

**Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3 January, 2001**

Vice-Chairman Cllr I Tabrett opened the meeting at 1935  
Apologies Cllrs Simpson, Withecombe, Stuchbery  
Present Cllrs Hay, Lovell, McColgan

In attendance Clerk

**01/01/01 Meeting held on 6 December 2000**

December minutes agreed and duly signed by Vice-Chairman and entered in the minute book

**01/01/02 Matters Arising**

*Draft Charter*

Clerk has advised SDC that the Charter will not be signed in its current form. Clerk has advised Press, Cllr Denbee and MP.

*Letter to Ch Exec*

Clerk has responded, expressing PC's disappointment that target responses on Enforcement matters are not part of SDC's action plan for 2001. Press, Cllr Denbee & MP advised.

*Speed Limit*

Clerk has further request for Limit – linking to recent independent report. Agreed that PC would be willing to allow new or trial methods of speed control if this would lead to quicker introduction. Clerk to action.  
Daily Telegraph article re potential costs of implementation noted.

*Time Capsule*

Clerk has been in touch with Lympsham PC but their Clerk did not have all costs as the school had purchased their capsule. Hopefully details will follow shortly. Clerk to chase.

As the PC Millennium Stone may be required for the capsule, its return from CMHMC should be sought (Clerk /Cllr Hay).

*VAT Reclaim*

Clerk has submitted reclaim (see Financial Report).

*Village Design Statement*

Cllr McColgan advised input now available from Parishioner. Draft being prepared. Clerk reported Somerset Community had requested an update – Clerk to advise of these developments.

*“Best Value”*

Nothing to report.

*Local Deposit Plan*

Clerk has lodged PC comments / objections and these have been acknowledged.

*Human Rights Act*

Clerk advised the impact on planning applications

- all Committee Members will now receive a full copy of all objections / support rather than simply a summary
- the “2 minute slot” at committee meetings will now be 3 minutes.

Clerk to check if there will be any changes to the format of report issued prior to Committee.

- 01/01/03 Financial Report**  
Cash flow problem will be alleviated by VAT reclaim, which exceeds £ 2,000.
- 01/01/04 Planning**
- 21/98/09 *Cross Depot*  
Clerk to check who is responsible for grass cutting.
- 21/99/10 *Shute Shelf*  
Clerk had requested copy of written conditions from Planning Office but was told they are not finalised. **Clerk** to chase.
- 21/00/14 *Roper Permanent Mobile Home*  
No progress.
- Enforcement*
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| SB Fencing .    | Enforcement advised there is no breach of Planning Control. |
| Glebe House     | “”  |
| Coombe Cottage  | “”  |
| Dunnett Cottage | Owner has been advise an application is necessary. Awaited. |
- 01/01/05 Correspondence**  
*Sedgemoor International Links Conference (Twinning)*  
Invitation NTU.  
*North Sedgemoor Youth Work*  
Pass to CMHMC  
*SCC – Community Development Seminar*  
Invitation NTU  
*SDC – Reception to Introduce Changes to Structure*  
Clerk and hopefully Chairman will attend
- 01/01/06 Footpaths and Highways**  
Clerk had expressed concern to WS Atkins re closure of A38 due to lack of gritting.  
Closure of A370 at Bleadon for 6 weeks for works to bridge noted.  
Rackley Lane – Clerk has requested details of parishioners comments generated by Contact article.
- 01/01/07 AGM**  
To be held on Friday 27 April. **Clerk** to invite representative for National Trust to speak.
- 01/01/08 Next Meeting**  
Clerk will be on holiday – **Cllr Hay** kindly offered to take minutes.

**Cllr Tabrett closed the meeting at 2045..**

**Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 7 February 2001 at 1930.**

**Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7 February, 2001**

Chairman Cllr Simpson opened the meeting at 1930  
Apologies Cllrs Lovell and Clerk  
Present Cllrs Hay, McColgan, Stuchbery, Tabrett, Withecombe

**02/01/01 Meeting held on 3 January 2001**

January minutes agreed and duly signed by Chairman and entered in the minute book.

**02/01/02 Matters Arising**

*Draft Charter*

Chairman reported about the meeting he and Clerk had attended, and that there were other Parish Councils who had concerns over the enforcement issue and also not signed the Charter.

*Planning/Enforcement*

A letter from our MP to Clerk was read out, he is writing to the appropriate Minister, about our concerns over the absence of reference to enforcement in the Local Government Charter.

*Speed Limit*

Alan Ham has had a reply from WS Atkins that stated there were plans for further speed restrictions on all roads. No date was mentioned which he found totally unacceptable, so he has written to the Environment and Transport Portfolio holder, and will let us know the outcome.

Cllr Tabrett pointed out that the 50 mph speed limit sign outside the Shute Shelf development had been moved during the new road works, he was concerned it had been incorrectly replaced.

*Time Capsule*

A photograph of the Lympsham time capsule was shown, there were concerns whether it would stand the passage of time. Cllr Withecombe to enquire about Mark PC time capsule.

*Village Design Statement*

Cllr McColgan reported it was in hand.

*Best Value*

The Village Design Statement is under way.

We are constantly looking into a speed limit through the village.

Chairman asked members for further suggestions to be discussed at the next meeting.

Cllr Stuchbery has sent Welcome Packs to Eileen Zoers and Cathy Courtney from the Cheddar Valley Gazette

A Census of all children under 17 living in the Parish for Parish records to be included in Time Capsule.

**02/01/03 Financial Report**

Clerk to report on return from holiday.

It was agreed to pay grass cutting grant to Church.

**02/01/04 Planning**

21/98/09 Cross Depot

Developer suggests we badger SDC about planting once they adopt area in 2002. In the meantime they say it is too fixed now. Cllr Tabrett pointed out that the trees have been correctly planted according to the plans, but will soon grown to tangle with the overhead telephone wires. Clerk to contact BT. Also to check with developer re future responsibility and maintenance of railings and grassed areas.

21/99/10            Shute Shelf  
New conditions have been received and were read out by Chairman. It was agreed many concerns had been addressed and tightened up. Cllr Tabrett pointed out that there was still no restriction on security lighting at the rear of the houses which could cause problems for traffic on the A38.

21/01/01            BT Cellnet – Mast  
No objection

21/00/14            Roper – Mobile Home  
Permission refused.

**02/01/05CMHC**

Letter received from secretary of Hall Committee in response to our letter clarifying ownership.  
Appointment of PC representatives – Cllrs Hay and Withecombe.

**02/01/06Parish Council Supper**

A good idea. Chairman to contact Kate Fielder to cater. Keith Petit and Pauline Warner from CMHC to be invited.

**02/01/07Footpaths and Highways**

WS Atkins confirmed that the closure of A38 was due to a gas leak and confirmed their commitment to gritting main road. WS Atkins to be contacted re broken signs Cross Moor Lane, Big Tree Close and one missing on the corner of Webbington/Barton lane.

**02/02/08Correspondence**

*Avon and Somerset Police – New personnel ? invite to AGM*  
*Somerset Level & Moors – looking for representative – No applicant, we have no moors.*  
*SCC Education Dept – consultation document available –*  
*SCC Environment Dept – Winter maintenance guide received.*

Request for waste bin near Church by Parishioner

Letter to WS Atkins re Parishioners concern over the dangers at the top of Rackley Lane, can the lines be made clearer?

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 20.45**  
**Next meeting will take place on Wednesday 7 March.**

**Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7 March, 2001**

Present Cllrs Simpson, Tabrett, Hay, McColgan, Stuchbery, Lovell and Withecombe  
County Councillor Alan Ham

In attendance Clerk

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1940

**03/01/01 Meeting held on 5 February 2001**

February minutes agreed and duly signed by Chairman and entered in the minute book although noted that the reference to census of children within the parish could be used for other reasons too. Cllr McColgan stated concerns re data protection – \*Clerk to investigate.

**03/01/02 Matters Arising**

*Planning/Enforcement*

Correspondence form MP had previously been circulated. Department of Environment say legislation is adequate provided that SDC apply it. Agreed this was the basic problem – SDC are not enforcing it. \*Clerk to thank MP for input.

*Speed Limit*

Clerk has been invited to formally apply for speed limit. Unfortunately previous applications do not give any priority. Cllr Ham stated this was unsatisfactory but recommended PC follow process.

Agreed application should be for a 30-mph limit from A38 through Cross until Cumbtune Farm and also through Compton Bishop "loop", and a 40-mph limit along the remainder of Webbington Road. Preferably limit to be painted on road rather than signs. Covering letter to stress length of time we have been pursuing this.

\*Clerk also to investigate the cost of having signs made.

\*Clerk to keep press advised.

*Time Capsule*

\*Cllr Withecombe still awaiting results of enquiry.

*Village Design Statement*

Chairman reported that Richard Parker has done some work on this – details passed to \*Cllr McColgan to liaise with his contact.

Cllr Ham advised other PCs are going down the VDS route. \*Clerk to investigate grants.

*Best Value*

Clerk has been invited to take part in trials for more E-communication and agreed. Noted that current use of Email gives savings in PC admin costs. Cllr Ham advised SCC has received grant for advancing E-communication. \*Clerk knows of parishioner who is keen to design web-sites and will make enquiries.

*PC Dinner*

Moved to 30 March. \*Clerk to contact caterers re menu etc. \*Clerk to issue invitations as agreed.

*New Format of Local Government*

Formal views to be put to Department of Environment in April. \*Clerk to circulate SALC views to be considered by \*all Cllrs and discussed at April meeting.

**02/01/03 Financial Report**

Up to date figures previously circulated by Clerk.  
Audit Commission have issued a credit note.

VAT inspector has requested meeting with Clerk regarding last claim. **\*Cllr Stuchbery** to provide Clerk with CMHC correspondence with VAT office as a defence to any suggestion of wrongdoing.

**03/01/04 Emergency Services**

Cllr Ham advised Fire service could advise households of their referenced location. This makes it easier for help to arrive in an emergency without lengthy directions being required.

**\*Clerk** to publicise in Contact and include in AGM newsletter.

**03/01/04 Planning & Enforcement**

*21/98/09 Cross Depot*

Cllr Tabrett reported grass in front of dwellings is responsibility of homeowners.

**\*Clerk** to contact BT regarding trees threatening to entangle telephone wires .

*21/99/10 Shute Shelf*

**\*Clerk** to contact WS Atkins re moved speed limit sign.

*21/01/01 BT Cellnet – Mast*

Passed

*21/00/14 Roper – Mobile Home*

Permission has been refused but increase in vehicles noted (7 caravans; 10 cars and a breakdown truck). **\*Clerk** to advise SDC (Development Control & Environmental Health).

*21/01/02 Kennel Lane*

No objection. Minor amendment to doors noted.

*21/00/07 Clover Farm*

Parishioner has reported concern that occupancy condition may be breached.

*21/00/01 Rowan Cottage*

Appeal has been submitted. PC has been invited to comment. Agreed to confirm that previously stated views remain unchanged. **\*Clerk** to advise Planning Inspectorate. Appeal also pending against Enforcement notice – SDC are in the process of issuing appropriate notices.

*Fairmead, Cross Lane*

Sign has been removed – no need for action.

In response to Clerk's enquiry, Development Control Manager has confirmed that PC views on Planning Applications are not circulated with the Supporters/Objectors letters which are issued in advance to C'ee Members. Agreed this was not satisfactory as Members could form a preliminary view at this stage. **\*Clerk** to write to Mr Juniper requesting change of procedure.

**03/01/05**

**Footpaths and Highways**

Thanks to all involved in issuing notices re Foot & Mouth. **\*Clerk** to write to Miss Sharp MBE and Mr & Mrs Warner to thank them formally.

Clerk has asked WS Atkins to look at Rackley Lane signs.

**\*Clerk** to ask WS Atkins to investigate legality of moved speed control sign on A38 at Shute Shelf.

**\*Clerk** to thank SDC for removing dead sheep recently.

Agreed to engage services of A1 gardening for the summer. **\*Clerk** to arrange.

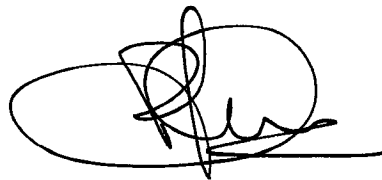
Dog fouling a recurring issue – **\*Clerk** to mention in Contact.

**03/01/06**

**AGM**

Clerk confirmed Adrian Woodhouse of N Trust will attend.

**\*Clerk & Chairman** to liase over Agenda & Account.



03/01/07

**Correspondence**

SCC Annual report to be circulated.

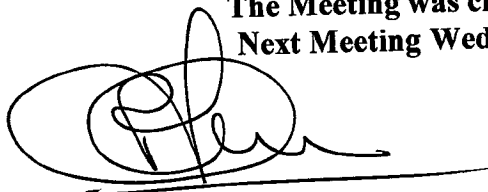
Somerset Minerals Local Plan Revised Deposit Version available – agreed not to request a copy.

CPRE article re Billboards campaign – **\*Clerk** to request SDC to clarify their position re advertisements within our Parish.

Magazine article re implications of Disability Discrimination Act final phase (Oct 2001) noted. **\*Clerk** to copy to CMHMC.

**The Meeting was closed by the Chairman at 2145.**

**Next Meeting Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2001 at 1930.**



**Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4 April, 2001**

Present Cllrs Simpson, Tabrett, McColgan, Stuchbery, Lovell and Withecombe  
Jonathon Borley (Weston Mercury)  
Mrs Settle (parishioner) was present for a short time  
Apologies Cllr Hay  
In attendance Clerk

The Chairman opened the meeting at 1935

**04/01/01 Meeting held on 5 March 2001**

March minutes agreed and were duly signed by Chairman and entered in the minute book.

**04/01/02 Matters Arising**

*Planning/Enforcement*

Clerk has thanked MP for input.

*Speed Limit*

Clerk has submitted formal application and copied to Press. Accompanying letter requested comments from SCC to clarify position of long-outstanding requests such as CBPC. Clerk will chase response – hopefully in time for AGM.

*Time Capsule*

**\*Cllr Withecombe** still awaiting results of enquiry.

*Village Design Statement*

Cllr McColgan reported that the public meeting was well attended. First draft for Cross has been prepared. **\*Clerk** to investigate grants.

*PC Dinner*

Postponed until 12 or 13 October.

*New Format of Local Government*

All Cllrs supported idea of single standards body – **\*Clerk** to advise SDC.  
General support for SALC views on new structure – **\*Clerk** to confirm to D of E.

*E-Contact*

Agreed to put web-site on hold until position on grants is known although this may not be for some time.

*Trees*

Cllrs Hay & Tabrett to carry out (tarmac-only) tour of Parish. Unlikely likely to progress before autumn in view of Foot & Mouth. SDC have confirmed that funds will still be available then.

**04/01/03 Financial Report**


Up to date figures previously circulated by Clerk.  
Clerk reported that meeting with VAT inspector went well and he is satisfied with the claim. (Relevant CMHMC papers returned to Cllr Stuchbery).  
CMHMC have requested a grant towards their deficit. To be considered once final annual accounting is completed.

**04/01/04 Planning & Enforcement**

*21/98/09 Cross Depot*

Clerk has contacted BT regarding trees threatening to entangle telephone wires but they were not terribly interested. Agreed good idea to confirm in writing.





21/99/10 *Shute Shelf*

WS Atkins advise that the moved speed limit sign is in fact still legal.

21/01/02 *Kennel Lane*

Report to C'ee recommends approval.

21/00/01 *Rowan Cottage*

Clerk has forwarded representation to Appeals Inspector – basically confirming previous views remain unchanged.

Notice has been received of the Appeal against Enforcement order. Agreed to confirm previous views on this (**\*Clerk**).

21/01/03 *Lukins Farm Chicken Shed*

Enquiries by sub-committee had not uncovered any objections but agreed that as this proposed development is closer to Axbridge, SDC should be referred to Axbridge Town Council for views. (**\*Clerk**).

21/01/04 *Old Post House*

No objections. **\*Clerk** to advise SDC.

21/01/05 *Dunnett Cottage*

Application for stables (as a result of enquiry by Enforcement Officer regarding unauthorised development). Local views to be checked (**\*Cllr Stuchbery**) and returned to **\*Clerk** for appropriate action.

*Land at Newtown*

A Parishioner has suggested that the agricultural use of a corner of a field is not authorised use. To be checked (**\*Cllr Tabrett**)

*Reporting to Planning Committee*

Development Control Manager has confirmed to Clerk that PC views on Planning Applications **may not** be circulated to C'ee Members with the Supporters/Objectors. Agreed that any Parishioners who lobby Parish Councillors should be advise to make their own objections in addition, to ensure that their views are relayed at the earliest opportunity. Further agreed that in the event of a contentious matter, PC should forward full letters to all C'ee Members. **\*Clerk** to check if this is possible via SDC "pigeon holes".

*ASCAS*

Clerk has been in correspondence with Development Control Manager who has confirmed that they will be conducting a review after other priorities have been satisfied.

*Time-scale*

Clerk reminded Cllrs that as we only have 21 days to respond to new Planning Applications, they must move speedily. Please also advise her of absences.

#### **04/01/05 Footpaths and Highways**

*Foot & Mouth*

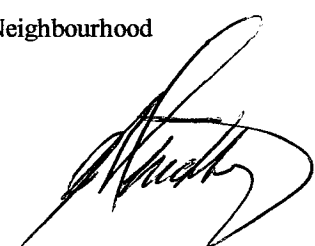
Concern reported that parish dogs are roaming unleashed. As this could potentially spread the disease, **\*all Cllrs** to remain vigilant and make tactful phone calls where required.

SCC have asked for list to be submitted of any footpaths which the PC thinks could be reopened. Agreed none. (Noted that, due to legal position re Emergency Powers, if any are reopened, it would be very difficult to close them later if necessary). **\*Clerk** to advise SCC.

**04/01/06**

**AGM**

**\*Clerk** to contact Alan Ham & John Denbee and Sue Acland (Neighbourhood Watch)



**\*Clerk** to prepare Agenda for distribution 2 weeks prior to AGM. CMHMC Agenda to be incorporated and their members have offered help in distribution.

**\*Cllr Withecombe & Clerk** to liase over account preparation..

**\*Cllr Stuchbery** offered to liase with CMHMC over setting up of chairs etc on the day

04/01/07

**Correspondence**

SDC Best Value report to be circulated.

Questionnaire on WS Atkins to be completed (**\*Clerk**).

Community Council for Somerset – agreed not to subscribe, as CMHMC are already Members.

**The Meeting was closed by the Chairman at 2135.**

**Next Meeting Wednesday 2 May 2001 at 1930.**

**PARISH AGM FRIDAY 27 APRIL**

# Parish of Compton Bishop – Annual Meetings

## Cross Memorial Hall – Annual General Meeting

The 4<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Charity known as Cross Memorial Hall will be held on Friday 27 April 2001 at 1930 in the hall. All inhabitants of the area of benefit aged 18 or upwards are entitled to attend.

- Agenda
- ~~1~~ Apologies for absence
  - ~~2~~ Report of the Trustees
  - ~~3~~ Presentation of Accounts
  - ~~4~~ Election of 2 members to the Management Committee  
(Nominations to be sent to Secretary)
  - ~~5~~ Any Other Business (at the Chairman's discretion)

Hon Secretary : Mrs P Warner, Highways House Old Coach Road Cross (732735)

## Parish Annual Open Meeting

*This will follow immediately after the Memorial Hall AGM*

- Agenda
- 1 Apologies for absences
  - 2 Introductions
  - 3 Minutes of Open Meeting held 14 April 2000
  - 4 Matters arising from the Minutes
  - ~~5 Parish Council Reports~~
  - ~~6 Cray Charity Report~~
  - ~~7 Neighbourhood Watch Report~~
  - ~~8 National Trust – Adrian Woodhall~~
  - 9 County Councillor – Alan Ham
  - 10 District Councillor – John Denbee
  - 11 Any Other Business
  - 12 Date of Next Meeting

*Please attend - this is your opportunity to raise matters of concern*

If there is anything you would like to have discussed, please contact any Parish Councillor or the Clerk by 23 April.

### *Your Parish Councillors are*

Patrick Simpson, Ashtree Lodge, Old Coach Road, Cross 733056

Ian Tabrett, Grey Stacks, Old Coach Road, Cross 732219

Jane Withecombe, The Paddock, Old Coach Road, Cross 732141

Barney Lovell, Cleevehead Farm, Old Coach Road, Cross 732431

Jenny Hay, Newtown Cottage, Webbington Road Compton Bishop 732866

Stephen McColgan, Orchard Cottage, Butts Batch, Compton Bishop 732321

John Stuchbery, Crook Peak House, Webbington Road, Compton Bishop 750421

### *Clerk*

Amanda Lang, Summerfield Cottage, Webbington Road, Compton Bishop 732728

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# Compton Bishop Parish Council

## Minutes of Annual Open Meeting held on Friday 27 April 2001-

The Chairman Cllr Simpson was present but being vocally indisposed was assisted in the Chair by Vice-Chairman Cllr Tabrett. Cllr Tabrett opened the meeting at 2005 following the conclusion of CMHMC AGM.

### **Present :**

Cllrs Jenny Hay, Stephen McColgan, John Stuchbery, Jane Withecombe, County Cllr Alan Ham and 56 electors

Press : Catherine Courtney (Cheddar Valley Gazette); Jonathon Borley (Weston Mercury)

### **Apologies for absence :**

Mr & Mrs John Craig; District Cllr John Denbee; Mr Michael Field; Brig Tom Lang; Mr & Mrs John Lodge; Cllr & Mrs Barney Lovell; Mr Lionel Partridge; Mr & Mrs Howard Robinson; Mrs Wendy Simpson

**Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 14 April 2000** had been circulated previously and were approved.

**Matters arising** were already agenda items.

### **The Vice - Chairman reported :**

#### *Planning*

The 19 applications within the period ranged from extensions and stables to enlargement of a mobile telephone mast. The PC objected to 5. One was amended and then passed, 2 refused, 2 not yet determined and the remainder passed. Those refused by SDC were a permanent mobile home site in Cross Lane, and for garaging and hard-standing at land behind Rowan Cottage (this application is currently being appealed by the owner.)

The vote of no-confidence in the Planners has not yet been reversed by the PC – as the Shute Shelf Development takes shape it is easy to be reminded of SDC's decisions. However the Clerk reports quicker responses by Development Control to correspondence generally. This is likely due to increased use of Email.

There is a change in the way SDC are handling new applications and have undertaken not to put matters to Committee until in receipt of PC response. Recent Human Rights legislation has had an impact too – all letters of support or objection by neighbours will automatically be copied to Committee members in full, but not the PC comments. This means that if anyone feels strongly in any way regarding an application, even if they are aware of the PC views it is advisable to follow up with their own representations as soon as possible. (For example, on Shute Shelf, no individual letters were received from Parishioners.)

#### *Millenium Projects*

The PC considered purchasing boundary rocks with MM on them but on enquiry they were too expensive at around £ 1,000. This was considered too large a proportion of the Parish Income, particularly bearing in mind the large sum allocated to the Hall works.

A time-capsule is still being considered. This, and other expenditure was put on hold pending resolution of an enquiry from the VAT Officer. This held serious implications on available cash. The Village Photograph is still a possibility too (Foot and Mouth situation allowing).

#### *Speed Limit/ -*

#### *Speed Limit*

The majority (but not all) of residents favour speed control within the Parish. SCC has undertaken to review all rural districts but the PC feared that this in effect put Compton Bishop & Cross back at the start with all other areas. We have been trying to obtain a comment from the Head of Traffic on this blatant unfairness and he has just responded assuring that this is not the case and that there is a commitment to provide 30mph limits in all settlements (settlements not defined). The Vice Chairman thanked the Press for their coverage.

#### *Sedgemoor District Council*

SDC introduced a Charter of co-operation between District & Parish Councils. CBPC have so far refused to sign as it is felt there is not adequate guarantees from SDC regarding enforcement action. Also, it is unclear whether increased funding would be available for some of the potentially increased responsibilities of the PC.

#### *Highways*

The Vice-Chairman advised that the poor state of the roads with increased pot-holes was of concern and would be taken up with the Highways authorities. A Parishioner's question related to the junction at Rackley Lane. The PC is already aware of concern here and will continue to chase action from Highways.

#### *Footpaths*

Walking is increasingly popular with footpaths being well used. Landowners and Farmers are generally keeping stiles and gates in good order. The Vice-Chairman thanked the Cllrs and Parishioners who had acted very quickly to put up the notices closing footpaths due to Foot & Mouth.

#### *Welcome Booklet and Newsletter*

These were new in the past year. The Welcome pack was a joint venture with the Church and hopefully all those who have lived here for some time as well as newcomers found useful information in it.

The newsletter was prepared by the PC and will hopefully be a regular item but the Contact magazine & notice-boards remain sources of information.

#### **Finance**

Unaudited accounts having been circulated, the Clerk reported that MM – MMI had not been a typical year due to the large amount of expenditure on the Village Hall. Much of this was recouped in grants but £ 6000 of PC funds had been saved over previous years to contribute. This represented over 2 years total income for the PC. Increased use of Email meant a reduction in stationery and post costs (although the Welcome Pack had been an expensive item). Travel costs had been slightly increased in the first part of the year while the previous Clerk had commuted, but all Cllrs re-cycled paper etc where possible and made every attempt to keep costs down.

#### **Village Design Statement**

Richard Parker reported having prepared a template for Cross. 14 people had attended a recent meeting and a questionnaire is being prepared for the whole Parish to ascertain views generally. All feedback will be welcomed and hopefully a follow on meeting will take place in September.

#### **Cray Charity**

Jim Warner reported that funds would possibly be down in future as the income for this charity came from agricultural land, which could be affected by Foot & Mouth. However, he remained optimistic as a strong financial situation exists at the moment with few applications pending.

#### **Neighbourhood Watch**

Sue Acland reported that crime in the area over the last year had decreased by 10 % (cf 3% for Avon & Somerset as a total). She advised that most crime remain opportunistic and advised continued vigilance. Hopefully the Chief Constable will be prepared to talk to NW locally – if not he will be attending Bridgwater NW in October. An emergency life-saving course may be held in the Hall later this year.

#### **National Trust**

Warden Adrian Woodhall reported that Foot & Mouth had obviously impacted on Crooks Peak (being within 3 miles of the Biddisham outbreak) and the NT operations generally. However he was hopeful that grazing would soon be increased on Crooks Peak although a lot of work would be involved in preparing an attractive total package for a farmer. The EU have awarded the highest legal protection for the landscape of Crooks Peak with a Habitual Directive. NT is hoping to open a new low level path.

Parishioners can report matters to Adrian on 844518 or Email [wmeabw@smtp.ntrust.org.uk](mailto:wmeabw@smtp.ntrust.org.uk) .

### **County Councillors Report**

Alan Ham congratulated CMHCM on the refurbished hall. He reported that the Grant Committee had minuted the successful refurbishment (as many new halls resulted from the original having been demolished).

He congratulated the PC on the Welcome Pack and recommended pressing on with the VDS as he had seen that these do have a major effect on Development.

He highlighted 3 areas of SCC expenditure for comment :-

*Roads* He considered these remained under-funded. Although £ 4.5 m was allocated, the real figure required to bring the county highways up to standard was £ 60m.

*Social Services* The County is affected by having +10% elderly than the national average, impacting on care workers, residential homes etc. which face increased costs. He also considered the nursery education budget inadequate.

*The Police* now have an increased budget. 67 extra officers are allocated to Avon & Somerset this year 51 next year). It remained to be seen what effect this will have on the local force. A trial Parish Warden scheme is under way in other parts of Somerset where a local warden is the eyes and ears of the police but funding has to be by the PC.

He commented on Local Government Changes :-

It has been decided that the *New Format of Local Government* will be Leader & Cabinet. 10 Councillors form the cabinet and the remainder scrutinises and forms working parties.

A *South West Chamber* meeting in Exeter has already met and elected a Chairman. Cllr Ham believes this could have a detrimental effect on District & Parish Councils.

*On Foot & Mouth Disease* Cllr Ham reported an ultra-cautious approach from SCC with early closure of footpaths and a task force meeting twice weekly. The possibility of landfill sites being identified within Somerset for Devon carcasses will be resisted.

Cllr Ham has come to the end of a 4 year tenure as County Councillor and has offered himself as a candidate in the forthcoming election. The constituency boundaries have changed.

In response to a Parishioner's question he advised that where fibre-optic laying contractors make a poor job of reinstating roads etc, they can be held responsible by Highways Authorities. He is aware of cases where they have been brought back to do more work.

### **Any Other Business**

Thought to be given to suitable celebrations for Her Majesty's Jubilee next year.

**The Vice- Chairman thanked all contributors and closed the meeting at 2125.**

**The next meeting will be on Friday 26 April 2002**



**Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 2 May, 2001**

Present            Cllrs Hay, Stuchbery, Withecombe  
Apologies        Cllrs Lovell, McColgan, Simpson, Tabrett  
In attendance    Clerk

Cllr Stuchbery was in the Chair and opened the meeting at 1935. The Clerk confirmed that Standing Orders held 3 Cllrs present to be a quorum.

**05/01/01 Meeting held on 4 April 2001**

April minutes were agreed and were duly signed by Chairman and entered in the minute book.

**04/01/02 Matters Arising**

*Speed Limit*

Clerk confirmed that SCC have confirmed it is definitely policy to apply 30mph limits in all rural settlements. Progress awaited.

*Time Capsule*

Cllr Withecombe reported cost of heavy-duty capsule to be £125 plus VAT. Agreed to purchase. Acknowledged this may now become Jubilee Capsule. Adrian Woodhall (NT) has possibly offered stones, which are much cheaper than those quoted earlier. **\*Clerk** to check and report in advance of next meeting. **\*All Cllrs** to consider potential sites, wording etc.

*Trees & Maintenance*

Cllrs Hay & Tabrett dealing with this. A1 gardening are appearing a bit pricey – **\*Cllr Hay** to make enquiries with Mark Wederell.

*Village Design Statement*

Agreed £ 50 to be donated to running costs. **\*Clerk** still investigating grants.

**04/01/03 Financial Report**

Monthly summary was circulated by the Clerk. £ 500 had been paid to CMHMC ( this had been previously agreed in the MM – MMI budget) and a letter of thanks received. Cllr Stuchbery queried the £ 150 payment to Church grass cutting as he thought £ 200 had been agreed. **\*Clerk** to check minutes and organise further payment if the £ 200 had been agreed previously.

**\*Clerk & \*Cllr Withecombe** to liase re internal audit.

**\*Clerk** to prepare draft budget for discussion at next meeting.

Clerk intends to draw salary monthly instead of quarterly unless there are objections.

**05/01/04 Planning & Enforcement**

Existing Matters

*21/00/08 Clevehead*

Minor Amendments passed by SDC noted.

*21/01/03 Lukins Farm Chicken Shed*

No progress – petition by Axbridge residents noted.

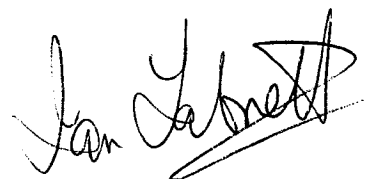
*21/01/04 Old Post House*

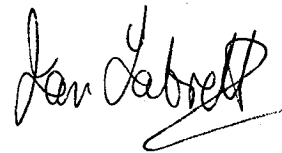
Clerk has advised SDC – no objection. Decision awaited.

*21/01/05 Dunnett Cottage*

Clerk has advised SDC of PC concerns re junction. Decision awaited.

New Matters /-





New Matters

21/01/06 Hedgerow removal on A371  
Being considered by sub-committee

21/01/07 21a Big Tree Close (Conservatory)  
Being considered by sub-committee.

Appeals

Rowan Cottage  
No progress

*Land at Newtown*

Historic horticulture use established. SDC advise "agri = horti culture". Clerk has confirmed to enquirer. No further action required.

*Roper – Caravan*

Enforcement notice has been issued by SDC.

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

*Foot & Mouth*

None of the Parish footpaths appear to meet criteria for re-opening.

Rackely Lane – still an issue. Clerk has contacted WS Atkins again.

**05/01/05**

**Matters arising from AGM**

Parishioners to be invited to comment on ideas for Jubilee celebrations. **\*Clerk** to submit notice in Contact. Will also appear as an item in the next newsletter.

Welcome booklet to be updated – **\*Cllr Tabrett** represents PC. **\*All Cllrs** to consider whether businesses can be asked to contribute to the costs.

**05/01/06**

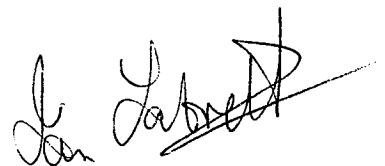
**Correspondence**

Somerset Home Guard – request for memories etc to be advised in Contact.

SCC Education Department – admission arrangements for MMII MMIII are available.

**The Meeting was closed by the Chairman at 2050.**

**Next Meeting Wednesday 6 June 2001 at 1930.**





**Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6 June, 2001**

Present Cllrs Tabrett, Hay, Lovell  
Apologies Cllrs Simpson, McColgan, Stuchbery, Withecombe  
In attendance Clerk

Cllr Tabrett was in the Chair and opened the meeting at 1935.

**06/01/01 Meeting held on 2 May 2001**

May minutes were agreed and were duly signed by Chairman and entered in the minute book.

**06/01/02 Matters Arising**

*Speed Limit*  
No progress

*Time Capsule*  
Cllr Withecombe has ordered the capsule.

*MM Rocks*

Clerk reported that the sculptor recommended by Adrian Woodhall was quoting around £ 500 per stone (in line with previous quotation). In addition, PC would have to pay for hole being dug etc. Agreed not to pursue at this stage but to bear in mind that sculptor may be able to do eg one single standing stone or stone bench. **\*All Cllrs** to give further thought.

*VDS*

Richard Parker has organised meeting for 11 June in White Hart at 1930. Clerk has applied for "Vital Village" pack, which may be a source of funding, and has also passed on other leads to Richard Parker. £ 50 donation to funds has been paid.

*Trees & Maintenance*  
Still on hold due to Foot & Mouth.

*Data Protection*

Clerk has established that the annual fee to register is £ 35. Our enquiry has led to the possibility of SCC preparing guidance notes for PCs. Agreed no action required at the moment.

*SDC Standards C'ee*

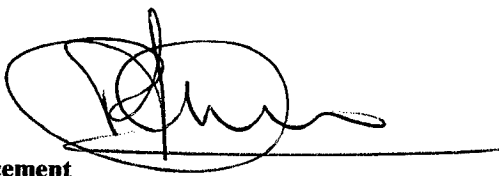
SDC advise that majority of PCs expressed preference for single standards C'ee. This is now to be formed – PC invited to nominate a candidate for Member. Agreed no nomination from CBPC. **\*Clerk** to advise SDC. List of nominees awaited in due course for voting.

**06/01/03 Financial Report**

Monthly summary not yet prepared as all books etc with District Auditor. In future the form of Clerk's report will change. A full monthly reconciliation will be carried out but it will not always be possible to have this prepared by the next monthly meeting (being early in the month) and will be a month behind. In addition – all expenditure and commitments will be shown against budget and updated each month. This will result in a clearer up to date picture of available funds alongside a record of monies already spent or committed.

Cllr Stuchbery had questioned the amount paid for Church Grass cutting in MM/MMI. However the budget for that year had shown £ 150. Agreed no addition payment necessary.

Clerk has prepared a budget for MMI/MMII. Agreed unnecessary to settle fixed sums for donations & community projects at this stage as long as available funds are clearly shown. This will retain maximum flexibility. **\*Clerk** will re-circulate the budget showing totals for donations/projects at £ 875 & £ 1,150 respectively.



**06/01/04 Planning & Enforcement**

Existing Matters

21/01/03 *Lukins Farm Chicken Shed*  
No progress

21/01/04 *Old Post House*  
Decision awaited.

21/01/05 *Dunnett Cottage*  
Passed

21/01/06 *Hedgerow removal on A371*  
Passed – conditions not yet advised.

21/01/07 *21a Big Tree Close (Conservatory)*  
No objection – SDC advised.

New Matters

21/01/008 *Roper – Yeo Bridge Farm*  
No objection but request for strict conditions re number of vehicles.

21/01/09 *BT Mast – Webbington*  
Sub-committee considering

Appeals/Enforcement

*Rowan Cottage*  
No progress

*Sedgemoor Folly*  
Weare Clerk has checked conditions re caravan– appears no breach

*Clover Farm*  
Verbal report of residential caravan to be followed up by \*Cllr Hay.

Letter received from SDC Development Control Manager confirming that the 21-day response time has been queried by some PCs and confirming that matters will not be heard by C'ee until after response time. (CBPC had requested this system in any case.)

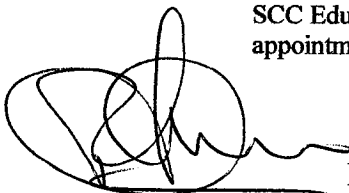
**06/01/05 Footpaths and Highways**

*Foot & Mouth*  
Paths 15/5; 15/9; 15/13; 15/14 remain closed.  
\*Clerk to contact NT re stile at Bourton Lane path 15/13.

**06/01/06**

**Correspondence**

Somerset County Youth – pass to CMHMC  
SDC – “Customer Charter” – display on Hall Notice Board  
CPRE – EGM on 22 June.  
Banwell Area Transport Study – agreed Banwell’s comments should be priority. No response to be given.  
LAMP – request for nominee for Parish representation. None made.  
CAB – request for donation. None to be made.  
Avon & Somerset Police – requested copies of minute of PC meetings. Agreed OK.  
SCC Education – Governor of Weare C of E School vacancy. Agreed joint appointment with Weare as previously.



**The Chairman closed the Meeting at 2040.  
Next Meeting Wednesday 4 July 2001 at 1930.**

**Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4 July, 2001**

Present Cllrs Simpson, Tabrett, Hay, Lovell, McColgan, Withecombe, Stuchbery  
Cllr Jessica Healey (SDC) Cllr John Denbee (SDC)  
3 Parishioners were present for the first part of the meeting relating to  
Cross Nature Site.  
In attendance Clerk

Cllr Simpson was in the Chair and opened the meeting at 1935. He formally welcomed Cllrs Healey & Denbee. Cllr Healey introduced herself as Chairman of SDC and outlined her extensive experience. She saw her role within the new structure as "the Conscious of the Council."

**07/01/01 Meeting held on 6 June 2001**

June minutes were agreed and were duly signed by Chairman and entered in the minute book.

**07/01/02 Cross Nature Reserve**

Cllr Tabrett summarised the event leading to current position. The burning of rubbish by the contractor had alerted residents and Cllr Denbee had caught them dumping rubbish. Some residents had apparently been dumping grass cuttings. It was noted that the respect for the site had been a planning condition with a bond to be deposited with SDC and ownership passing to them in 2002. It was generally felt that control by Parks Dept was not ideal and that a further transfer to Parish Council, and/or Somerset Wildlife Trust would be more appropriate. **\* Cllr Tabrett** to formally approach SWT. **\* Clerk** to write formally to SDC regarding transfer. Cllr Healey advised that Jeanette James of SDC could be approached with regard to warning contractors re dumping. Parishioners were positive and offered help as required. Cllr Denbee advised early involvement of solicitor.

**07/01/04 Matters Arising**

*Speed Limit*  
No progress as yet.

*MM & Jubilee Celebrations*  
Ideas put forward by parishioners include photographs through the seasons and opening of the old footpath from Axbridge. Agreed that a Co-ordinator was required - **\*Chairman** to approach Richard Parker. Time Capsule has been purchased. **\* Clerk** to ask Sue Ham to organise children's contribution.

*VDS*  
Cllr Tabrett had attended recent meeting. Report attached.

*Trees & Maintenance*  
Still on hold due to Foot & Mouth. Agreed **\*Cllr Hay** to liase with Mark Wederell re maintenance.

**07/01/05 Financial Report**

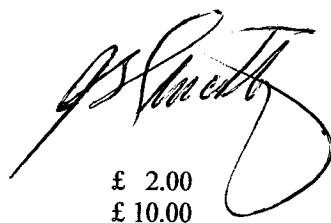
Clerk circulated reconciliation summaries for April / May / June and a summary of expenditure against budget. Cllr Stuchbery commented that the reconciliations did not show the payees of cheques and Clerk confirmed that she kept a separate list of cheque payments / signatories which would be circulated.

Clerk reported that the meeting with the Auditor regarding 1999/2000 had gone well. Clerk and Cllr Withecombe had had a meeting regarding internal audit.

Payments approved

10092	District Audit	£ 228.87
10093	Clerk Salary & Expenses	£ 101.90
10094	Inland Revenue PAYE	£ 19.95
10095	CPRE Sub	£ 17.50
10096	Society of Local Clerks	£ 38.00

Petty Cash Expenditure approved  
Cllr Tabrett delivery costs £ 2.00  
Cllr Withecombe Delivery costs £ 10.00  
Purchase of refreshments for Reception of Mrs Healey £ 11.56



07/01/06

**Planning & Enforcement**

New Matters

21/01/10 *Manor Farm*

Sub committee decision was no objection. SDC advised.

21/01/11 *Wavering Down Farm*

Sub committee decision was no objection. SDC advised

Existing Matters

21/01/03 *Lukins Farm Chicken Shed*

Passed

21/01/04 *Old Post House*

Passed

21/01/07 *21a Big Tree Close (Conservatory)*

Passed .

21/01/008 *Roper – Yeo Bridge Farm*

No progress

21/01/09 *BT Mast – Webbington*

Sub-committee decision was no objection. SDC advised.

Appeals/Enforcement

*Rowan Cottage*

No progress

Cllr Healey confirmed her awareness of CBPC dissatisfaction with Development Control.

Enquiry into Local Plan commences Nov 2001. Agreed unnecessary to attend as all comments were lodged.

**\*Clerk** to prepare a pro forma for Sub-Committee comments on applications for ease of recording.

07/01/07

**Footpaths and Highways**

*Foot & Mouth*

All paths are likely to be re-opened 14/7. Await advice from SCC.

Big Tree Close sign requires repair.

07/01/08

**Correspondence**

Society of Local Council Clerks. – Agreed could be beneficial and economic to join.

LAMP – agreed to vote for Mike Bethell as area representative.

Watch Schemes Annual Meeting Dates – pass to Sue Acland

SALC increased rates for Clerk's salary (Clerk elected not to take) and mileage.

1991 Roads & Streetworks Act – summary of what contractors can and cannot do.

07/01/09

**Absence / Holidays**

Clerk requested to be kept advised of holiday dates to avoid potential hold up in circulation/ planning matters.

**The Chairman closed the Meeting at 2040.  
No August Meeting. Next Meeting Wednesday 4 July 2001 at 1930.**



**Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3 September , 2001**

Present Cllrs, Hay, Lovell, McColgan, Withecombe, Stuchbery  
Cllr Alan Ham (SCC)

In attendance Clerk

Cllr Stuchbery was in the Chair and opened the meeting at 2005. He formally welcomed Cllr Ham and congratulated him on his re-election. Cllr Ham circulated his note to Brent Divisions and stressed that the appropriate route for PC to voice concerns / recommendations was the Policy Panels.

*Apologies from Cllrs. Stimpson + Tabrett*

09/01/01 Meeting held on 4 July 2001

July minutes were agreed and were duly signed by Chairman and entered in the minute book.

**09/01/02 Cross Nature Reserve**

Cllr Tabrett has been in touch with Somerset Wildlife Trust and hopefully a meeting will be organised soon which will include interested local residents.. The Clerk has written formally to SDC regarding transfer. The matter is now with SDC Legal Dept.

**09/01/03 Matters Arising**

*Speed Limit*

Matters are looking very hopeful. The Clerk has enquired with WS Atkins as to legality of "please drive slowly" etc notices and the Traffic Officer's advice was not to pursue this as an official limit is so close. Cllr Ham confirmed the matter was scheduled for 12 October and that he will support CBPC at that meeting.

*Jubilee Celebrations*

Sue Ham is willing to organise children's contribution to Time Capsule. Result of Chairman's discussion with Richard Parker re other events awaited.

*VDS*

No meetings scheduled. Clerk informed Richard Parker of Cllr Jessica Healey's comments at July PC meeting

*Trees & Maintenance*

**\*Cllrs Hay & Tabrett** to undertake "parish review" shortly. Noted that grants are available for private land tree planting – contact is Phil Stone at SDC.

**\*Clerk** to contact R & J Andrews re bus shelters and bench in Old Coach Road.

Cllr Lovell has made contact with new occupants of Crossways House regarding potentially dangerous Plum Tree which requires attention.

**09/01/04 Financial Report**

Clerk circulated reconciliation summaries for August and confirmed that a summary of expenditure against budget will follow shortly.

Cllr Stuchbery asked when £ 150, which he thought had been agreed to be donated to Church Grass cutting would be paid. Clerk confirmed that no specific grants had been agreed to any recipients - rather the PC had agreed a total sum to be budgeted for grants/donations and each request would be considered by Members as it was received. Members recalled having adopted this approach to maintain flexibility for unforeseen matters. The Church could make their usual written request and this would be passed to Members for consideration.

Cllr Withecombe has not yet been able to complete the internal audit.

Booklet from Audit Commission acknowledges that the present system is not working and reform is hoped for.

Re our own Audit fees – Clerk has organised payment, taking into account credit note due. NB Account will follow for recently undertaken Audit of 1999-2000.

Payments approved & cheques signed : -

100101 Clerk Salary & Expenses £ 91.28  
100102 Inland Revenue PAYE £ 19.95

07/01/06

**Planning & Enforcement**

Clerk circulated example of record sheet for Sub-C'ee. Noted that this will be a more frequent way of dealing with applications due to reduced time-scale. Clerk advised plans need to move quickly when in Sub-C'ee as some matters have been returned to her very close to, or after the deadline.

Members commented that they were able to give more time to this method of consideration.

New Matters

21/01/12 *Lincoln – Windsor House, Cross. Change of Use.*

Sub committee decision was no objection in principle but requested reduction of wall height. SDC passed without any such condition.

21/01/013 *Clancy – Bridle Cottage Cross. Rear Extension.*

Sub'C'ee had no objection. SDC advised

21/01/014 *Bartlett – 1 Church Lane. Side Extension*

Sub C'ee no objection but concerned re precedent of potentially departing from Local Plan

21/01/015 & 016 *Compton Bishop Estate. Granary Barns. Change of Use*

Discussed by Members. Final views tba. Papers with Cllr McColgan.

Existing Matters

21/01/03 *Lukins Farm Chicken Shed*

Certificate & Conditions now available.

21/01/04 *Old Post House*

Certificate not yet issued – minor details still outstanding.

21/01/008 *Roper – Yeo Bridge Farm*

Passed. Members requested file to be circulated and copy conditions made available.

**(\*Clerk).**

21/01/09 *BT Mast – Webbington*

Decision awaited.

21/01/10 *Manor Farm*

Passed

21/01/11 *Wavering Down Farm*

Passed

Appeals/Enforcement

*Rowan Cottage*

Appeals Office advise that Mrs Settle has withdrawn both Appeals. Await action by SDC.

09/01/07

**Footpaths and Highways**

Thanks to be given to Robin & Janice Burnell for path-clearing. **(\*Clerk).**

Quick response from WS Atkins re road sign wrecked by car noted and appreciated.

**\*Clerk** to query continued presence of “diverted” signs within parish.

09/01/08

**Noticeboards**

Review of number and location required due to Parishioner's comments.

At present the arrangements are

PC displays

Outside White Hart / CB board / Webbington (limited as not waterproof) / Outside Hall / Inside Hall

Public can use

Outside Hall / Inside Hall / Bus shelter at CB / Bus Shelter Old Coach Road

Members agreed shortage of available space for public at east end of parish. Clerk advised it would not be practical to allow use of space inside locked PC board.

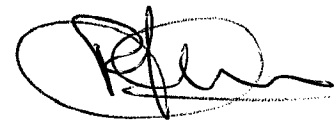
**\*All Members** to consider options for discussion at next meeting.

09/01/09

**Correspondence**

LAMP –Mike Bethell was voted our area representative.

Standards C'ee – our vote for Ian Ham has been submitted.



Cllr Jessica Healey holding PC evening at Bridgwater House 27 September  
Cllr Jessica Healey holding Chair & Clerk evening relating to the Charter October 3<sup>rd</sup>  
in Wedmore.

09/01/10

**Delivery Areas**

Areas agreed for Cllrs "letter box drops".

Old Coach North Side East of & inc Quarry House	Cllr Withecombe
Old Coach South Side West of Quarry House	Cllr Lovell
Old Coach North Side East of & inc Linden Lea	Cllr Tabrett
Old Coach South Side West of Quarry House	Cllr Lovell
Old Coach South of & inc Crossways House & Ashtree Lodge	Cllr Simpson
Newtown / Rackley / Bourton Lane	Cllr Hay
Compton Bishop "loop"	Cllr McColgan
West of Compton Bishop	Cllr Stuchbery

Webbington Road East of Bourton Lane	Cllr Withecombe (Pro tem)
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Agree attempt to co-ordinate Newsletter with Contact in future

09/01/11

**Absence / Holidays**

Clerk requested to be kept advised of holiday dates to avoid potential hold up in circulation/ planning matters. This will **not** be recorded in minutes (for security purposes.)

Absences noted.

**The Chairman closed the Meeting at 2155.**

**Next Meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2001 at 1930.**

## Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9 October, 2001

Present Cllrs, Hay, Lovell, McColgan (joined during the meeting), Tabrett,  
Simpson, Withecombe  
Apologies Cll Stuchbery  
In attendance Clerk

Cllr Simpson was in the Chair and opened the meeting at 1930.

### 10/01/01 Meeting held on 3 September 2001

September minutes were amended to show apologies and were then signed by Chairman and entered in the minute book.

### 10/01/02 Matters Arising

#### Springfield Wildlife Area

Cllr Tabrett circulated note on public meeting held 8 October. There is good support and interest from local residents. Somerset Wildlife Trust attended and their wish is for the site to be left rather "wild"; SDC are looking at it more akin to a recreational area whereas PC and locals feel something between the two would be more appropriate. Concern exists regarding water hazard. Cllr Tabrett considers a partnership rather than full agency agreement from SDC would be appropriate and this was generally agreed. Also agreed that local interest group should be separate from the PC, possibly affiliated to British Trust for Nature Conservation Volunteers. However Cllr Tabrett will organise the next public meeting.

#### Action points (\*Clerk) :-

- Request that SDC review compliance with S106 conditions (particularly push for interpretation board to be erected).
- Obtain confirmation of proposed transfer date
- Contact Berrow PC who have recently been involved in similar project for any tips
- Voice concern to SDC that they consider the land to be "recreational"
- Establish whether SDC will keep to the 20mm grass height currently imposed on Developer

#### Speed Limit

Nothing further but confidence held that Cllr Ham is fighting our corner and will advise any progress promptly.

#### Jubilee Celebrations

##### Current ideas

- Photography Competition (\*Clerk to contact Margaret Jordan)
- Street Party
- Time Capsule
- Jubilee Cookbook (\*Cllr Simpson to estimate costs)

#### VDS

No meetings since PC last met but understood one is to be held shortly.

#### Trees & Maintenance

Cllrs Hay & Tabrett have met to discuss location of trees and are in touch with SDC grant system. Dunnett Farm & Big Tree Close are potential sites for planting. Any money spent will be matched by a SDC grant.

Cllr Hay has kindly contacted (in Clerk's absence) R & J Andrews re bus shelters and bench in Old Coach Road.

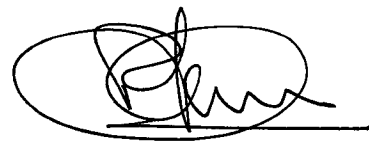
#### Noticeboards

Agreed that current facilities are adequate.

### 10/01/05 Financial Report

Clerk circulated reconciliation summaries for September.  
2 requests for donations had been received.





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- 1) Church grass cutting. Agreed to donate £ 150
- 2) Contribution to new flag for Friends of Compton Bishop Church. Members felt this did not satisfy the criteria that PC spending must be for the benefit of the majority of Parishioners. Regrettably declined.

The following amounts were agreed to be appropriate to be set aside for the purposes

Jubilee Street Party £250  
Tree planting £ 150  
Welcome Pack £ 250

These will appear as commitments in the Income against Budget summary.

Cheques were approved and signed :-

100103 Clerk's Salary (£70.72) & Expenses (£9.84) Total £ 80.56.  
100104 Clerk's PAYE £ 19.95  
100105 Crooks Peak PCC (Grass Cutting) £ 150.00

Cllr Withecombe completed internal audit and will meet with Clerk shortly.

Cllr Hay & Withecombe advised that it may be the intention of CMHMC to charge PC rental for meetings. Cllr Simpson asked them to convey the view that reducing the PC funds in this manner would be detrimental to the Parish as a whole, as fewer funds would be available for other matters.

10/01/06

### **Planning & Enforcement**

#### New Matters

None

#### Existing Matters

21/01/008 Roper – Yeo Bridge Farm

File is circulating with copy conditions made available for each Cllr.

21/01/09 BT Mast – Webbington

Decision awaited. Clerk chasing current position.

21/01/013 Clancy – Bridle Cottage Cross. Rear Extension.

Passed

21/01/014 Bartlett – 1 Church Lane. Side Extension

Passed (with amendments)

21/01/015 & 016 Compton Bishop Estate. Granary Barns. Change of Use

Amended plans received – passed to Cllr McColgan

21/99/10 Shute Shelf

**\*All** to consider possible names for street. Agreed that local history points such as use of Shute Shelf for executions and the site as nursing home may be relevant in choice of name.

**\*Clerk** to advise SDC that we wish to name the street.

#### Appeals/Enforcement

Rowan Cottage

No progress

Little Harbourne

Suggestion by parishioners that construction is higher than the plans and has additional features. On review of plans it was felt that no breach had taken place.

10/01/07

### **Footpaths and Highways**

Concern that works to Axbridge interchange have only just been advised to PC by WS Atkins, when Cross/A38 crossroads will be in chaos for weeks. Further concern that commemorative stonework will not be replaced. **\*Clerk** to advise WS Atkins (and Press) of concern. Cllr Simpson will attend meeting in Axbridge on 15 October.

10/01/08

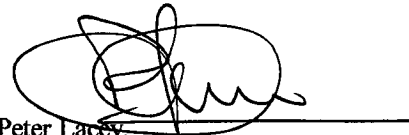
### **Cheddar Valley Parishes – Meeting held 3 October**

Chairman & Clerk attended this meeting. The main purpose was to discuss the Charter but Communication quickly became the main topic. Everyone agreed that the area parishes were in an ideal position to help each other and that regular networking and sharing of information would be beneficial.

10/01/09

### **Correspondence**

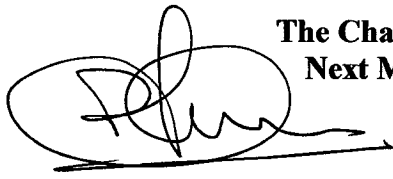
SDC – dates of Local Plan Enquiry available.



SALC – potential changes to structure following retirement of Peter Lacey.  
Millenium award scheme – available for individuals – to display on noticeboard.  
Zurich Municipal – training days re Risk Assessment. While these are not local, it serves as reminder that we have obligations. **\*Clerk** to take advice from SALC.

10/01/11

**Absence / Holidays**  
Noted.



**The Chairman closed the Meeting at 2140.**  
**Next Meeting Wednesday 7 Nov 2001 at 1930.**

**Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wed 7 November 2001**

Present Cllrs, Hay, Lovell, McColgan (joined during the meeting), Tabrett,  
 Simpson, Stuchbery  
 Cllr Alan Ham (SCC)

Apologies Cll Withcombe

In attendance Clerk

Cllr Simpson was in the Chair and opened the meeting at 1935. He welcomed Cllr Ham.

**11/01/01 Meeting held on 9 October 2001**

October minutes were agreed and duly signed by the Chairman and entered in the minute book.

**11/01/02 Matters Arising**

**Springfield Wildlife Area**

Clerk has confirmed to SDC that PC would be willing to consider partnership provided safeguards are met. Clerk confirmed having raised outstanding points listed in Oct Minutes with SDC – this has been acknowledged but not full reply received yet.

Cllr Tabrett reported that Residents' meetings continue to be supported and that Harley Cook from SDC wishes to attend the next. Clerk has advised LAMP and their local rep Mike Bethel also wishes to attend next meeting. LAMP noted as possible source of funding in the future.

**Speed Limit**

Cllr Ham reported that the working party are attempting to define "settlement" and it looks likely that 10 dwellings minimum per 1300m will be the test.

Cllr Lovell had attended WS Atkins Open Day, which provided good opportunity for networking. He had since heard that a meeting planned for Mon 12 would aim to set down priority areas. \*Clerk to once more state our case for priority.

Clerk advised AONB have been making enquiries as to views on Speed Limits within the AONB and she has responded by saying CBPC supports limits within settlements generally and would appreciate any help from AONB in our long-running campaign.

**Jubilee Celebrations**

Margaret Jordan will organise photographic competition. \*Clerk to investigate sponsorship regarding prizes.

**VDS**

Cllr Simpson reported regarding last meeting. VDS Open Day to be held 1 Dec. Clerk is looking out any helpful info.

**Trees & Maintenance**

Cllr Hay reported that SDC Tree Officer would make a site visit soon.

**11/01/05 Financial Report**

Clerk circulated reconciliation summaries for October.

Cheques were approved and signed :-

- 100106 Clerk's Salary (£70.72) & Expenses (£12.28) Total £ 83.00.
- 100107 Clerk's PAYE £ 19.95

**11/01/06 Planning & Enforcement**

New Matters

21/01/017 *Dr Lewis / The Lawns*

Non-contentious internal alterations (listed building consent required). Planning Sub' C'ee had no objections

Existing Matters

21/01/008 *Roper – Yeo Bridge Farm*

Apparent breaches of conditions noted. \*Clerk to advise SDC.

21/01/09 *BT Mast – Webbington*

SDC advise they requested amendments to the plan and these remain outstanding.



21/01/015 & 016 Compton Bishop Estate. Granary Barns. Change of Use  
Planning Officer recommends approval – C'ee decision awaited.

21/99/10 Shute Shelf

**\*Clerk** to contact Developer regarding naming.

Appeals/Enforcement

Rowan Cottage

Enforcement Dept appears likely to press for compliance with enforcement notices.

11/01/07

**Footpaths and Highways**

Cllr Simpson reported on recent meeting in Axbridge regarding closure during A38/A317 junction works. WS Atkins have apologised for failing to inform PC timeously. Next meeting 19 Nov.

Concern remains over works to Yeo Bridge and historic stonework. Cllr Ham offered to take up the matter with relevant parties. Concern that other bridges may be subject to similar works.

11/01/08

**SDC Chair & Clerk Meeting**

Cllr Simpson reported that one of the main functions of the meeting to advise of sources of funding. The whole topic is very confusing as there are so many different bodies/funds. However we now know the best "starting point" within SDC. Most schemes appear to require financial input from PC – **\*all Cllrs** to consider what our priorities should be and to decide on definite projects for which to pursue funding. Noted that VDS questionnaire gave opportunity for residents to make comments on potential improvements. Hopefully the VDS Open Day on 1 Dec will also be an opportunity to find out what parishioners really want in the way of amenities. Agreed Winter Newsletter can also raise the question and full debate may follow at AGM.

Meantime **\*Clerk** to pursue SDC re funding for SWS and to enquire from WS Atkins whether school buses may be available between school runs.

Communication and clustering of PC within SDC were also main topics at the meeting. The atmosphere was generally enthusiastic.

11/01/09

**Correspondence**

SDC Planning applications now available to view on SDC web site.

Somerset Social Services Report 2000 – 2001 now available.

NALC advise national training strategy to be developed for Clerks.

AONB guidelines for agricultural buildings available.

SCC "Promise" re Equal Opportunities noted.

SALC changes to structure noted.

11/01/11

**Absence / Holidays**

Noted.

**The Chairman closed the Meeting at 2140.**

**Next Meeting Wednesday 5 Dec 2001 at 1930.**

**Please Note Jan 2002 meeting will be on Thursday 3rd**



**Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wed 5 December 2001**

Present Cllrs, Hay, Lovell, McColgan, Stuchbery, Tabrett & Withecombe

Apologies Cllr Simpson

In attendance Clerk

Cllr Tabrett was in the Chair and opened the meeting at 1935.

**12/01/01 Meeting held on 7 November 2001**

November minutes were agreed and duly signed by the Chairman and entered in the minute book.

**12/01/02 Matters Arising**

**Springfield Wildlife Area**

SDC are considering the best way forward. In the meantime they are taking up outstanding matters with the Contractor. However – they advise that the notice board was noted as an item for action by the PC. \*Clerk to check position re finance.

**Speed Limit**

Minutes of last meeting were quickly superseded and the advise from Cllr Ham was to do nothing until SCC had decided on criteria for the order in carrying out the implementation. Cllr Ham subsequently advised the Clerk of these criteria and a suitable letter was sent to SCC, linking the needs of the Parish to the criteria. Clerk informed CVG.

**Jubilee Celebrations**

Cllr Stuchbery reported that, despite notices in Contact and Newsletter, some parishioners seem unaware of the Jubilee celebrations planned. Noted that Photography Competition; Cookbook; and Time Capsule are well in hand. Unfortunately no volunteers have come forward to organise any street parties. Notices to be repeated (\*Clerk & \*Cllr Tabrett).

**VDS**

Excellent feed back on recent public meeting. \*Clerk to pass on PC congratulations and thanks to Richard Parker. Concern that Richard Parker may be out of pocket personally following the exhibition – \*Cllr Tabrett to make appropriate enquiries. \*Clerk to invite Richard Parker to the next meeting and inform Cllr Denbee in the hope that he will attend.

**Trees & Maintenance**


Cllr Hay reported that the site meeting will hopefully be held soon. Concern was expressed regarding large tree overgrown by brambles. Agreed gardening contractors to be approached. Budget of not more than £ 50 agreed. Suggested members of the PC may do the work but agreed that this is not advisable from liability/insurance aspect. Clerk confirmed that insurance cover relates to normal activities of a PC and that it would be unlikely that this would include *carrying out* (as opposed to *instructing/organising*) such works.

**12/01/03 Financial Report**

Clerk circulated reconciliation summaries for November.

Cheques were approved and signed :-

- 100108 Petty Cash £ 21.70
- 100109 Clerk's Salary (£70.72) & Expenses (£9.65) Total £ 80.37
- 100110 Clerk's PAYE £ 19.95
- 100111 SLCC Sub £ 40
- 100112 Audit Fee £ 151.58 (This was less than anticipated – surplus to added to "projects" total in budget

Noted that rules of record keeping relaxed for Parish Councils with income < £ 50. k 

Statutory Instrument extract available to read.  
Invitation to apply for Precept has been received – defer until Jan meeting when Chairman will be present.

## 12/01/04 Planning & Enforcement

### New Matters

21/01/018 *O'Connor/Springfield*

Vigorous objection detailed by Sub' C'ee have been forwarded to SDC.

Noted that local objectors have taken action.

### Existing Matters

21/01/09 *BT Mast – Webbington*

Amended plans received and passed to Cll. Stuchbery.

21/01/015 & 016 *Compton Bishop Estate. Granary Barns. Change of Use*

Passed

21/99/10 *Shute Shelf*

Following meeting between Developer & Clerk the name has been agreed as Wavering Down Rise.

21/01/017 *Dr Lewis / The Lawns*

Decision awaited.

### Appeals/Enforcement

*Rowan Cottage*

No progress.

*Underdown*

A lot of comment regarding large unauthorised development. SDC are aware.

*Forgotten World*

Local Residents have been complaining about the state of the site. However, it appears little can be done unless there is an actual breach of conditions. \*Cllr Stuchbery to contact landowner with a view to finding a way forward.

General discussion as to whether there is sufficient "tapping into" local knowledge regarding new application. Agree that it is happening where possible, bearing in mind tight deadlines.

12/01/05

### **Footpaths and Highways**

*Cross Lane*

An approach from Axbridge TC has been made to have a joint action for improvement. \*Cllr Tabrett to contact Axbridge's Footpaths Rep. Noted that as it designated a Footpath it may be difficult to upgrade to cycle/bridle way.

*Yeo Bridge / Bow Bridge*

WS Atkins are willing to have a site meeting. \*Cllr Tabrett to contact Mr Noakes to agree time.

12/01/06

### **Health and Safety**

Clerk reports that advice from SALC is that H&S audit is necessary only where the PC owns property. Only the Village Hall appear to fall into this category but as CMHMC has day to day authority, it is their responsibility. \*Clerk to write formally to CMHMC Chair to check all in order.

12/01/07

### **Quality Parishes / Training / Code of Conduct**

Agreed that these issues require the input of the Chairman. \*Clerk to appraise Chairman of the issues.

12/01/08

### **Correspondence**

Avon & Somerset police (Nic Croker) wishes to attend the next meeting. He will be warmly welcomed. The only issue raised was by Cllr Withecombe and relates to drugs in schools.

SCC Forum to be held on Friday 14 June.

12/01/09

### **Absence / Holidays**

"Volunteer" required please to take notes and produce minutes in February.

**The Chairman closed the Meeting at 2140.**

**Next Meeting Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January**

December/MMI Minutes AEL