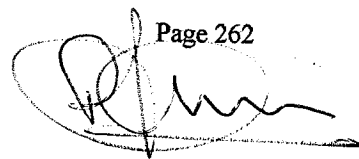


The Chairman, Cllr P Simpson, opened the meeting at 7.30 pm
Apologies: Cllrs J Stuchbery (PCC meeting), J Withecombe (unwell)
Present: Cllrs J Hay, B Lovell, S McColgan, I Tabrett
In attendance: Clerk; Mr Nick Bacon (Community Appraisal Worker, CCS)



01/00/01 **Address by Mr Nick Bacon** (Community Appraisal Worker, CCS)

Chairman introduced Mr Bacon, who has recently started work with the Community Council for Somerset to promote and support communities in assessing their developmental needs.

Mr Bacon explained that the CCS is keen that communities and villages should set up local structures to assess the ways in which their community could be improved for the benefit of its inhabitants, and to that end was able to offer financial and practical support. Such a structure would not necessarily be the responsibility of the PC, but possibly a wider steering group. A computer package is available to simplify the design and analysis of survey questionnaires, and Lottery and CCS funding will be available to cover the full costs. This would take the form of direct help to the Steering Group and provision of a channel to other agencies which can make things happen.

He admitted that the benefits might be hard to quantify (or even perceive) at the start, but indirect benefits were likely to arise later (eg Moretonhampstead website, new friendships).

If Compton Bishop wish to proceed, the first step is probably to call an open meeting (with a fun element) to promote the idea. This should be followed by appointment of the Steering Group, who could look at copies of existing Appraisals and speak with PC members in West Somerset and Sedgemoor who have already been involved. It seems to take 1-2 years to reach conclusions, not all of which may then be turned into effective changes - especially those requiring changes in policy or funding at County or Central Government level.

The Chairman thanked Mr Bacon for his clear explanation, saying that he had expected advice on appraisal of the PC's own performance, but had found the actual ideas explained very useful. Questions were then invited.

Cllr Tabrett asked how the Village Design Statement would fit in? *Answer:* It should run in parallel, but Community Appraisal is likely to be less contentious and produce different results.

Cllr Simpson asked if it would be easy to update? *Answer:* The "hard data" yes; the whole thing likely to need review after 10 years.

Cllr McColgan asked if it would raise the public profile of the PC? *Answer:* Probably yes; controversial issues may be raised, but the conclusions would provide strong back-up to the PC's applications to District Council and other authorities.

Cllr Simpson asked if the Annual Open Meeting on 14th April would be a good time to launch, if it was agreed? Mr Bacon said yes, and offered to attend as a speaker, pencilling in the date in his diary.

01/00/02 **Meeting held on 1st December 1999:** The minutes, having been circulated, were agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

01/00/03 **Matters Arising:**

min 12/98/02 - **30 MPH Speed Limit:** Clerk advised that County and Government policy had still not been settled.

min 09/99/07 - **Millennium Proposals:**

- (a) Cllr Withecombe supplied details of two "time capsules", which will be circulated;
- (b) Cllr Lovell produced aerial photographs, and it was agreed to order one each of prints H9312 and H9315, enlarged and framed as the sample shown. Cllr Lovell was asked to place the order and invite the photographer to provide a display for the Open Meeting on 14th April;
- (c) Chairman suggested a Millennial Cookbook, which he would be ready to produce, comprising recipes from parishioners collected at Open Meeting;
- (d) Commemorative stone - Clerk reported that Memorial Hall Committee had accepted the idea, so design and wording would need to be decided.

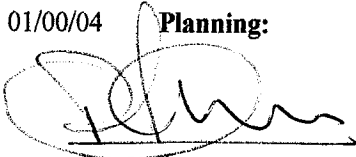
min 10/99/07 - **Notice Board:** Clerk reported that RJ Andrews & Sons and SB Fencing had been asked to quote, but had not yet done so. He was authorised to proceed up to a limit of £100, and subject to permission of the landowner when known;

min 12/99/03 - **Unoccupied House:** Clerk reported that WS Atkins' local foreman had extracted a promise from Mr K Willis of "Alcasta" to keep the offending overgrowth cut back;

min 12/99/07 - **St Andrews Church Committee:** Members approved a proposal by Cllr Stuchbery to grant £200 towards the expense of churchyard grass-cutting;

min 12/99/07 - **Local Plan:** Chairman had not yet spoken to Chairman of SDC, but would do so as soon as possible.

01/00/04 **Planning:**



21/98/08 & 09 **Cross Depot etc - Redcliffe Homes** : Clerk to follow up letter to Mrs Hobbs
 21/99/02 **Cross Memorial Hall** - noted that revised porch design had been approved.
 21/99/05 **Orchard End - Smith**: Cllr Stuchbery raised the question of the new porch, and councillors agreed that the final appearance was worse than the first. Clerk was instructed to send a copy of this minute to the Chairman of the Planning Committee and the Chief Development Control Officer.

21/99/06 **Cedars** -noted that treeworks had been approved;

21/99/08 **Coach House, Kennel Lane** - Amesbury: noted that the plans had been approved with several conditions, including improvements to the Webbington Road / Kennel Lane junction;

21/99/10 **Shute Shelve Hospital** : After discussion of all the available information, it was decided to object to the alternative scheme on the following grounds:

- 1 the amended designs will have a detrimental impact on a highly visible site in the AONB;
- 2 the scale, design and materials of the buildings are not appropriate to their location in the AONB - the PC would prefer lower rooflines and natural stone finish throughout;
- 3 three stories and large patio retaining walls make the structures appear unacceptably massive, especially when compared with the previous buildings;
- 4 the pseudo-Georgian style is inappropriate to the rural scene;
- 5 street lighting contravenes the PC's policy to minimise "light pollution" (the developer assured the PC that there would be no street lighting when presenting his proposals);
- 6 the so-called "gateway" justification is not relevant, as the site is not visible to people entering Sedgemoor District on the A38, although it is conspicuous to those leaving northbound;
- 7 the amended plans show greatly increased accommodation (about 12 more bedrooms in all) which may be expected to exacerbate problems with traffic and school provision;
- 8 the Parish Council supports the Mendip Hills JAC and CPRE objections generally, and particularly the suggestion that the District Council should "negotiate for a far more simple group of buildings, that can be largely concealed"

It was further agreed that Cllr Hay would attend the Planning Committee meeting to represent the views of the Parish Council.

21/99/13 **White Rock Cottage - Hancock** : no objection provided adequate off-road parking is provided, as present arrangements frequently cause a traffic hazard.

01/00/05 **Highways**: No new matters.

01/00/06 **Correspondence**:

- SDC - Meeting with Parish & Town councils to introduce new CEO - Chairman & Clerk to attend
- SDC - Planning Issues for Parish Councils - A training exercise for councillors to be held on 27 January at SDC offices, Cheddar. Cllrs Simpson, Tabrett and Lovell to attend.
- SCC - General appointment of School Governors - deadline 3 April; agreed that Cllrs would canvass possible candidates in the Parish.


01/00/07 **Finance**:

1. Income:	£	£
Gross interest, premium account	4.74	
Gross interest, no-notice account	0.79	
Gross interest, current account	0.04	5.57
Expenditure:		
Clerk's salary	203.28	
PAYE	60.72	264.00
Balances:		
Midland Bank Current Account	108.87	
Midland Bank Moneymaster Account	104.91	
Midland Bank Premium Business Account	2450.37	
Petty Cash	0.69	2664.84
Commitments:		
Clerk's expenses - December	28.09	
Audit Commission	243.30	
Carved footpath signs	26.00	297.39

Net Funds Available

£2367.45

2. **Audit Commission**: Decision to postpone payment of account for 1997/8 audit was reviewed, and it was agreed to pay during March, under protest, unless a satisfactory reply to the Council's letter was received sooner.



3. **Grant to Memorial Hall Committee:** Clerk reported a request from the Memorial Hall Treasurer for a grant to cover their expected shortfall in running costs of £520, and members approved a grant of £550.
4. **Recreational Amenity Grant from SDC:** Clerk said that he was now able to put in a claim for the expected £240 for 1999/00, and it was further agreed that the required estimate for 2000/01 should be increased slightly to take account of the expected loss of revenue during the alterations to the Hall. It was noted by members that the planned repayment of £6000 by the Hall Committee had not taken place, and the Clerk was instructed to withhold payment of the grant until this had been done.

01/00/08

Reports & Matters for Next Meeting:

Name of new road at Cross Depot site: Clerk reported that Mr Hill of SDC had said that "Springfield" on its own was probably not suitable, as it could be mistaken for a house name; members did not find this convincing and decided to stand their ground.

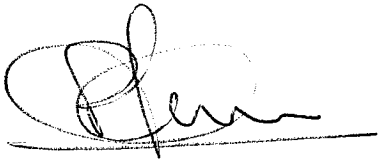
Welcome Leaflet: Having seen a "Welcome Leaflet" prepared and distributed by the PCC, it was decided that the Council would like to co-operate with the PCC in producing and promoting a more comprehensive version, funded by the Council. Cllr Tabrett agreed to liaise with Cllr Stuchbury on detailed implementation.

Manor Farm, Cross: No news.

01/00/09

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd February 2000 at 7.30pm, in Cross Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.01 pm.



Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 2 February 2000

The Chairman, Cllr P Simpson, opened the meeting at 7.30 pm

Apologies: Cllr J Hay (holiday)

Present: Cllrs B Lovell, S McColgan, J Stuchbery, I Tabrett, J Withecombe

In attendance: Clerk; Mr D Heckstall-Smith (new Parish Clerk of Badgworth)

02/00/01 **Meeting held on 5th January 2000:** The minutes, having been circulated, were agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

02/00/02 **Matters Arising:**

min 12/98/02 - **30 MPH Speed Limit:** Clerk read e-mail from WS Atkins. Chairman noted that new road markings at Cross Lane had just been installed as agreed, and it was decided that WSA should be thanked for their prompt action.

min 09/99/07 - **Millennium Proposals:**

- (a) Clerk to follow up "brick- and block-sized time capsules" from Discovery;
- (b) Aerial photographs: Cllr Lovell had contacted the photographer, who had undertaken to provide a display for the Open Meeting on 14th April;
- (c) Millennial Cookbook: Cllr Simpson agreed to prepare entry forms for distribution with the Agenda for the Open Meeting (agenda to contain note of all millennium projects);
- (d) Commemorative stone - It was decided that the stone should be worded

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Clerk to obtain quotations;

(e) Tree Planting: Possible sites to be located and considered at next meeting;

(f) Children's Party: Cllr Stuchbery described progress towards the event on 19 February, and it was confirmed that the Council would meet the bill of £100 for the entertainer (Mr Bunny)

min 10/99/07 - **Notice Board :** Clerk reported that RJ Andrews & Sons had quoted £123.25, and SB Fencing had failed to quote. He also said that the land belonged to the Highway Authority and application had been made for a licence. Resolved that the Clerk should proceed on these terms, and also seek a Millennium Grant towards the work.

min 01/00/06 - **School Governors :** There were no applicants for the Kings of Wessex appointment; an appeal should be included in the Open Meeting agenda;

min 07/99/08(3) - **Boundary of Hall Land :** Cllr McColgan reported no progress from his end, but Chairman said he had spoken with Mr Hardy, who has the Land Registry papers and will be agreeing that an error was made;

02/00/03 **Planning:**

21/98/08 & 09 **Cross Depot etc - Redcliffe Homes :** Clerk to repeat request for a reply to letter to Mrs Hobbs

21/99/10 **Shute Shelve Hospital :** No new information was available, but it was understood from Cllr Hay's comments following the SDC Planning Committee meeting that most members were opposed to the latest plans;

21/99/13 **White Rock Cottage - Hancock :** approved

02/00/04 **Highways:** No new matters.

02/00/05 **Correspondence:**

SALC Notes - Decided that a "Community Safety Member" is not required in view of the effective Parish-wide Neighbourhood Watch organisation being run during the incapacity of Mrs Marilyn Partridge by her Deputy, Mr Howard Robinson;

SALC membership to be continued for the next year; payment of the subscription of £76.36 was approved.

SALC Councillors' and Clerks' Workshop in Cheddar on Tuesday 18 April - 2 places to be booked, for Cllrs Lovell and Hay.

Somerset Youth Service - Clerk to reiterate to organisers that this Council believes that the SYS's work has no relevance to this Parish.

Jan Tabrett

Finance:

	£	£
1. Income:		
Gross interest, premium account	4.91	
Gross interest, no-notice account	0.00	
Gross interest, current account	0.03	
Recreational Amenity Grant	240.00	
Repayment of grant by Hall Committee	6000.00	6244.94
Expenditure:		
Hall revenue grant	550.00	
Churchyard grass grant	200.00	750.00
Balances:		
HSBC Bank Current Account	448.90	
HSBC Bank Moneymaster Account	4.91	
HSBC Bank Premium Business Account	7455.28	
Petty Cash	18.41	7927.50
Commitments:		
Clerk's expenses - January	51.62	
Audit Commission	243.30	
Carved footpath signs	26.00	
Promised expenditure on Hall	6000.00	
Children's party entertainer	100.00	6420.92

Net Funds Available**£1506.58**

2. **Grant to Memorial Hall Committee:** Clerk reported a proposal by the Memorial Hall Treasurer under which the PC would place orders and pay for work to the value of £12,000+VAT (£14,100), half of which would be recoverable from SDC and SCC as grants, together with the whole of the VAT - as a result of which the Council would be £1050 better off than if only the £6000 was spent. Clerk had confirmed independently that this appeared to be lawful and feasible, and members approved the idea in principle, on condition that payment to contractors is made in stages as grants are received, to avoid the need for an overdraft.
3. **Grant to CONTACT magazine:** Hon. Treasurer's figures for 1999 were reported to the Council, and members agreed to make a grant on the same basis as last year, namely 50% of actual cost per household, amounting to £148.70 (213 properties @ 70p).

02/00/07

Reports & Matters for Next Meeting:

SDC Chief Executive's Reception: Chairman reported, and it was agreed that feedback from the practical exercise in priority-setting should be circulated on receipt.

Planning Briefing meeting: Cllr Tabrett reported that he was depressed by SDC's evident difficulty in recruiting officers; he said that the "presumption in favour of development" was emphasised, especially with lack of officer time and Government regulations. The idea of VDS was encouraged by Mr Conder and the Planning Committee chairman, and Cllrs agreed that our VDS should be progressed as fast as possible (VDS Committee to be given report slot in future agendas). The chairman of planning is keen to raise the profile of Enforcement.

Church car park: Cllr Stuchbery gave an update, and Cllrs agreed to support the forthcoming planning application. Further consideration was deferred until more information becomes available.

Welcome Leaflet: Cllr Stuchbery reported that the Church Committee had given the proposals a cautious welcome, as they do not wish to lose the main thrust of their message. It was agreed that Cllrs. Tabrett and McColgan should continue to represent the PC, and await an invitation to meet the Church Committee. The Clerk offered to provide Cllr Tabrett with a copy of the Butleigh Welcome Pack.

New Electoral Roll: Clerk reported that copies had been posted, and was asked to provide copies to all members.

SAGE meeting : Cllr Stuchbery had attended and reported that there were 8 static displays covering Waste Recycling, Energy Saving, Community Transport, Conservation of the Natural Environment, Parks, Gardens & Churchyards, Economic Development, Education, and Village Design. The evening was introduced by Kerry Rickard, the new Chief Executive of SDC, followed by a review from Julie Cooper (Community Officer SDC). Cllr Stuchbery had spent most of his time with Nick Bacon discussing Community Appraisal and Village Design Statement..

02/00/08

Next Meeting will be on Wednesday 1st March 2000 at 7.30pm, in Cross Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.32 pm.



Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1 March 2000

The Vice-Chairman, Cllr I Tabrett, opened the meeting at 7.40 pm

Apologies: Cllr P Simpson (abroad on business), Cllr S McColgan (school meeting)

Present: Cllrs J Hay, B Lovell, J Stuchbery, J Withecombe

In attendance: Clerk; District Cllr J Denbee, County Cllr A Ham

03/00/01 **Planning: 21/99/10 Shute Shelve Hospital** : This item was taken first, to allow Cllr Denbee to contribute and then leave. Clerk reported a letter from SDC Planning Officer, giving reasons for Planning Committee's decision to grant permission in spite of many members being opposed to the latest plans. Ward Cllr Denbee said that every consultee, including himself and Cllr Ham had objected, but the planning officer concerned had recommended acceptance verbally at the last moment, and a bare majority of the Committee had voted in favour.

The question of street lighting was raised, and Cllr Ham explained that until September 1999 Parish Councils had a choice of street lighting or not, but this had been affected by an appeal decision on Dartmoor, where the Inspector had insisted on lighting being provided. He had spoken to the responsible officer at County Hall, who was not sure whether the decision applies to Somerset - he had made a site visit, and said 7 or 8 6-metre-high poles would be needed on each side of the A38. If it seems necessary, Cllrs will be consulted.

Cllr Denbee said that the AONB authority had objected and was supported by the County Council, and suggested that we might contact CPRE again. He also said that the "improved" Local Area Plan would treat brownfield sites differently from the past. *response sent*

Cllr Stuchbery objected very strongly to the apparent powerlessness of the Parish Council. Cllr Lovell said that planning officers only listened to Parish Councils when it suited them, and asked who our local member of the Development Control Committee was. Cllr Denbee replied that Mrs Dawn Hill of Cheddar was the nearest, but went on to explain that because of the distribution of population and the need for each Ward to contain a roughly equal number of voters, all Council Committees were heavily biased towards urban representatives.

Cllr Lovell **MOVED** that in view of recent controversial planning decisions, especially the Shute Shelve Hospital, Cross Depot and Pumping Station sites, and the Orchard End porch case, this Council has no confidence in the planning officers concerned, nor in the Development Control Committee of SDC. The motion was carried unanimously, and Clerk was instructed to report it to the Chairman, Chief Executive and Director of Development Services of SDC, the Chairman of the Development Control Committee, and Cllrs Ham and Denbee. *action taken*

Cllrs Ham and Denbee both expressed their satisfaction at this decision; Vice-chairman thanked Cllr Denbee for his attendance, and he left the meeting at 8.30pm. *action taken*

03/00/02 **Meeting held on 2nd February 2000:** The minutes, having been circulated, were agreed, and signed by the Vice-Chairman.

03/00/03 **Matters Arising:**

min 12/98/02 - **30 MPH Speed Limit:** Clerk reported an e-mail from Mrs Norman dated 1 Feb stating that the issues were still under discussion, and Cllr Ham observed that he could add nothing, but that the 20 mph limit in Axbridge had made no difference, and he would pursue the matter on our behalf.

min 07/99/08(3) - **Boundary of Hall Land** : CWC's letter of 22 February was read; members were not happy about giving away any Hall land permanently, and agreed that Cllr McColgan should be asked for a more detailed explanation of the situation at the next meeting. It was also agreed that the Land Registry entry should be altered to the Clerk's name. *action taken*

min 09/99/07 - **Millennium Proposals:**

(a) Time Capsules: Clerk reported that the potential supplier had not finalised the design of the brick-sized versions, but would be able to produce a one-off for about £75; no decision was taken on this;

(b) Commemorative stone: Clerk presented sample of dark polished granite and quotation from Adams Memorials of Cheddar; it was decided that the stone was too funereal, and the logo should not be used. Further enquiries to be made. *action taken*

(c) Tree Planting: Decision on possible sites to be deferred for consideration by Cllrs Tabrett and Simpson;

(d) Aerial photographs: Cllr Lovell produced the two large framed photographs previously agreed for the Hall, and four smaller ones for display at the Open Meeting. They were generally admired; and he requested payment of £80 direct to the supplier; *action taken*

min 09/99/07 - **Village Design Statement:** It was felt that recent planning decisions had contributed to a loss of confidence in the process, and the Committee were requested to report progress to the next full meeting of the Council. *agenda*

03/00/04 **Planning (continued):**

21/98/08 & 09 **Cross Depot etc** - Redcliffe Homes : Clerk to repeat request for a reply to letter to Mrs Hobbs *action taken (phone)*

21/99/12 **Land at Vicarage Lane, CB** - Notice received of appeal by J Crawford; after discussion Cllr Stuchbery MOVED that the appeal should not be supported in spite of Council's support for the original application, on the ground that it conflicted with the new Local Area Plan. Motion was carried by 4 votes to 1, but Clerk was asked to obtain a copy of the Grounds of Appeal and circulate it, with the refusal notice, to all Cllrs. *action taken*

49/00/01 **Riverton House - Jordan**: Change of use from agricultural to garden (*the land concerned is in Weare CP although the house is in Compton Bishop*) no objection.

03/00/05 **Highways**: Resurfacing of footway in Old Coach Road, Cross had been notified and carried out.

03/00/06 **Correspondence:**

PCC - Letter of thanks for the contribution to churchyard maintenance was read and noted.
Letters of appreciation for the Millennium Children's Party from Mrs Sue Ham, Mrs Warner on behalf of the Hall Committee, and 2 children were read and noted.

SDC - Spring Bulbs for 2001 - decided to ask for daffodils (2nd choice snowdrops). *done*

Police Authority - Changes in community beat policing were noted with approval, and Clerk was asked to contact new beat officer regarding parking in Cross, especially obstruction being caused by a car for sale. *msg*

Local Agenda 21 - Cllr Stuchbery was asked to deal with this on behalf of the Council.

CPRE - membership renewal - Cllrs wishing to contact CPRE directly should quote membership number 678246.

SALC - circular regarding new legislation was noted - to be circulated.

03/00/07 **Finance:**

1. Income:		£	£
Gross interest, premium account		12.13	
Gross interest, current account		0.13	12.26
Expenditure:			
<i>No cheque book</i>		0.00	0.00
Balances:48.			
HSBC Bank Current Account		649.72	
HSBC Bank Moneymaster Account		4.91	
HSBC Bank Premium Business Account		7467.41	
Petty Cash		18.41	8140.45
Commitments:			
Clerk's expenses - January		51.62	
Clerk's expenses - February		33.48	
Audit Commission		243.30	
Carved footpath signs		26.00	
Promised expenditure on Hall		6000.00	
Children's party entertainer		100.00	
Clerk's salary for quarter		203.28	
PAYE		60.72	
SALC subscription		76.53	
Petty cash		31.59	6826.52
Net Funds Available			£1313.93
<i>Possible rebate from Audit Commission</i>			<i>164.07</i>

2. **Audit:** Clerk reported on the audit interview he attended at Bridgwater on 11 February, and presented a draft letter proposing a payment of £79.23 in full and final settlement of the invoice for 1998/99, arrived at by taking 2h 50m at £23.80 and adding VAT at 17.5%. This was unanimously approved. *done*
The Clerk was also authorised to re-apply for triennial audit. *action*

03/00/08 **Reports & Matters for Next Meeting:**

Welcome Leaflet: Cllrs Stuchbery and Tabrett had met with Mrs Jane Appleby and reached agreement on what was needed. The Butleigh pack was liked, and Clerk was asked to find out more about how it is produced and costs. The Murrays will be asked to do the computer design work, and Cllr Simpson to produce the booklets.

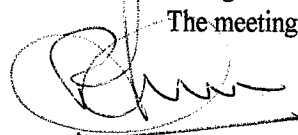
Planning Enforcement: Clerk to ask the enforcement officer to investigate the activities of Axbridge Sectional Buildings and SB Fencing, the unauthorised presence of T Dimmock's caravan behind Manor Farm, Cross, and the result of his inspection of activities at Rowan Cottage, Newtown. *action*

Parish Website: The possibility of creating a Parish presence on the World-Wide Web is to be discussed at the next meeting.

Answer to investigation.

*looked into area names - has a genuine home in NEM
another complainant yesterday. Sludge found + paper work.*

03/00/09 **Next Meeting** will be on Wednesday 5th April 2000 at 7.30pm, in Cross Memorial Hall.
The meeting closed at 10.24 pm.



Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5 April 2000

The Chairman, Cllr P Simpson, opened the meeting at 7.30 pm

Apologies: Cllr J Stuchbery (family matters)

Present: Cllrs J Hay, B Lovell, S McColgan, I Tabrett, J Withecombe

In attendance: Clerk; Mrs A Lang

- 04/00/01 **Meeting held on 1st March 2000:** Minute 03/00/06: Cllr Tabrett noted that reduction of police manpower in the area from 3 officers to 2 was regrettable. The minutes having been circulated, were agreed, and signed by the Chairman.
- 04/00/02 **Report on Shute Shelve Lighting meeting:** Cllr Lovell reported that he had attended the SCC Regulation Board meeting at County Hall, Taunton on the afternoon of 5th April, to discuss the proposal for 17 street lights down the middle part of Shute Shelve Hill. As a result of the site meeting on 3rd April attended by himself and the Clerk, a new and more acceptable scheme using 5 in no. bollard lights only was presented. A decision on this is to be taken at the Regulation Board meeting on 3rd May, at which it is important that the PC be represented (BL may be unfit). It was agreed that the Clerk should request an early copy of the proposals, and the PC should enter written comments in good time.
- 04/00/03 **Report by Mrs Amanda Lang on meeting with CEO of SDC:** At the invitation of the Chairman, Mrs Lang referred to the difficulties they had had with SDC Planners over the Orchard End porch, and told councillors that they had considered an appeal to the Local Government Ombudsman. However, the written reply to their first letter of complaint to the new CEO of SDC, Kerry Rickards, contained further inaccuracies, so the Langs had requested a private meeting with him, which had taken place a few days previously. Mr Rickard was accompanied by a Legal Executive, who had clearly studied the problem in detail and on site. Mrs Land had emphasised to the CEO the general dissatisfaction in the Parish with planning attitudes and decisions, leading to a general tendency on the part of builders to "jump the gun" in confidence that no effective enforcement action would be taken later. The Chairman thanked Mrs Lang for her public-spirited action, and read out Mr Rickards' reply to the PC's vote of no confidence (of which Mrs Lang was unaware at the time of her meeting), promising full consideration when he had ascertained the facts. Cllrs looked forward to further developments.
- 04/00/04 **Planning: 21/00/01 Rowan Cottage - Settle.** Cllr Hay declared non-pecuniary interest as neighbour and user of shared driveway; PC agreed that she could speak but not vote on the issue. After detailed consideration of the plans, explanation of the driveway ownership complications, and consideration of the Enforcement Officer's report (ref PWA/JP/E21/7), it was agreed to object on the following grounds:
- 1 the bulk of the proposed extension is excessive in its context, and extends considerably beyond the footprint of the existing building;
 - 2 neighbours will suffer a significant loss of privacy from proposed new windows;
 - 3 this Council has serious concerns with the size of the proposed new parking area, which appears excessive for domestic use (note that the groundworks have already been done, and are subject to enforcement proceedings following refusal of permission for a garage on the site (ref 21/99/01));
 - 4 the proposed extension will prevent use of the existing garage, probably giving rise in due course to a further application on the upper (AONB) part of the site;
 - 5 conditions: propose that new parking area should be screened by new hedge of native species; that all services including existing should be placed underground; that surface water should NOT be discharged to main sewer, as this is understood to be overstretched already.
- (Cllr Lovell left the meeting at this point)*
- 04/00/05 **Matters Arising:**
- min 12/98/02 - **30 MPH Speed Limit:** Clerk reported no further news.
- min 07/99/08(3) - **Boundary of Hall Land :** Cllr McColgan advised, and councillors agreed, that the decision of the Registrar should be accepted in view of its practicality, and the time and cost of contesting it. The Chairman expressed the thanks of the Council to Cllr McColgan and his firm for their work.
- min 09/99/07 - **Millennium Proposals:**
- (a) Time Capsules and Commemorative stone: Clerk said that no more information was available at present, but as the decision had now been taken to carry out the Hall improvements he would progress both items.
 - (b) Tree Planting: Suggestions were made for a row of 3 or 4 Lombardy poplars at the back of the lay-by between Bourton Lane and Newtown; a replacement flowering cherry on the verge outside the White Hart; and a willow near the existing alders by Cross Bow Bridge, out of the way of the river clearing machine. Clerk to ask Ms J James (Trees Officer) of SDC Environment Dept for advice on permissions, contractors, price and grant possibilities.

min 09/99/07 - **Village Design Statement and Parish Website:** Chairman reported that there had been no progress on the VDS, but he felt it could be re-launched at the Open Meeting. Consideration of a parish website was deferred in the absence of the proposer (Cllr JS), but warnings were entered about the likely cost of creation and upkeep, and lack of obvious benefits. Cllrs with access to the WWW were also advised to search for existing references, and to check out the official SCC and SDC sites.

04/00/04 **Planning (continued):**

21/98/08 & 09 **Cross Depot etc** - Redcliffe Homes : Mrs Hobbs' reply to letter of 7 December was read and noted, as too late to be of use.

Enforcement reports on SB Fencing and Caravan behind Manor Farm/Telephone Exchange were noted. Letter on Agricultural Notifications was noted.

04/00/05 **Annual Open Meeting:** It was agreed that the principal emphasis should be on re-starting the VDS project, so the proposed talk on Community Appraisal should be deferred. The Agenda was agreed with slight modifications, and distribution by Cllrs arranged. Chairman invited Clerk to prepare envelopes at his offices, with assistance from his staff, which was gratefully accepted.

04/00/06 **Highways:** The Cheddar-Frome and Bristol-Exeter Corridor Study reports having been sent out with the agenda, it was agreed that the matter was too important to deal with at this meeting, but that Cllrs would discuss informally, and the Chairman would collect their individual views before attending the meeting called by Cllr A Ham for 19 April.

04/00/07 **Correspondence:**

SCC - Notice Board at Cross - The draft agreement for erection of a noticeboard opposite the White Hart was considered and approved, and the Chairman and Clerk were authorised to sign the final document.

SDC - Consultation & Feedback - the report of feedback from the consultation exercise (in which the Chairman and Clerk took part) carried out on Mr Rickards' taking over the post of CEO was circulated.

SDC - Youth Extravaganza - no contribution, as unlikely that children from the parish would benefit;

SDC - Environmental Awareness Trophy - no entry this year;

Citizens' Advice Bureau - deferred for investigation into actual use made of Cheddar/ Bridgwater CAB compared with Weston-Super-Mare;

Police - Letter of thanks and appreciation from PC Mike Norman on his transfer to Burnham-on-Sea - noted.

Transfer of Licence at White Hart to Mr & Mrs James - no objection

04/00/08 **Finance:**

1. Income:

	£	£
Gross interest, premium account	20.12	
Gross interest, no-notice account	0.22	
Gross interest, current account	0.20	20.54

Expenditure:

CONTACT magazine grant	148.70	
Cllr Stuchbery expenses	15.32	
Clerk's expenses - January	51.62	
SkyHigh Photos	80.00	
Audit Commission	79.23	
Children's party entertainer - Mr Bee	100.00	
Clerk's salary for quarter	203.28	
PAYE	60.72	
SALC subscription	76.53	
Petty cash	31.59	
bank charges	1.48	848.47

Balances:

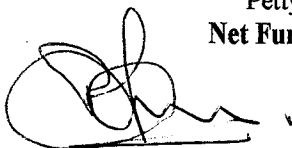
HSBC Bank Current Account	362.26	
HSBC Bank No-notice Account	505.13	
HSBC Bank 14-day Notice Account	6487.53	
Petty Cash	3.02	7357.94

Commitments:

Clerk's expenses - March	158.99	
Carved footpath signs	26.00	
Promised expenditure on Hall	6000.00	
Petty cash	46.98	6231.97

Net Funds Available

£1125.97



2. **Audit:** An unqualified certificate had been received for the 1998/99 audit, together with comments which have already been actioned. Chairman signed the official receipt.
3. Clerk presented the summary **accounts for 1999/2000**, which were adopted after a short discussion and are attached to these minutes. It was decided that in future "previous year" figures would be shown for ease of comparison.

04/00/09 **Reports & Matters for Next Meeting:**

Welcome Leaflet: Cllr Tabrett reported that work was well advanced, and the new pack would be ready at the end of May. It was agreed to announce it at the Open Meeting, and not to look for financial sponsorship this year.

Planning Enforcement: Clerk to ask the enforcement officer to investigate the presence of 2 occupied caravans at Yeo Bridge Farm in possible contravention of the Appeal decision allowing Mr Roper to continue to live there.

Ragwort: Cllr Stuchbery's concern was appreciated, and it was proposed that he should report the problem direct to MAFF.

04/00/10 **Next Meeting** will be on Wednesday 3rd May 2000 at 7.30pm. As the Hall will be closed for major works, the Clerk was asked to investigate the legality of using a room in the White Hart, in order to keep the meeting within the Parish.

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm.



COMPTON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000

INCOME	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
							<i>last year</i>
Balance brought forward - bank	7032.20						
- cash	50.00	7082.20	6947				742
Precept	3200.00		2500				50
Amenity Grant from SDC	240.00		240				68
Bank interest	96.38		357				202
Bank error refund	0.07						80
VAT refund 98/99	64.87		0				260
							145
							99
							29
							2280.24
Footpaths, Bus shelters:							205.63
							128
Donations:							KoW 250
Children's Millennium party							158
"CONTACT" magazine							150
St Andrew's Church - grass cutting							448.70
							602
Memorial Hall:							2962
Capital grant							6000.00
less Grant refunded (note 2)							-6000.00
Revenue grant							550.00
							550.00
Total expenditure		3601.32	3097				3484.57
							7082
Balances carried forward - bank							10683.52
less unpresented cheques							7148.95
- cash							50.00
							7198.95
							10683.52

Note 1: Possible liability to Audit Commission £164.07

Note 2: £6000 to be expended on Hall to allow recovery of VAT

Patrick Simpson, Chairman

Ian Clarke, Clerk

Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3 May 2000

The Chairman, Cllr P Simpson, opened the meeting at 7.30 pm

Apologies: Cllr J Stuchbery (holiday)

Present: Cllrs J Hay, B Lovell, S McColgan, I Tabrett, J Withecombe

In attendance: Clerk; Cllr J Denbee (SDC), Mr B Juniper (SDC), Mrs A Lang, Ms C Courteney (CVGazette)

- 05/00/01 Cllr Lovell proposed and Cllr Withecombe seconded the nomination and re-election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the coming year, and this was agreed. The Chairman then signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
- 05/00/02 Chairman proposed that Cllr Withecombe should be re-elected as **Internal Auditor**, and this was agreed. He further proposed that the **Village Design Statement Committee** set up on December 1999 should be continued with the same membership, and this was agreed. Cllr McColgan produced the **deeds of the Memorial Hall** for inspection, and offered the facilities of his firm (Clarke, Willmot & Clarke) to store them securely free of charge, on behalf of the Council. This was accepted with thanks.
- 05/00/03 **Meeting held on 5th April 2000:** The minutes having been circulated, were agreed, and signed by the Chairman.
- 05/00/04 **Matters Arising:**
min 12/98/02 - **30 MPH Speed Limit:** Clerk reported he had made recent enquiry without result.
min 09/99/07 - **Millennium Proposals:**
(a) Time Capsules and Commemorative stone: Clerk said that no more information was available at present, but he would progress both items with a view to delivery before July 2000.
(b) Tree Planting: Ms J James (Trees Officer) advice received; Clerk to progress, including quotes for regular maintenance from A1 Gardening, Peter McHugh, and the firm selected to plant the trees.
min 03/00/01 - **Shute Shelve Lighting:** Letter from Cllr Alan Ham read, and noted with satisfaction.
min 03/00/08 - **Parish Website:** Deferred again in the absence of the proposer (Cllr JS)
min 04/00/06 - Somerset Local Transport Plan : Chairman had been unable to attend Cllr Ham's meeting on 19th April; subsequent letter from Cllr Ham was read, and Clerk was asked to reply thanking him for his efforts, reminding him of our request for a speed limit, and endorsing his comments about passenger safety and vehicle security at Highbridge railway station, in view of increasing population of the area. Clerk drew members' attention to the Rural Community Transport Partnership.
- 05/00/05 **Mr Juniper** (Development Control Manager, SDC) was then invited to explain to the Council the Planning Officers' approach to the development on the Shute Shelve Hospital site, and to answer questions. Separate detailed notes of this discussion are available. At the end the Chairman thanked Mr Juniper for his time, and for providing a useful learning experience for Cllrs.
(Mr Juniper, Cllr Denbee, Mrs Lang and Ms Courteney left at this point)
Cllrs then discussed their reactions to what they had heard; general feeling was of powerlessness, but some new facts had been learned. A letter from the Leader of SDC was read, and it was agreed that his invitation to a meeting should be accepted, following the constructive visit of his Development Control Manager. It was also agreed that if possible, it should be held in SDC's Cheddar office, as part of the PC's next regular meeting.
- 05/00/06 **Planning:**
21/00/01 **Rowan Cottage** - Settle : Cllr Hay had attended Planning Meeting on 2 May to find that amended proposals had been entered the previous day, and that decision would be deferred. Clerk to request details urgently.
21/00/02 **Rackley Cottage** - Lee - access: agreed that there was no objection to the application, but enforcement officer to be asked to check whether the new stable block and major engineering works are permitted development; at the same time he should investigate works at The Old Vicarage, and Coombe Cottage in Compton Bishop.
21/00/03 **Windsor House** - Everett - change of use : no objection, indeed a likely improvement to traffic safety.
21/00/04 & 05 **New Inn, Cross** - Enterprise Inns - signage : no objection, except to "A" board (portable sign) because they have formed an obstruction to visibility on the A38, and an unsightly object in the AONB when vandalised.
21/00/06 **Little Harborne** - Apfel - extensions : no objections except services underground.



05/00/07 **Annual Open Meeting:**

Held on 14 April 2000. The draft minutes were not yet ready, but the Clerk reported that the only urgent action required had been to invite Mr Juniper to attend today.

05/00/08 **Highways and Footpaths:**

SCC letter regarding WS Atkins' new contract noted, to be circulated for information.

05/00/09 **Correspondence:**

SCC - Minerals Local Plan - deposit draft - deadline for comment 9 June (circulated) - deferred to next meeting
 SDC - Sedgemoor Performance Plan 2000 (circulated) was noted
 Local Agenda 21 - prize promotion (circulated) was noted
 SALC monthly pack - to be circulated.

05/00/10 **Finance:**

1. Income:		£	£
Gross interest, 14-day notice account		20.11 /	
Gross interest, current account		0.14 /	
Precept for year		3620.00 /	3640.25
Expenditure:			
PAYE		60.72 /	
Stationery		32.14 /	
Clerk's allowance & expenses - March		51.62	
Petty cash		46.98 /	298.83
Balances:			
HSBC Bank Current Account		263.57	
HSBC Bank No-notice Account		505.13	
HSBC Bank 14-day Notice Account		9927.64	
Petty Cash		50.00	10746.34
Commitments:			
Clerk's expenses - April		56.85	
Carved footpath signs		26.00	
Promised expenditure on Hall		6000.00	
Insurance premium		141.63	
Re-siting of notice board		123.25	6347.73
Net Funds Available			£4398.61

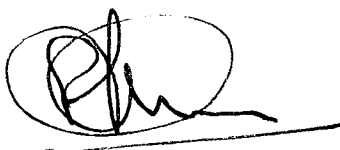
2. Clerk presented a revised version of the cashflow estimate for May-July, incorporating the latest figures for work on the Memorial Hall to be paid for by the Council, together with the promised grants from SCC and SDC and the VAT refund which would be claimed. The Council approved payments to PDB Plasterers and Paul O'Brien Roofing in accordance with this schedule.
3. The Internal Auditor, Cllr Withecombe, reported that she had examined the Cash Book and supporting papers for the year to 31 March 2000, and asked the Clerk for clarification of two points. She then expressed herself satisfied that they had been correctly kept.
4. The Council agreed to adopt the revised mileage rates recommended by NALC with effect from 1 April 2000.
5. Clerk reported that the insurance premium for the coming year of £141.63 was considerably up on the preceding year, and he was requested to investigate further before approval would be given.

05/00/09 **Reports & Matters for Next Meeting:**

Welcome Leaflet: Cllr Tabrett reported that more suggestions had been received, and another meeting had been arranged to progress it.

Deposit of Archives: Clerk reported that all Council documents more than six years old had been transferred to the Somerset Record Office at Taunton, with authority to destroy any they did not consider important to retain, and this was approved.

05/00/10 **Next Meeting** will be on Wednesday 7th June 2000 at 7.30pm. If possible, the meeting will be in the SDC Cheddar office, otherwise at the White Hart.
 The meeting closed at 10.48 pm.



Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7 June 2000

The Chairman, Cllr P Simpson, opened the meeting at 7.30 pm

Apologies: Cllr B Lovell (hospital)

Present: Cllrs J Hay, S McColgan, J Stuchbery I Tabrett, J Withecombe

In attendance: Clerk

06/00/01 **Meeting held on 3 May 2000:** The minutes having been circulated, were agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

06/00/02 **Matters Arising:**

min 12/98/02 - **30 MPH Speed Limit:** Clerk reported that Cllr Ham has been reminded of his promise to push our request forward.

min 09/99/07 - **Millennium Proposals:**

(i) **Cookbook:** Cllr Simpson reported good progress, and said that the deadline for Christmas publication must be 1 September.

(ii) **Time Capsules and Commemorative stone:** Clerk reported that progress was being made towards delivery before July 2000, as required by the builders.

(iii) **Tree Planting:** Clerk reported letter from SCC warning of notifications required for tree-planting in the highway verge - to be progressed; quotation from Chew Valley Trees was accepted

(iv) **Village Photograph in Cross Quarry:** 16th September was proposed as a suitable date, and a notice is to be delivered to every house by Cllrs. Clerk to contact Tom Burnell Jones of Christon to ask him to take photos and arrange sale of prints. Alternatives proposed were Simon Painter of Allerton (JW) and a contact of Cllr Tabrett's.

min 03/00/08 - **Parish Website:** Cllr Stuchbery suggested that the PC may not be good at communications to the parish, and proposed that Paul Nicholls of Loxton should be invited to address the PC. In discussion it was pointed out that parishioners seem reluctant to be communicated with, and it was agreed that Cllr Stuchbery should investigate the best ways of communicating with parishioners, with particular reference to use and costs of a website.

min 05/00/05 - **Meeting with SDC Councillors:** Clerk was instructed to try to arrange the proposed meeting for the regular meeting in July.

min 05/00/09 - **Minerals Local Plan** - deposit draft circulated - no comments.

min 10/99/07 - **Litter Bin:** SDC should be reminded of their promise to put a litter bin outside the church gate.

06/00/03 **Planning:**

21/99/12 **Vicarage Lane site** - Crawford: noted that the appeal had been dismissed.

21/00/07 **Clover Farm** - Head : The Parish Council decided to object vigorously to the proposals on the following grounds:

- 1 Prima facie no residential development can be permitted in this area (see decision of Inspector on J Crawford's appeal 21/99/12)
- 2 In view of the low level of activity on the site and the number of competing equestrian establishments in the vicinity, it is hard to see a need for resident workers;
- 3 The PC considers that this may be a prelude to an application for a permanent dwelling, which should be opposed;
- 4 It forms part of an unsustainable development in the countryside, which will lead to significantly increased traffic - the 20 carparking spaces shown imply at least 40 additional vehicle movements every day;
- 5 It will intrude unacceptably on the view of Crook Peak Historic Landscape and AONB from public rights-of-way along the River Axe and through the property itself (AX15/3 and AX15/5).

It should also be noted that "Clover Farm" does not refer to any farmhouse or buildings.

21/00/08 **Cleevehead** - Broadbent - alterations to form garage : no objection, provided appropriate notice was taken of the presence of bats and the demolition of an 18th century kitchen.

21/00/09 **The Barn** - Nicholls - extension : The PC supported this application.

Attention was drawn to a broken street name sign at the entrance to Big Tree Close (RHS)

Enforcement: on the Depot site, a field maple which was due to be kept has apparently been killed by cutting of roots, and a large window has been installed in the front elevation of the east terrace, next to the garages.

06/00/04 **Annual Open Meeting:** Held on 14 April 2000. The draft minutes were approved, subject to the deletion of "& Mrs" (Tabrett) from the apologies.

06/00/05 **Highways and Footpaths:**
Clerk was asked to arrange the cutting of the verge at the bottom of Bourton Lane to improve traffic visibility.

06/00/06 **Correspondence:**
SCC - Annual Meeting papers (to be circulated)
SCC - Gypsy and Traveller Policy leaflet (to be circulated)
CPRE - Magazine "Voice" (to be circulated)
SCC - Sustainable Somerset - copy for each Cllr.
Mendip JAC - nominations for membership - Cllr Hay would consider, and raise again next month
SALC - Councils' self-assessment form was discussed, and its relevance to "Best Value" was noted.

06/00/07 **Finance:**

1. Income:		
Gross interest, 14-day notice account	£	£
Gross interest, current account	31.25	
VAT refund	0.11	
	70.25	101.61
Expenditure:		
"Best Value" booklet	2.50	2.50
Balances:		
HSBC Bank Current Account	333.93	
HSBC Bank No-notice Account	505.13	
HSBC Bank 14-day Notice Account	9958.89	
Petty Cash	47.50	10845.45
Commitments:		
Clerk's expenses - April	56.85	
Clerk's expenses - May	21.29	
Carved footpath signs	26.00	
Insurance premium	141.63	
Re-siting of notice board	123.25	
PDB Plasterers for Hall	3520.30	
Roofing Contractors for Hall	7463.60	
Clerk's salary	205.92	
PAYE	58.08	
less grants and VAT repayable	(6310.00)	5306.92
Net Funds Available		£5538.63
of which the Hall Committee are expecting		1327.00

2. Clerk reported that he had queried the insurance premium for the coming year, and been assured that the increase was general and unavoidable, so approval was given for the payment of £141.63 .

06/00/08 **Reports & Matters for Next Meeting:**

Welcome Leaflet: It was agreed that an initial distribution should be made to every household in the parish at the Council's expense, together with a flyer about the group photograph and a further invitation to purchase the aerial photographs and Jenny Blower's paintings.

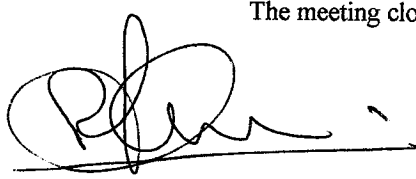
Mowing of Public Areas: It was agreed that the Chairman should arrange commercial strimming of the areas around the bench by Cross Bow Bridge, the Big Tree bus shelter, and the village name signs on a trial basis, the bill to be sent to the Clerk.

Village Design Statement: Nothing to report due to committee holidays.

"Best Value": The need to take action was noted, but discussion was deferred to a future meeting.

Replacement for Clerk: Noted that an advertisement had been placed in "Contact"; an ad in the Axbridge freesheet and editorial coverage in the Gazette were agreed, together with direct approaches to David Heckstall-Smith, Amanda Lang and Richard Parker.

06/00/9 **Next Meeting** will be on Wednesday 5th July 2000 at 7.30pm in the SDC Cheddar office.
The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.



Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 5th July 2000

The Chairman, Cllr P Simpson, opened the meeting at 7.30 pm

Apologies: Cllr J Withecombe (work)

Present: Cllrs J Hay, B Lovell, S McColgan, J Stuchbery I Tabrett

In attendance: Cllr D W Joslin (SDC), Mr R Morgan (SDC), Ms C Courtenay (CVG), Clerk

07/00/01 **Meeting held on 7 June 2000:** The minutes having been circulated, were agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

07/00/02 **Matters Arising:**

min 03/00/01 & 05/00/05 - No Confidence in SDC's Planning Committee or officers - The Chairman welcomed Cllr Joslin and Mr Morgan, and invited them to make a statement, as they had asked to attend the meeting. [see separate notes]

The Chairman thanked Cllr Joslin & Mr Morgan for their contribution, and they then left the meeting [at 8.43pm]

min 03/00/01 - Planning : 21/99/10 **Shute Shelve** - Claverton Homes Ltd : street lighting situation: Clerk was asked to contact SCC for update, with copies to Ward Cllrs

min 06/00/03 - **Planning Enforcement** : reply pleading lack of resources was noted

min 10/99/07 - **Litter Bin** outside church - Clerk to write to SDC reminding them of request

min 12/98/02 - **30 MPH limit** - No progress - Clerk to chase WS Atkins with copies to Ward Cllrs

min 09/99/07 - **Millennium proposals** - progress reports

- **Time capsule** - Clerk confessed he had mislaid details, and was referred to Cllr JW
- **Commemorative stone** - Samples of a red and a grey (York) stone were shown, and the Clerk was instructed to progress the work using the red stone, incurring expenditure of about £300;
- **tree planting** - Clerk reported on results of enquiries from statutory undertakers, which showed a number of services actually in the Newtown layby. It was decided to omit this part of the proposal, and proceed with the White Hart and Cross Moor Drove plantings.
- **grass cutting** (arising from tree maintenance): Chairman reported that he had arranged with A1 Gardening to mow or strim around the seat by Cross Bow Bridge, around the Compton Bishop bus shelter and around all the village name and road signs, the work to be done twice a month between May & October for £50 per month. The expenditure was approved, and a similar amount is to be included in next year's budget.
- **parish photograph** - following discussion of the viability of the project, the meeting confirmed that it should go ahead, and Miss Courteney was asked to investigate the possibility of the Cheddar Valley Gazette's photographer taking the picture on 16th September

07/00/03 **Planning:**

21/00/02 Dunnett Cottage - Lee : change of use approved with conditions

21/00/03 Windsor House - Everett : change of use approved

21/00/04 & 05 New Inn - Enterprise Inns : advertising approved with conditions (including non-obstruction of visibility on highway)

21/00/06 Little Harborne - Apfel : extension approved with conditions (including services underground)

21/00/10 Rowan Cottage - Settle : garage : *Cllr Hay declared a non-pecuniary interest and the Chairman ruled that she might speak but not vote.* The plans, which had been delivered by Mr Morgan, were examined, and it was decided to object on the following grounds: 1 This application is only marginally modified from application 21/99/01, which has already been refused, and the modifications do not address the fundamental objections of inappropriate size, remoteness from the dwelling and existence of the AONB; 2 The dwelling already has a garage and has applied for additional parking space in its vicinity (21/00/01); 3 The proposed site of the new structure is already the subject of enforcement action; 4 It is likely that the proposed structure may be used for quasi-industrial purposes which are inappropriate to the location

Cllr Hay said that a site meeting to consider application 21/00/01 had been arranged for 3.45 on 10th July, but the Clerk had had no notification [arrived 6th July]

Enforcement: Enquiry to be made regarding apparent change of use from agricultural to domestic of field recently acquired by SB Fencing at bottom of Shute Shelve Hill

07/00/04 **Highways and Footpaths:**

Letters from SCC reporting conclusion of the Cheddar/Frome and Taunton/Bristol Corridor Studies were noted, and Clerk was asked to obtain one copy of each, to be sent direct to Cllr Lovell

07/00/05 **Correspondence:**

SCC & NHS - Health Improvement Programme 2000-2003 (to be circulated)
 SDC - New Management Structure (to be circulated)
 Mendip Hills AONB Service - leaflet (to be circulated)
 Mendip Hill JAC - meeting to be held 10th July - nobody could attend, so apologies to be sent
 SCC Youth Service - notice of meetings on 11 & 12 July was passed to Cllr Stuchbery for action
 SALC - Clerks' salaries, training etc : salaries to be considered later; remainder to Chairman for consideration
 EA - Brue & Axe Review Forum - confirmed that Cllr Hay would attend presentation and lunch on 14 July
 Kings of Wessex School - Awards Evening 12 Sept - Chairman to be represented by Cllr Withecombe

07/00/06 **Appointment of New Clerk:**

Applications had been received from Mrs Amanda Lang of Newtown and Mr Julian Purser of Cross, both of whom were personally known to the Chairman and members. It was agreed that the Chairman should offer the post to Mrs Lang with effect from 1st September 2000, on the same conditions as the present Clerk, but with an annual salary of £1088 (paid quarterly, based on 14 hours/month at the new rate of £6.47/hour) plus a home office allowance of £100/year.

The Chairman then expressed great appreciation of the services of the present Clerk, and thanked him for his help since he became Chairman. These remarks were endorsed by members.

07/00/07 **Finance:**

1. Income:		
Gross interest, 14-day notice account	£	30.37
Gross interest, no-notice account		2.31
Gross interest, current account		0.49
SDC grant for Hall works	£	749.00
		782.17
Expenditure:		
Clerk's expenses - April		56.85
Clerk's salary		205.92
PAYE		58.08
Insurance premium		141.63
PDB Plasterers for Hall		3520.30
		3982.78
Balances:		
HSBC Bank Current Account		1300.64
HSBC Bank No-notice Account		307.44
HSBC Bank 14-day Notice Account		5989.26
Petty Cash		19.36
		7616.70
Commitments:		
Toilet hire for Festival		129.25
Carved footpath signs		26.00
Re-siting of notice board		123.25
Roofing Contractors for Hall		7831.61
Clerk's expenses - June		45.71
Petty cash imprest		30.00
CPRE subscription		17.50
less grants and VAT repayable		(5561.00)
Net Funds Available		£4974.38
of which the Hall Committee are expecting		1170.00

2. Apropos of the item for toilet hire, Cllr Stuchbery reported that the Flower Festival had resulted in a profit of £1800 for Church funds
3. Renewal of the CPRE annual subscription for £17.50 was approved
4. Payments of £129.25 for portable toilet hire as promised, and £7831.61 for roofing works to Memorial Hall were confirmed
5. The Clerk said that he had identified a possible problem in making a large VAT claim mid-year, which might lead to later payments in following years, and that he was looking into it.



07/00/08 **Reports & Matters for Next Meeting:**

Welcome Leaflet: Cllr Tabrett reported that the editorial content was complete, and only some minor details remained to be cleared up.

[Cllr Stuchbery left at this point, as he was informed that his father had just died, followed by the condolences of members]

Travellers at North Quarry: A complaint was received that a new party of itinerants had moved into North Quarry with an ex-fire tender, a white Transit van, a tent and a car. They are obstructing the bridleway, and to be reported (to Rights of Way Officer in the first instance)

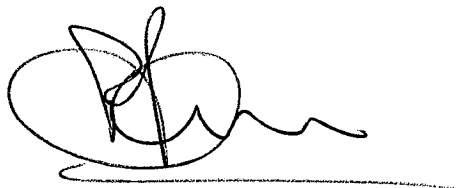
Village Design Statement: Chairman and Cllr McColgan agreed to meet between 7th August and next meeting of this Council.

"Best Value": A report from Cllr Stuchbery was received, but not discussed because of his absence..

Japanese Knotweed: A report was made of a possible clump of this invasive plant on Cross Moor Drove adjacent to the A38 bridge. WS Atkins to be requested to take urgent action.

Urgent Planning Matters: It was resolved that planning matters arising before the next meeting in September should be dealt with by an ad-hoc Committee consisting of the Chairman and the available member nearest to the application site.

07/00/9 **Next Meeting** will be on Wednesday 6th September 2000 at 7.30pm at a place to be notified in the agenda. The meeting closed at 10.12 pm.



Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6 September 2000

Chairman Cllr P Simpson opened the meeting at 1935
Apologies Cllr I Tabrett (holidays)
Present Cllrs Hay, Lovell, McColgan, Stuchbery, Withecombe
Mr R Tyas (Parishioner)
In attendance Clerk

09/00/01

Meeting held on 5 July 2000

Unfortunately due to a misunderstanding occurring during the hand-over of Clerkship, the minutes had not been circulated. Chairman read the minutes aloud and they were agreed to be accurate and were duly signed by Chairman.

09/00/02

Matters Arising

Vote of No Confidence in Planning Department

Agreed that it was inappropriate and unsatisfactory for the Planning Department to plead lack of resources as a reason for failing to progress enforcement matters.

*Clerk to draft letter expressing Council views and concerns on management of resources.

30 mile Speed limit

All agreed serious unease at the suggestions that a 30-mile limit would necessitate street lighting.

*Clerk to chase and appraise Press.

Litter Bin Outside Church

*Clerk to chase

Grass Cutting

This is now underway.

No action required

VAT reclaim

*Clerk to check position

Travellers at North Quarry

They have gone.

No action required

Millennium Photograph

Chairman has located a reasonably priced photographer but he would require some sort of lifting device to gain enough height. After a show of hands it was agreed that this should be postponed until early Spring 01.

Time Capsule

Agreed this was an ideal opportunity to involve the children of the Parish. It could be timed to include the photograph. Various ideas for the location of the capsule were discussed as this would need to be a place of permanence.

*All Cllrs to ponder over the next few weeks

*Clerk to check cost/delivery times.

Millennium Stone

To be dealt with as a separate agenda item (*infra*).

09/00/03

Financial Report

Due to change of Clerk the bank had withheld statements until signing of new Mandate (*infra*). However, Clerk was able to report that there were no significant transactions and undertook to issue an up to date report as soon as possible.

09/00/04

Planning

21/98/09

Cross Depot

SDC have advised that Chardet Place will be numbered 1-4 but retain Old Coach Road as part of the address. The road leading off Old Coach Road will be Springfield Close.

21/99/10

Shute Shelf

Council's objections have been acknowledged.

21/00/01

Rowan Cottage

Extension & Front Parking

Granted despite our objection but enforcement action likely over unauthorised hard-standing to rear.

21/00/07

Clover Farm

Temporary Residential use of log cabin

Granted despite our objection

21/00/08

Cleevehead

Outbuilding, garage & store

Granted

21/00/09

The Barn

Extension

Granted

21/00/10

Rowan Cottage

Garage in rear paddock

Referral to Committee has been deferred due to ambiguity over whether the application includes the hard-standing (*supra*).

21/00/11

Bowyer House

First Floor Extension above garage

Chairman declared interest as owner. Planning officer has advised of no objections and that permission is likely to be granted without referral to Committee.

21/00/12

Pumping Station

Change to 2 dwellings

Granted subject to amendments to increase parking spaces

21/00/13

Orchard Cottage

Extension

Clr McColgan declared interest as owner. No objections.

21/00/14

Roper

Permanent Mobile Home

Objection lodged

21/00/15

Little Harbourne

)

21/00/16

Bowyer house

) plans not received yet

21/00/17

Crooke Peak Lodge

)

Enforcement

Roper – caravan - await outcome of 21/00/14 (*supra*).

Rowan Cottage – hard-standing - action likely (*supra*)

Dwelling House at Bourton Lane/Webbington Road junction – parishioner has commented on large wooden structure in the garden but it was felt that this would be less intrusive once covered in creeper etc which was presumably the intention.

SB Fencing – *Clerk to check if an application has been received by SDC regarding change of use of land.

09/00/05

Millennium Stone

The Chairman reminded Council that on Feb 6 2000 they agreed the wording to be displayed on the Millennium Stone and confirmed that the minutes were agreed at the following meeting. This was not disputed. He advised of correspondence from members of Cross Hall Management Committee (CHMC) since the appearance of the stone.

Cllr Stuchbery expressed sadness that a dispute had arisen between various people who all had the common goal of supporting and serving the community. As Chairman of CHMC he confirmed that the concerns of CHMC related solely to the inclusion of the word "council" and added that none of the other stones in neighbouring parishes referred to their Council. The Chairman distinguished those stones from ours on the basis that the stones in other parishes were generally located at the parish boundaries to mark the entrance thereto.

While adding that CHMC were upset to see "Council" on the stone because they were Charitable Trustees of the Hall, Cllr Stuchbery advised further that CHMC believed that *as* Charitable Trustees they owned the Hall. Cllr McColgan advised that in his view, Council retained ownership of the hall as confirmed by Land Registry etc.

Cllr Stuchbery advised that at their meeting in August 2000, CHMC had considered two motions. The first – to have the stone replaced with one excluding the word "council" - failed. The second – to express disquiet to Council over the inclusion of the word "council" - was carried by a majority.

Chairman read two letters, which he had received, from parishioners who did not like the wording and/or the colour of the stone. He also read a letter from Cllr Tabrett, which emphasises that stone was part of Council's millennium celebrations and so were quite separate from the Hall refurbishment. Cllr McColgan commented that in any community it would be impossible to please 100 % of the people. This was generally agreed.

Cllr Stuchbery invited Chairman to attend the next CHMC meeting to explain Council's views and actions. Chairman said he would attend if necessary but in his view his presence should not be necessary as Cllrs Stuchbery & Hay represented Council on CHMC. Chairman advised the Cllr Hay was researching the history of the Hall so that this could be displayed by plaque inside the Hall with appropriate reference and thanks to CHMC. Cllr Hay suggested that both Council & CMHC should amalgamate their views on the content of any such plaque.

A motion to replace the stone was defeated and a motion to retain the stone unchanged was carried by a majority vote. A vote was held on whether a plaque should be placed inside CMH acknowledging CMHMC efforts. This was agreed although Cllr Stuchbery had voted against.

*Clerk to check with Eileen Zoers of SDC whether this issue has arisen before and to seek advice

Cllr Lovell requested information as to the identity of CHMC Trustees and when Cllr Stuchbery gave him the information (attached to minutes) he commented that there were too many people on the Committee to enable it to function correctly.

09/00/06

Audit Report

This was still circulating among Members.

09/00/07

Draft Charter SDC

This was still circulating and in view of time constraints agreed *Clerk should copy to each Cllr.

*Cllr Withecombe to consider attending meeting to discuss and to advise Clerk.

09/00/08

Storage

Cllr Stuchbery advised that there were built in cupboards in the Hall, which should accommodate archive paperwork, which was removed during refurbishment.



12/00/06

Footpaths and Highways

Cllr Tabrett reported National Trust had made a very good job of clearing the Scars and asked Clerk to write acknowledging this. Thought to be given to inviting a speaker from National Trust to Parish AGM.

12/00/07

Correspondence

WS Atkins

Updated list of personnel

SDC

- 1) Reception for Chairmen & Clerks 18/01/01 regarding Charter & new structure.
- 2) Draft Register of Electors. Clerk has displayed in Church and on PC noticeboard, and requested Contact to publicise
- 3) Leaflet (distributed) and Video (to circulate) regarding structure changes

Mendip Hills JAC

- 1) Annual Report Circulate
- 2) List of bus walks Circulate

SCC

Will no longer automatically copy agenda/minutes but Cllr Ham will continue to update us where appropriate.

DETR

"A fair deal for rural England" Circulate

Compton Bishop Church

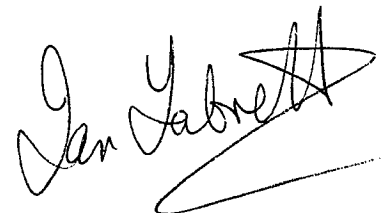
Request for grass cutting grant. Clerk to respond advising current cash flow does not allow but hopefully will be able to re-visit when financial situation improves.

District Audit

Chasing alleged outstanding fees. Clerk has responded denying they are due.

Cllr Tabrett closed the meeting at 2125, thanking Cllr Ham for his input.

Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 3 January at 1930.



Clerk advised requirement of purchasing box files etc to store current items at home and appropriate expenditure was approved.

09/00/09

Bank Mandate

Clerk advised that at her recent meeting with the Bank Manger, he had suggested that there should be 4 registered signatories to cheques – 2 signatures remaining necessary. The Chairman and Cllr Withecombe remained signatories, the new Clerk and Cllr Hay would be added. The form was duly signed.

09/0010

Boundary Rocks

*Clerk to investigate source & cost.

09/00/11

Village Design Statement

*Chairman and *Cllr McColgan to convene in order to progress.

09/00/12

Best Value

Cllr Stuchbery advised that the goals of implementing Best Value were

- Effective communication
- Responsibility.

Agreed Council should look at the operation of neighbouring Councils and liase where appropriate. District Councillor John Denbee should be forwarded copies of our correspondence and agendas/minutes. Agendas to be displayed on parish notice-boards.

Agreed the more communication should be made with parishioners via Contact.

09/00/13

Highways & Footpaths

Cllr Lovell reported landslide at Loxton and damaged sign at Cross Lane.

*Clerk to report to WS Atkins.

Chairman reported seat in Old Coach Road required repainting.

*Clerk to contact R & J Andrews.

Cllr Withecombe reported private hedges encroaching onto highways.

*Clerk to arrange for appropriate notice to be printed in Contact.

09/00/14

Welcome Pack

Cllr Stuchbery advised considerable progress. The pack has been drafted with welcome messages from Chairman and Parish Priest. A list of local business has been compiled to form useful information.

*Cllr Stuchbery to check with PCC whether they object to the businesses being approached with a view to requested a contribution to production costs.

Artwork had been provided.

09/00/15

Correspondence

SALC *AGM*

Clerk gave notice of AGM and advised she held minute of the last meetings should any Cllr wish to study them.

SDC *Draft Byelaws*

Draft bylaws passed to *Cllr McColgan for comments by 20/9/00.

CPRE *AGM & Planning "Watchdog"*

Clerk has spoken to local CPRE contact to confirm we will advise following receipt of any planning applications which may be of interest to them.

Workshop on Planning to be held in Glastonbury on 14/10/00.

*Cllr Hay to consider attending and advise Clerk.

SAPC *Mendip Hills Joint Advisory C'ee*

A sole candidate has emerged and we do not require to vote.



SCC *Making sense*
Youth activity – referred to CMHC/

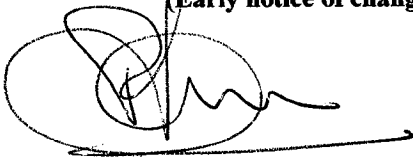
Environment *Flood awareness*
Agency
No-one would be able to attend the flood awareness seminar.

FLEET *Breath of Life Campaign*
Agreed that a donation would be inappropriate use of parish funds.

Chairman closed the meeting at 2250.

Next meeting to take place at 1930 Wed 11 October 2000 a place to be advised in agenda.

(Early notice of change of date to be displayed on parish notice-boards by *Clerk.)



Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 11 October 2000

Chairman Cllr P Simpson opened the meeting at 1930
Apologies Cllrs Stuchbery, McColgan, Lovell
Present Cllrs Hay, Withecombe, Tabrett
R Parker, J Blower (Parishioners)
In attendance Clerk

10/00/01 Meeting held on 6 September 2000

The September minutes to be amended as follows
09/00/05 Cllr Lovell requested a list of the Trustees of CMH.
A vote was held on whether a plaque should be placed inside CMH acknowledging CMHMC efforts. This was agreed although Cllr Stuchbery had voted against.

10/00/02 Matters Arising

Vote of No Confidence in Planning Department
Clerk distributed letter, which she had sent to SDC Chief Exec on Chairman's behalf and will chase reply. (*Clerk).

Draft Charter
Clerk distributed summary of Cllr's comments, which had been forwarded to SDC.

30 mile Speed limit
Clerk advised that she had heard from Alan Ham that an independent report had just recommended appropriate changes but that these were to be put to SCC. PC will be advised and consulted. No need for action meantime.

Litter Bin Outside Church
Clerk has made a further request to SDC.

VAT reclaim
*Clerk to check position

Time Capsule
Clerk had checked that the initial prices were still valid but had established that the more expensive capsules would be necessary if it was to be placed in the ground. More research on alternatives to be carried out by *Clerk.

Boundary Stones
Clerk had established that while the stones were relatively inexpensive @ £25 per ton, the cost of dressing and erection would exceed £ 1000. Other stonemasons to be approached and enquiry made of neighbouring parishes who had purchased rocks. (*Clerk).

Welcome Leaflet
Draft now agreed. Once printed it would be distributed among all parishioners and thereafter, new arrivals. Distribution could also include PC newsletter.

Village Design Statement
No progress

Best Value
Nothing to report in view of Cllr Stuchbery's absence.

09/00/03 Financial Report
Attached

10/00/04

Planning

21/98/09 *Cross Depot*

IT reported concern that occupation was well under way – breaching planning condition that boundary fencing should be completed first.

21/99/10 *Shute Shelf*

Council's objections have been acknowledged.

21/00/10 *Rowan Cottage*

Garage in rear paddock

Permission was refused

21/00/11 *Bowyer House*

First Floor Extension above garage

Permission granted

21/00/13 *Orchard Cottage*

Extension

Permission has been granted.

21/00/14 *Roper*

Permanent Mobile Home

Objection lodged.

21/00/15 *Little Harbourne*

Minor amendment to roof

Permission granted

21/00/16 *Bowyer House*

Listed Building Consent

Cllr Simpson declared an interest.

No objections were made.

21/00/17 *Crooks Peak Lodge*

Further extension

No objections

Enforcement

Rowan Cottage – hard-standing to rear. No progress.

SB Fencing – SDC have acknowledged PC enquiry.

Electric Fence at Bourton Farm – owner has displayed more prominent warning signs.

10/00/05

Millennium Stone

It was agreed that there was sufficient local concern to re-visit this topic and a resolution was passed to overrule the "6 month" rule.

Chairman appraised Council of Cllr McColgan's view that no more valuable PC time should be spent on this item, and Cllr Stuchbery's views that the PC had made an error and should seek to put matters right.

It was generally agreed that the PC had made no mistake – matters had been properly dealt with and minuted. It was regretful that a matter which had commenced in October 99 had not been properly communicated within CMHC. There had never been any intention to re-name the Hall and the stone was not a "name stone". Agreed that communications with CHMC required a revised modus operandi.

Cllr Hay reported from the minutes of the latest meeting of CMHC that a vote had been passed to change the stone and that ownership of the Hall was still in dispute. Agreed that as certain parishioners were prepared to meet any costs in changing the Stone, PC would have no objection.

Regarding ownership – Clerk advised that Eileen Zoer's comments were that ownership may well have passed to CMHC as Charity Law was very complex. Chairman had already asked Cllr McColgan to check this.

Agreed that if ownership was in dispute it was unwise to participate in request for grants / payment of bills to ensure against any accusations of fraud. This should be postponed until the matter of ownership was settled.

*Clerk to advise CHMC Treasurer.

10/00/06

Highways & Footpaths

Clr Tabrett reported dumped tyres by ditch in Old Coach Road. *Clerk to contact SDC.

10/00/07

Correspondence

Emergency Planning

SCC no longer require a list of contacts from PC.

Beacon Millenium

Advert received – decided not to pursue.

Contact Magazine

Request for donation received – agreed to donate £ 250.

SDC

Amended Local Deposit Plan on display in libraries **from 30/10/00 until 11/12/00.**

*All Cllrs to attempt to view/comment.

CPRE

Planning Workshop in Glastonbury 14/10/00 – no-one available but thought too expensive in relation to potential gain.

SCC

School Organisation Plan received and with Clerk.

N Sedgemoor Youth

Info passed to CMHC

Somerset NHS

Running healthy diet campaign.

Victim Support

Agreed request for donation could not be granted.

Letter from MP

Our MP was holding a meeting for local Parish Council. Unfortunately the letter was late in arriving, having been sent to the wrong address, and the meeting was past. Agreed *Clerk to write to him highlighting what our major concerns have been over the last year viz, Planning, Enforcement, Speed Limit, Audit Fees.

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday 8 November at 1930 – location to be advised

Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8 November 2000

Chairman Cllr P Simpson opened the meeting at 1935
Apologies Cllrs Stuchbery, McColgan, Hay
Present Cllrs Tabrett, Withecombe, Lovell
Jon Borley (Weston Mercury)
In attendance Clerk

10/00/01

Meeting held on 11 October 2000

Cllr Stuchbery had previously requested an amendment to the September minutes regarding proposed plaque inside Hall and wished to make it clear that he had misunderstood the details of the plaque before having voted.
October minutes agreed and duly signed by Chairman.

11/00/02

Matters Arising

Draft Charter

Further consultation on updated version. Clerk to copy changes to all Councillors. Comments may be made. Clerk will collate on receipt and respond.

Letter to Ch Exec

Ch Exec's PA had advised Clerk she would chase response. Nothing received. Clerk to chase again

Letter to MP

This was distributed. Clerk confirmed MP had acknowledged receipt and had advised that other PCs had raised very similar concerns.

Speed Limit

County Councillor has advised that concrete proposals may not be received until early spring 2001. Agreed we should not wait this long and Clerk to contact SCC and alert press.

Time Capsule / Boundary Rocks

Research confirmed boundary rocks would be too expensive. Time capsule idea to be pursued. Cllr Withecombe to purchase.

VAT reclaim

Clerk checking when last claim was submitted. Cllr Withecombe advised it is usually done at the end of the financial year.

Welcome Pack

This is ready. Clerk has produced PC Newsletter for inclusion (and display on noticeboard). Church has suggested PC bear all costs. After debate this was agreed on the basis that it would mean PC would have control. Local businesses would be advised that advertising space would be available in future editions of the pack.

Village Design Statement

Chairman advised that Richard Parker was now involved. Other potentially interested parishioners' name to be considered and passed to RP.

"Best Value"

Defer until JS present.

Local Deposit Plan

This is circulating. Deadline to be strictly observed. Cllrs to note we can only comment on points raised by us previously.



Millennium Stone

Chairman advised that meeting with representatives of CMHC had suggested the wording for the new stone be

Memorial Hall

MM

Cross.

While some concern was raised that deletion of Compton Bishop may not please parishioners outside Cross, it was agreed that it was better to agree with the proposals in order to end this chapter.

Chairman expressed disappointment that parishioners apparently felt stronger about a stone on a wall than they did about eg dangerous speed limits. Agreed this could possibly be raised at the AGM.

11/00/03

Financial Report

Attached

11/00/04

Planning

21/11/01 *Rowan Cottage*

SDC has approved minor amendments. Agreed that while minor amendments need not be the subject of re-consultation, Clerk should write to SDC with the point that as windows had been a part of our objections, we should have been informed on this occasion.

21/98/09 *Cross Depot*

Clerk reported having written to SDC regarding breach of conditions re fencing, and had also spoken to Parks Officer who was satisfied with the arrangements for the nature area. Agreed Clerk to write to Developer to request sight of nature area plan and confirmation of intention to erect fencing (copy to SDC).

21/99/10 *Shute Shelf*

Cllr Tabrett advised that planning decision had been delegated to Officers. Concern raised that works were under way - with a notice that highway would be affected for 24 weeks and pavement closed. Clerk to contact Development Control Manger.

21/00/14 *Roper Permanent Mobile Home*

Clerk reported Planning Officer is querying applicant's gypsy status. Case not ready for Committee. PC objections have been noted.

21/00/17 *Crooks Peak Lodge* *Further extension*

Passed

21/00/18 *Clarkes Farm*

No objections.

Enforcement

Rowan Cottage. No progress.

SB Fencing . No progress.

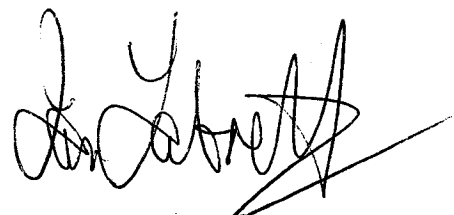
Fairmead in Cross Lane has sign for business. Clerk to report to Enforcement team.

Travellers have returned to North Quarry. Clerk to advise Gypsy Officer.

10/00/05

CMHC Communications

While Councillors were pleased that relationships were much improved, it was apparent that some confusion remained over what had and had not been disputed (eg "ownership"). Improved modus operandi to be deferred until meeting at which Cllrs Hay & Stuchbery were present but agreed that letter should be issued via Clerk



to CMHC Secretary to be read out to all CMHC members, with a brief summary of fact. Chairman and Cllr Tabrett to agree draft.

11/00/06 **Bulb Planting/Grass Cutting**
Cllr Stuchbery collected the bulbs at requested of Clerk and has agreed with Chairman to replenish gaps at various locations within the parish. A1 gardening will not be submitting account for grass cutting this year as they were unhappy with the service they provided. Detailed modus operandi to be agreed at start of next "gardening year".

11/00/07 **Xmas**
Other parishes receive grants to distribute Xmas trees to local businesses. Clerk to investigate.

11/00/08 **Media Interest**
Following interest from Cheddar Valley Gazette & Weston Mercury, agreed to distribute Minutes to press in addition to the agenda which was already forwarded. From time to time, copy correspondence / newsletters would also be released. Further agreed that once Hall was completed, minutes would be displayed on the PC notice-board therein.

11/00/09 **Old Coach Road**
Clerk has tracked down TRANSCO person responsible who has assured her that all grass/paving will shortly be made good. It appears there were unforeseen problems at the East End, which delayed progress.

11/00/10 **Correspondence**
Countryside Agency
Rural Survey to be completed by Clerk.

SDC
Tree grant now available. Clerk to progress.

National Trust
New footpath at foot of Wavering Down. Clerk to display on notice-board and copy to Cllr Tabrett.

11/00/11 **Footpaths & Highways**
SDC will clear dumped tyres.
SDC advise verge adjacent to Moorland Farm is adopted as highway – Clerk to advise resident.
Cllr Tabrett advised of sad incident on Wavering Down where cows had died following consumption of Yew, ~~which they had access to following storm damage to their fencing.~~ N.T. sub-contractor had cleared the scan. I.J.T

12/00/12 **Meetings**
Attention was drawn to Standing Orders' recommendation that PC meetings should not last longer than 2 hours without a proper break, and that individuals should not speak for more than 10 minutes on a particular subject.
Procedure agreed for attendance of Parishioners – Standing Orders allows for 10 minutes at the start of a meeting for their questions, although no further participation is allowed. This will now be displayed on Agenda and Newsletter with a comment that advance notice of questions would be appreciated.

Chairman closed the meeting at 2141.
Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 6 December at 1930.
Location to be advised in Agenda.



Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6 December, 2000

Vice-Chairman Cllr I Tabrett opened the meeting at 1935
Apologies Cllr Simpson
Present Cllrs Hay, Withecombe, Lovell, Stuchbery
(Cllr McColgan joined during the course of the meeting)
County Councillor Alan Ham
In attendance Clerk

12/00/01 Meeting held on 8 November 2000

November minutes agreed and duly signed by Vice-Chairman who also commented on the very pleasant surroundings of the new Hall. Agreed **Clerk** to formally thank CMHMC on behalf of PC for hospitality received at the Hall Opening.

12//00/02 Matters Arising

Draft Charter

Clerk had copied changes to all Councillors. Cllr Tabrett commented that there were no financial assurances given from SDC in relation to any increased responsibilities of PC granted under the proposed Charter.. There was a general lack of confidence that the Charter would lead to increased co-operation from SDC. Clerk reported that she had queried with SDC why enforcement was not mentioned in the revised Charter when many PCs had included this topic in their comments and had been advised that enforcement was to be dealt with outside the Charter. Agreed this was unacceptable.

Agreed it would be inappropriate to sign up to the Charter in this form. **Clerk** to advise SDC.

Letter to Ch Exec

Clerk had circulated reply. Agreed unsatisfactory – further action to be considered. MP has expressed support.

Speed Limit

Clerk had agreed with Chairman not to action as per Nov minutes because the independent report was going to County Council sooner than had been thought at that meeting. Cllr Ham advised that the recommendation that settlements have 30-mph limit would help progress our request for this limit for Cross (pending requests are more likely to be prioritised) but as there was no definition of settlement, may mean it would be problematic to obtain this in Compton Bishop. He suggested it would now be appropriate to formally repeat our request. **Clerk** to action.

Time Capsule

Cllr Withecombe reported 2 sizes available at £ 107 & £ 129, which could be suitable. Cllr Ham advised that Lympsham PC had recently buried a capsule. **Clerk** to contact to check their method & price.

VAT Reclaim

Clerk advised that cash flow required a claim be made now rather than at the end of the financial year. This was due to the large sums being paid on the Hall works and as these are now finished, she will progress. **Clerk**

Welcome Pack

This has been distributed to most of the Parish. Positive feedback has been received. **Clerk** to obtain return of artwork from Printer. Cllr Stuchbery reminded that the PC had offered to pay all costs (minuted Jan 00) – and had not been asked by the Church to pay as suggested in last month's minutes.



Village Design Statement

Cllrs McColgan & Simpson to progress over Christmas break.

"Best Value"

Agreed Welcome Pack and Newsletter indicated progress – particularly regarding communication. Questions of website was discussed – Cllr McColgan suggested we test response to newsletter over the next year. Cllr Ham offered to investigate the possibility of grants for E-investment.

Local Deposit Plan

All Cllrs have seen and Clerk collating for appropriate response by deadline. Parishioners' concern over cycle track noted.

Tree Grant

Cllr Hay is handling this. She is looking at potential sites and will liase with Clerk over previously identified possibilities.

12/00/03

Financial Report

Present cash flow problem caused by unexpected bill for Welcome Pack and the last account for Hall works. This will be alleviated by VAT reclaim. In the meantime, extra care required on spending.

12/00/04

Planning

21/11/01 *Rowan Cottage*

Agreed the question of being consulted on amendments would be more appropriately dealt with under Charter correspondence than this individual case.

21/98/09 *Cross Depot*

Clerk had been in touch with Developer who forwarded a plan with comments on planting. Clerk reported that Developer seemed amenable to PC input.

21/99/10 *Shute Shelf*

Cllr Ham advised this had been agreed the previous day and provided a plan. Cllrs were pleased to note that the development would be self-contained. **Clerk** to obtain copy of written conditions.

21/00/14 *Roper Permanent Mobile Home*

No progress.

21/00/18 *Clarkes Farm*

Passed.

Enforcement

Rowan Cottage. No progress.

SB Fencing . No progress.

Fairmead. Clerk has reported to SDC.

Cllr Ham advised that the Human Rights Legislation could impact on Planning Applications.

12/00/05

CMHC Communications

Clerk reported having written to CMHMC as instructed. An acknowledgement had been received and a fuller reply may be forthcoming.

Cllr Stuchbery suggested that in future, any action required regarding communication with CMHMC should be allocated by name and minuted to prevent assumptions being made as to whom was liasing. Cllr Tabrett suggested the appropriate route would be Clerk – Secretary.