **Road Signs**

Cllr Tobin reported a letter from the Highways engineer, Mr Aston that once the work on Shute Shelf had been completed the redundant signs would be removed.

#### **Parking, Old Coach Road**

Mr Aston will consult with the emergency services and look at alternative suggestions to reduce the parking problems. The plan would be for Mr Aston to attend the Annual Open Meeting and put his findings to the public.

#### **Community Access Fund Grant/stile grant application**

The money has been granted to put a kissing gate on Mr Lovell's land to replace the existing stile.

#### **Carol Singing event**

Dave Williams to organise the event, Cllr Withecombe to design posters. Cllr Hay said that it was a self-funding event.

#### **Parish Christmas Cards**

Cllr agreed to the printing by Cheddar Valley Press at £30 plus VAT

#### **Members Community Budget 2005/06/Notice boards**

Cllr Hay proposed Cllr Rix seconded the 'Linton' 4 sheet glazed notice board in soft wood cost £460 on the informed advice of the Chairman. Clerk to write to the planning department and CCllr Ham seeking a grant.

#### **Trafalgar Tree**

Chairman has ordered a Brass engraved plaque.

### **02/11/04 New Matters**

#### **106 Agreement**

Cllr Tabrett read out a letter from SDC that the council has collected £2319 from development in the parish. Matter deferred until next meeting so that cllrs can consider suggestions for allocation of the money.

#### **Bus Shelters**

Cllrs to look at past records and speak with older parishioners to see who authorised and paid for the bus shelters to be built. Cllrs would review at a later date whether to adopt them.

#### **Rural Community Development Worker**

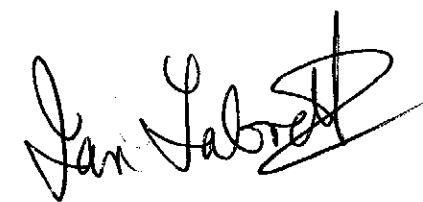
A talk will be given by the Rural Dev. Worker at next months meeting.

#### **Bonfires**

Complaints received concerning the increased amount of 'toxic' bonfires at Manor Farm. Cllr Tobin has been advised to monitor the situation.

#### **Donation to Contact Magazine**

Letter from Alf Small treasurer, deferred to next meeting.





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### Bristol International Airport Expansion Plans

Deferred until next meeting to give Cllrs time to read 'Master plan' 2005/06

### 02/11/05 Financial

#### Income

Interest Treasurer acc. 0.29  
Business Money Manager 0.00  
Photocopying minutes £6.00

#### Expenditure

100282 Cross Memorial Hall £15.00  
100285 Portoloo £58.75  
100286 Mrs Rawlings (Village Fun day) £123.37  
100288 Clerk salary/expenses £234.88

### 02/11/06 Planning

Mrs J Brinson – Siting of temporary mobile home to be used as agricultural worker's dwelling and alterations to access/Erection of Livestock building. Cllrs support this application. The sunken mobile home and proposed barn will reduce the impact of the buildings as will landscaping. Clerk to write to Liz Payne Planning Liaison officer AONB in response to her letter.

Copperhill Lodge – Appeal. Insufficient information, clerk to write to planning officer for details of enforcement and applicants appeal.

#### Enforcement Matters:

Clover Farm – Clerk instructed to write to Enforcement officer

Yeo Bridge Farm - Cllr Hay proposed clerk to write to Enforcement Officer to review the conditions for planning, seconded by Cllr Rix

### 02/11/07 Correspondence

At this point the Vice-Chairman took over the meeting as the Chairman, Cllr Tabrett declared an interest in the correspondence from the Standards Board for England.

A letter was received from the Standards Board for England under Private and Confidential Cover in respect of an allegation of a breach of the Code of Conduct by Cllr Tabrett as Chairman. It concludes that the allegation should not be investigated.

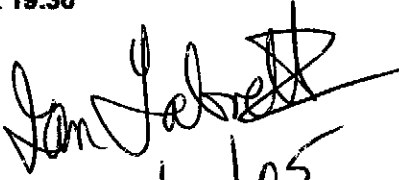
A second letter from the Board advises that the complainant sought a review of their decision not to refer the allegations for investigation. It says that after careful consideration it was concluded that the case was handled correctly and the final decision was reasonable and that they consider the matter to be closed.

Somerset Minerals local plan to be circulated

Council Tax Consultation letter Wells Town Hall 6.30 pm 14<sup>th</sup> November

New Hospital for Bridgwater – consultation document. Cllr Withecombe proposed asking if there will be a casualty department.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 21.10 p.m.  
Next Meeting Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2005 at 19.30

  
7/12/05

*A. Tobin*

## Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on December 7<sup>th</sup> 2005

**Present:** Cllrs: Tabrett, Tobin, Hay, Withecombe, Dorber, Mohan, and 13 parishioners and Oliver Huime, Journalist.

**Apologies:** Cllr. Rix

In attendance: Clerk

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.45

In the time allotted for members of the public to speak, a resident; Mrs Rawlings read out a statement and handed four letters to the clerk. Mr Richard Parker sought the council's support in objecting to Bristol International Airport's expansion proposal. Mr Colin Crawley raised concerns about mud on the road at Bourton Lane and Mr Simon Grant raised concerns about dog mess on the pavement at Old Coach road.

Mrs Caroline Woolley spoke of her appreciation of the Parish Council.

**07/12/01 Minutes of the meeting held on November 2nd 2005** were approved. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman and entered in the Minute Book.

### **07/12/02 Declaration of Interests**

Nothing to Declare

### **07/12/03 Matters Arising**

#### **Rural Community Development Worker, Katherine Armstrong**

Katharine Armstrong spoke about a new charity set-up to improve confidence of individuals and groups to increase the viability of voluntary groups; a contact for communities.

#### **CB Village Speed Limits**

Receive confirmation from Mrs Bev Norman senior traffic engineer, she acknowledged the PC's letter to review the speed limit. The PC's request has been formally accepted.

#### **Carol singing Event**

Cllr Hay said that Mr Dave Williams, of the White Hart, had all the arrangement in hand.

#### **Members Community Budget 2005/06: Noticeboards**

Clerk contacted Alan Ham to request the grant and also written to Highways and Development Services seeking their permission to install the noticeboard in Kennel Lane.

#### **Trafalgar Tree**

The tree was planted and the Chairman reported that he was pleased with the turnout and that it was a very nice event.

#### **106 Agreement**

To be deferred

#### **Bristol International Airport Expansion Plans**

Cllr Tobin to contact W.S Akins. Clerk to respond to the draft expressing Cllrs concerns regarding, increase in vehicular traffic on the A38 and on the crossroads, noise pollution, and increase in air traffic and pollution from aircraft.

#### **Bus Shelter**

The Chairman said that as a result of evidence from former cllrs about the history of two bus shelters, there was no doubt the PC must accept financial responsibility for their upkeep and insurance. Cllr Tobin proposed that Mr Andrews is contacted for an estimate for rebuilding the bus shelters for insurance purposes, Cllr Mohan seconded. The cost of repairs to the Church Lane bus shelter is £198.60 clerk to pay on completion of work which is due to start in early Spring.

#### **Donation to Contact Magazine**

Cllr Hay proposed and Cllr Dorber seconded that the PC donate one pound per household to contact, the number of households were believed to be 269 but Cllr Hay said that she would enquire as to the exact number, the motion was carried by 5 to 1 vote in favour.

#### **Dog Mess**

Agreed to ask SDC Environmental Health department to look again at the situation in Old Coach Road, including provision of another bin without offending householders.

#### **Bonfires**

Monitor the situation – there has been one bonfire since the last meeting.

### **07/12/04 New Matters**

#### **Spring Bulbs**

Clerk to distribute all bulbs to the Cllrs – most have already been planted.

### **07/12/05 Financial**

#### **Income**

Interest Treasurer acc. 0.27  
Business Money Manager 0.00

#### **Expenditure**

100280 Cllr Mohan Mileage to Cllr Training £19.20  
100290 Clerk Salary/ Expenses £201.93

*A. Tobin*

M. Tobin

100291 Premier Trophies £50.00

**Parish Insurance**

The two bus shelters are now covered by the Parish Insurance

**Budget 2006/07**

The clerk presented the budget and it was deferred for finalising at next month's meetings so that Cllrs can review.

**Precept 2006/07**

The Cllrs voted to keep the precept at £6,000 per annum, Cllr Hay proposed and Cllr Dorber seconded it was unanimously carried.

**0712/06 Planning**

Mrs J Brinson – Siting of temporary mobile home to be used as agricultural worker's dwelling and alterations to access/Erection of Livestock building. SDC granted this application.

Copperill Lodge – Appeal

Cllr Tobin explained that after seeking advice from SALC it was agreed that a meeting to discuss the appeal was unnecessary as the council was not instrumental in the enforcement order. The clerk was instructed to send a letter to the Inspectorate.

**Enforcement Matters:**

Clover Farm – Letter to say that this matter will be reviewed.

Yeo Bridge Farm - Clerk received a letter to say that this matter will be monitored.

**0712/07 Correspondence**

- Letter received from Somerset Highways that winter salting on the roads had been cut from Barton Road, Old Coach Road and Webbington Road
- Update on the Cluster Group Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> November
- Letter from David Haffey from Countryside Consultants detailing a questionnaire about AONB which Cllr Tobin completed.

**0712/08 Exclusion of the public and press (due to confidential nature of business regarding legal and staff matters).**

On a resolution, the council agreed to exclude the public and press at this point in the meeting as stated in the PC agenda due to the confidential nature of the business regarding legal and staff matters.

The Chairman declared an interest and passed the chair to the Vice-Chairman.

It was agreed that a response to the 4 letters and a statement given by a resident to the PC would be given once an internal review of the matter had been undertaken.

**The Vice-Chairman closed the Meeting at 22.10  
Next Meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 06 at 19.30**

M. Tobin

04-01-06

*A. Tobin*

**Minutes of Compton Bishop Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2005**

Present: Cllrs: Tabrett, Tobin, Hay, Rix, Dorber, Mohan and Withecombe

In attendance: Clerk

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.30

On a resolution, the Council agreed to exclude the public and press due to the confidential nature of business regarding legal and staff matters.

The Chairman declared an interest and passed the chair to the Vice-chairman.

**1. Letters received from Mr and Mrs Rawlings and copy of statement by Mrs Rawlings**

The Council considered a letter from Mr & Mrs Rawlings requesting copies of documents held by the Parish Council. It was agreed to refer Mr & Mrs Rawlings to Sedgemoor District Council.

In a second letter, Mr and Mrs Rawlings requested a copy of the Parish Council Code of Conduct and Standing Orders. It was agreed to refer Mr & Mrs Rawlings to the Standards Board for England and the National Association of Parish Councils.

The Parish Council considered complaints by Mr & Mrs Rawlings against a specific Council member and an Officer of the Parish Council. After hearing responses from those concerned and after reviewing Cllrs own recollection of the circumstances, the Parish Council decided to take no further action.

The Parish Council considered a written statement, which was read by Mrs Rawlings at the Parish Council meeting held on 7 December 2005. It was agreed that a response would be made by a statement to be read at the January Parish Council meeting.

**The Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 21.58**

*A. Tobin*

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