

Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on JAN 8th 03

Present: Cllrs Tabrett, Withecombe, Stuchbery
Apologies for absence: Cllrs Simpson, Lovell and Hay
In attendance: Clerk, and parishioner Mr M Tobin and Mr Buckler
The Vice-Chairman opened the meeting at 19:30

01/03/01 Meeting held on 4th December 2002

Minutes of the Dec meeting were approved, signed by the Vice-Chairman and entered in the minute book.

01/03/02 Matters Arising:

Resignation of Cllr Tobin

Cllr Tabrett said that the Chairman accepted the resignation of Cllr Tobin with regret. As there are three Parish Council meetings before the elections in May he appealed for urgent nominations, especially from Compton Bishop, and the Clerk was instructed to advertise the vacancy on the Parish notice boards.

Special Parish Meeting

The Special Parish meeting will be on Friday, 31st January 03. The Clerk to advertise the meeting on the two official Parish Notice boards.

Speed Limit: Update

Cllr Tabrett informed the council that a site meeting took place with Cllr Hay and W.S. Atkins concerning the bar markings in Compton Bishop. Cllr Tabrett read out a letter from their engineer agreeing that the yellow markings at both "gateways" in CB would be removed early in the New Year.

Precept Requirements 2003/04

The clerk presented the budget for 2003/04 and the Cllrs agreed to keep the precept unchanged at £5,000. The budget was accepted with the following amendments; £500 plus inflation to be immediately paid to Cross Memorial Hall fund and a further £500 be allocated in next years budget, £250 allowed for grass cutting and the Clerk to be paid for 20 hours per month instead of 16 hours. The Clerk to make the changes to the budget and present at next months meeting for signing by the Chairman.

Village Design Statement

All the work is now finished and the draft would be sent to Sedgmoor at the end of the week.

Springfield Wildlife Area

Cllr Tabrett reported he had applied to SCC on behalf of the Parish Council for a grant to help towards the cost of planting trees. Volunteers are covered by the Council's insurance policy if they are over 16 years of age and under 75.

Trees/ Maintenance Matters

Nothing to Report

Carol Singing/White Hart Pub: update

It was reported that £200 was made at the event for charity. Road safety was discussed; Cllr Withecombe suggested that Council apply to have the road closed if the event went ahead next year. Clerk to write to Dave Williams at the White Hart thanking him for hosting a tremendous event.

01/03/03 Financial Report

Monthly income and expenditure report for December was approved.

Expenditure

100162 Clerks salary/expenses Dec £93.60 (£2.93 expenses)

100163 White Hart pub £57.00 (£40 Xmas tree and £17 mince pies).

01/03/04 Planning & Enforcement

Up date on Previous Applications

Clover farm, Webbington Rd, 21/02/00016/HEP Temporary use of land to site an equestrian worker's mobile log cabin.

Parish Council objected to this application because of the concerns regarding the long term use of the log cabin in an AONB.

Appeals/Enforcement



Rowan Cottage –

21/01/00017/hep. Retention of Wendy House and Green house. The council recommended rejection of this application, in line with previous decisions, as the buildings are inappropriate in an AONB and the developments are outside the curtilage of the dwelling house.

21/00015/HEP Retention of Shed. The Council recommended refusal of this application, in line with previous decisions, because the shed is a structure outside the curtilage of the dwelling house and is inappropriate in an AONB. The structure would set an unauthorised precedent. The **Clerk** to contact enforcement officer concerning the Telephone Exchange, Manor Farm querying the creation of a large lake and associated earth work.

01/03/05 Footpaths and Highways

Cross Lane
Nothing to report

Street Nameplates/Village Signs
Street nameplates are all now in place. Village signs still under consideration.

Highways

Removal of Cats Eyes:

Cllr Tabrett discussed the removal of the cats eyes and white lines. **Clerk** to write to W.S Atkins requesting an explanation of the removal. Cllr Withecombe asked for a status report on the road improvement by the New Inn pub, Cllr Tabrett said SCC'S explanation for delays was that the Shute Shelve site sub-contractors were waiting for work to be completed by other services before repairing the road surface and verge. Temporary traffic lights would be needed when this was done.

Flooding in Old Coach Rd was discussed and the problem of freezing roads. **Clerk** to write to Sedgmoor requesting a semi-permanent bin for salt/grit. An emergency plan for flooding, snow, icy conditions or other natural disasters was discussed. **Clerk** to write to Sedgmoor, SCC and Environmental agency requesting contacts names and numbers in case of emergencies.

Clerk to contact Wessex water about concerns with sewage removal at Springfield Close as Moorland Farm is experiencing problems with Sewage on their Land.

Cllr Stuchbery mentioned an abandoned car on the Webbington Rd **Clerk** to request its removal.

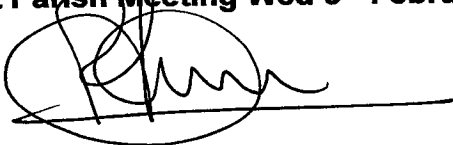
01/03/06 Code of Conduct

Nothing to report

03/07 Correspondence

- Latest News Somerset Levels and Moors Partnership

The Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 21:05
Next Parish Meeting Wed 5th February 03 at 19:30



Compton Bishop Parish Council
Budget: April 2003 - March 2004

	Actual 00/01	Actual 01/02	Actual 9 mths to Dec'02	Forecast 12mths to Mar'03	Budget 03/04
<u>INCOME</u>					
Precept	3,620	3,985	5,000	5,000	5,000
Bank Interest	138	19	7	9	9
Grants	5,999		30	30	0
Donations	1				
VAT Reclaimed	2,213		90	140	50
TOTAL	11,971	4,004	5,127	5,179	5,059
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>					
<u>General Expenditure</u>					
Memorial Hall	14,099		28	538	550
Subscription: CPRE	17	161	25	25	26
Subscription: SALC			91	91	96
Subscription: SLCC			52	52	55
Footpaths and Shelters	123	30	0	0	50
Grass Cutting			463	490	250
Jubilee			409	409	0
Donations (Contact)	555	870	0	160	160
Total	14,794	1,061	1,068	1,765	1,186
<u>Administration</u>					
Clerks Salary & PAYE	1,034	1,239	936	1,208	1,553
Accommodation Allowance				100	100
Insurance	142		187	187	187
Travel	162	153	0	0	25
Stationery & Postage	298	61	48	64	64
Telephone	51	36	17	23	23
Publications			16	16	0
Audit/Accountancy Fees		324	202	202	202
VAT (recoverable)		87	0	0	0
Sundry	3	306	59	59	0
Total	1,690	2,206	1,464	1,858	2,154
TOTAL	16,484	3,267	2,532	3,623	3,340
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	-4,513	737	2,595	1,556	1,719

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Compton Bishop Parish Council

Minutes of Special Parish Meeting held on 31 January 2003-02-01

The Chairman Cllr Simpson opened the meeting at 19.35pm.

Present: Cllrs Barney Lovell, John Stuchbery, Ian Tabrett, County Cllr Alan Ham,
District Cllr John Denbee and 45 electors

Press: Oliver Hulme (Cheddar Valley Gazette)

Apologies for absence: Mr Gordon Brinson, Mrs Joan Lewis, Mr John Moore.
Letters of apology were received from Mr and Mrs Truman, Mr and Mrs Buckler,
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Proposed by: Michael Tobin

Seconded by: Howard Robinson

AMENDMENT:

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Proposed by: Barbara Robinson

Seconded by: Ann Nicholls

In proposing the Resolution Michael Tobin said that the speed limit which was installed in Compton Bishop Village in October 2002, as part of Somerset County Council's new policy for speed limits throughout the County, was a community speed limit which should have been requested by the residents. In fact the residents had not been consulted and the scheme had been requested by the Parish Council.

Although the motive of the PC was safety, the Compton Bishop residents felt that there was no traffic problem in their part of the Parish, that the signs were overpowering and out of place in a rural setting and that they had been unable to make objections, due to lack of warning. Having held a village poll, which showed an 84% majority of opinion against the speed limit and signs, the residents of Compton Bishop had hoped that the PC would support them in their opposition to the scheme.

However the PC had not recognised the opinion poll, or the objections of the residents, despite the facts being put to them in November and the resignation of a Parish Councillor over the issue.

Recognising the wish of some Parishioners for some form of speed control on the Webbington Road, the Amendment to the Resolution proposed a 40 mph speed limit, to replace the 30 mph limit, which would remove the overpowering yellow signs.

Therefore Mr Tobin requested the Meeting to approve the Resolution and Amendment.

Cllr Ian Tabrett questioned some of the details in Mr Tobin's proposal. He gave a history of the process of handling the speed limit situation in Cross and CB. He said that there had been adequate publicity but it had been necessary to move fast.

County Councillor Alan Ham said that SCC policy had changed many times. They relied on PC's to provide the local contact and consultation. Over 300 schemes were currently being installed. Many had caused strong opposition and lessons were being learned. In June/July 2003 the County undertook to review schemes where there were objections. He advised the PC to ask for a review for CB.

Several contributors then raised topics such as Public Notices, street lighting and the Village Design Statement.

Mr Howard Robinson felt that motorists do not respect unreasonable speed limits and are likely to do 40 rather than 30mph on the Webbington Road. 30mph was unrealistic in CB village which should be de-restricted, without signage. He therefore supported the Amendment.

District Counsellor John Denbee said that he had listened to the contributions and would represent the peoples' viewpoint.

Mr Stephen McColgan felt that the signs around the village would improve safety for children.

At the conclusion of the debate the Chairman called for a vote:

The Resolution was approved by 37 votes to 6.

The Amendment was approved by 36 votes to 5.

The Chairman thanked all contributors and closed the meeting at 21.08.

Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on February 5th 2003



Present: Cllrs Simpson, Tabrett, Hay, Lovell, Stuchbery & Withecombe

Apologies: Clerk

In Attendance: Parishioners Mr & Mrs M Tobin, Mrs S Thorne, Mr J Buckler, Mr & Mrs A Truman, Mrs M Clayton, Mr & Mrs. H Robinson and Mrs C Settle.

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.30

02/03/01 Minutes of the meeting held on January 8th 2003 were approved, signed by the Chairman and entered in the minute book.

02/03/02 Matters Arising

The Special Parish Meeting

Mrs Tobin asked if the Parish Council had received the minutes of the Special Meeting regarding the Speed Limit in Compton Bishop, a copy of which had been delivered to the Clerk. The Chairman informed her that as the Clerk was away, the minutes had not been seen by the Cllrs. present, therefore a discussion on their content could not take place at this meeting, but would be an agenda item for discussion at the March meeting.

The Chairman had attended a meeting with M.P. David Heathcott-Amory, where he was told that Speed Limit Policy and any objections would be reviewed by Committee, Cllr Simpson had asked that there should be consultation with the Parish Council so that parishioners views could be expressed. If there is to be a formal representation regarding this issue it should be made after discussion at the Annual Open Meeting where the subject will be an agenda item.

Contact Magazine Donations

An acknowledgement of the PC donation to the magazine has been received. Cllr Stuchbery informed the PC that following a meeting of the PCC the conclusion was that there were two suggested ways forward, either to continue with the donation system or to introduce advertising to the magazine with local businesses paying for space. The PC agreed that advertising was the solution to increase revenue. ***Clerk** to write to the Treasurer asking for account information, the cost per copy to produce Contact and the distribution breakdown between the Parishes.

Parish Council May Elections

Cllrs. are considering their position and are concerned because of the financial implications of the Code of Conduct, should legal proceedings ever be implemented for whatever reason against an individual Cllr or the PC.

Emergency Plan, Flooding & Grit Bin

Cllrs. felt that as the flooding and subsequent icy conditions were the direct result of the heavy rainfall and blocked drains, that it was not necessary to implement an Emergency Plan. It was also felt that the cost of special grit bins was excessive as this incident occurred infrequently. ***Clerk** to write to W S Atkins to get emergency contact numbers especially to cover weekends and public holidays, which will be available to local residents and posted on noticeboards throughout the Parish. ***Chairman** to speak to the Landlord of the White Hart reference an agreement with the previous landlord that the inn might be used as a major incident centre.

The New Year flood and freeze had damaged the road surface and had caused a large pothole by the front of the Memorial Hall, a parishioner tripped there and as a result has a broken wrist. ***Clerk** to write to Highways asking for prompt action in repairing the road.

The heavy rainfall had also resulted in a problem with sewerage and foul water overflowing at Moorland Farm and also Carabine opposite the White Hart. A copy of a letter of complaint from Dr. Laband, Carabine to Wessex Water was discussed. ***Clerk** to write to Wessex Water reference our previous correspondence on this subject. Copy to Dr. Laband.

Village Design Statement

No further news





Matters Arising Continued

Springfield Wildlife Area

Cllr Tabrett reported on a very successful work party where the area for the new hedge was cleared in anticipation of the receipt of the plants. Another work party will be organised for planting, with regular work parties to maintain the area. A meeting will be held on the 12th March to discuss progress.

Trees/Maintenance Matters

As above

Dog Fouling of Pavements

Cllr. Tabrett was concerned that fouling of the pavements along Old Coach Road was very bad, as well as along the river bank. A note has been added to the next newsletter and extra signs have been requested.

02/03/03 Financial

<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Chq No:</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>£</u>
Bank Interest	0.27p	100163	White Hart	57.00
	1.17	100162	Clerk Salary/Exp	93.60
CHSW Charity Money	<u>201.55</u>	100165	Contact Magazine	<u>160.00</u>
Total	202.99			<u>310.60</u>

02/03/04 Planning

21/02/00016/HEP Clover Farm, Webbington Road – Nothing to Report

21/02/00014/CJA Underdown, Webbington Road – Refused Permission

Enforcement Matters:

Rowan Cottage, Webbington Road, Newtown – A copy of a letter sent to Mrs Settle by SDC Planning has been received. The application for retention has been refused, however, on compassionate grounds the planning officer has suggested that a new application might be made to retain the wendy house only, for a temporary period of 5 years. This would apply to the Settle family only. ***Clerk** to write to Mrs Settle stating that the PC would support the Planning Officer's suggestion.

02/03/05 Footpaths & Highways

Cross Lane

Cllr Tabrett has spoken to Sustrans who will support the upgrade of the footpath, otherwise no further progress.

Village Nameplates

The Chairman reported that digital photographs will be taken of the signs which need replacing.

Code of Conduct

In future this item needs a separate agenda heading, to follow the signing of the minutes at the beginning of the meeting enabling any declarations to be made. ***Clerk to action**

Levels & Moors

Cllr Tabrett reported that in correspondence regarding allocation of funding for the Somerset Levels and Moors Group, the LEADER+ project he had noted that CBPC were not listed as being eligible for funding. ***Clerk** to write to SLMG to ask reason. Also to write to SDC/ Tourist Board to ask about literature relating to tourism in our area.

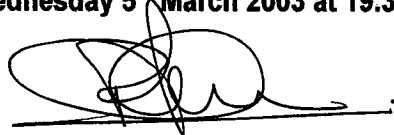
02/03/05 Correspondence

Standards Board Letter - a meeting will be held on 18th February 2003, Cllrs Lovell and Hay will consider attending

Amenity Grant Application – Clerk to complete form and submit

The Chairman Closed the Meeting at 9.50

Next meeting Wednesday 5th March 2003 at 19.30



Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on March 5th 2003

Present: Cllrs Simpson, Hay, Lovell, Stuchbery & Withecombe

Apologies: Cllr Tabrett

In Attendance: Clerk and Parishioner Mr M Tobin

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.33

03/03/01 Minutes of the meeting held on February 5th 2003 were approved, signed by the Chairman and entered in the minute book.

03/03/02 Code of Conduct

The Chairman reported that County Councillor Ham at a previous meeting said that the Code of Conduct might not be legal because of the Data Protection Act, which has been debated at Central Level. Cllr Lovell requested that the ***Clerk** write to the Standards Board as a meeting arranged to discuss this issue had insufficient places so he was unable to attend. ***Clerk** to write to Colin Spencer, Solicitor to SDC requesting a definitive copy of the Code and an explanation of the implications given the Data Protection Act.

03/03/03 Matters Arising

The Special Parish Meeting

Mr Tobin told the Cllrs that the villagers had formally decided to ask SDC for a quote to have the speed signs removed from Compton Bishop. The Chairman informed him that in his opinion this would not speed up the removal process.

The Chairman read out a letter from Cllr Tabrett, who felt that the minutes of the Special Parish meeting, did not reflect the debate. Chairman proposed that he was unable to sign off the minutes and the **Clerk** write to all the callers of the SPM informing them of the situation and revise the minutes.

After a discussion of the amendment, the Chairman proposed to agree with the amendment and a recommendation is put forward to SCC outlining the removal of the speed limit signs around the horseshoe at Compton Bishop and introduce de-restriction in the hamlet and the continuation of the 40 mph limit on the Webbington Rd from Church Lane to the Webbington Bridge.

Contact Magazine Donations

Cllr's were in agreement on reviewing the accounts of Contact that all Parishes should pay an equal share, per capita to the number of households. A decision was made to await the results of the PCC meeting concerning advertising.

Parish Council May Elections

Clerk distributed nomination forms to Cllrs. Cllrs discussed what they were signing up for and requested a copy of the contract.

Emergency Plan, Flooding & Grit Bin

Chairman mentioned that an arrangement existed where the White Hart Inn was historically the collective centre in case of an emergency situation. ***Clerk** to write to the Landlord to see if this arrangement could continue.

Village Design Statement

Final draft was shown to Cllrs. It was agreed that Cllrs should ratify the final draft. ***Clerk** to contact Richard Parker requesting extra copies for Cllrs and Parishioners for the Open Meeting.

Springfield Wildlife Area

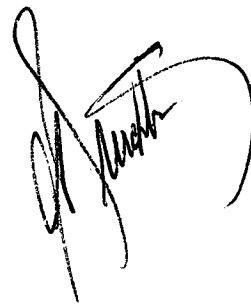
Nothing to report

Trees/Maintenance Matters

Nothing to report

Welcome booklet

Cllr. Stuchbery discussed the present format of the booklet and suggested that it should be updated for publication in June.



2/4/03

Arrangements for the Parish Open Meeting

The agenda to be finalised at the next PC meeting. *Cllr Hay to contact Jim Warner to talk about Charity. *Clerk to contact Eddie Farley about Neighbourhood Watch and Richard Parker to talk about the VDS.

03/03/04 Financial

Income		Expenditure	Chq No: Details	£
Bank Interest	0.22p		100166 Child. Hospice SW	201.55
	3.37		100164 Cross Mem. Hall	510
			100167 Clerk Salary/Exp	97.74
			Petty Cash Cllr Tabrett Photocopying	3.70
Total	3.59			812.99

A request by Mr Tobin to be reimbursed for the cost (£12.00) of hiring the hall for the Special Parish Meeting was refused on the grounds that the PC does not pay to hire the hall for PC meetings. *Clerk to contact Mrs Farley about the matter.

03/03/05 Planning

21/03/00001/JEF Former Telephone Exchange, Cross – PC rejects this application on the grounds of road safety, loss of privacy for neighbour on South and site is too small to allow any residential development.

Enforcement Matters:

Nothing to report

03/03/06 Footpaths & Highways

Cross Lane

Cllr Tabrett requested that the PC should be aware of a letter from SCC's Rights of Way Group concerning the Countryside and Rights of Way Act and its implication for the future improvement of the Cross Lane footpath. Cllr Tabrett and Clerk to liaise to formulate a response.

Village Nameplates

Nothing to report

Removal of Cats Eyes

Deferred discussion in Cllr Tabrett's absence

Levels & Moors

Clerk reported that different indices determine which Parishes are eligible for funding and is set by Government. CBPC may be eligible for small grant towards Village signs. *Clerk to write to SLMG to request grant.

03/03/07 Correspondence

Jane Murray - Cross Memorial Hall - *Clerk to reply that due to elections on May 1ST no representatives can be appointed until after elections.


Children's Hospice SW - the letter thanked the parish for its donation.

K Petit - Cross Memorial Hall Revenue Grant – letter thanking the PC for £510 cheque.

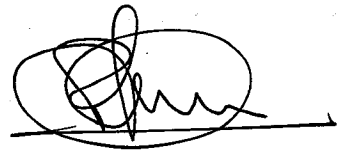
SALC – Cllr Stuchbery commented that SALC is ineffectual in representing Cllrs interests. *Clerk to write to SALC expressing Cllrs views.

The Chairman Closed the Meeting at 22:10

Next meeting Wednesday 2nd April 2003 at 19.30


2/4/03

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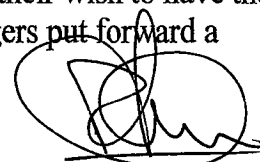
Proposed by: Suzanne Thorne

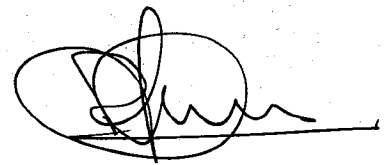
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However the Compton Bishop residents did not feel that there was a traffic problem in their part of the Parish and had not requested the speed limit. Official traffic statistics supported this view as no accidents had been recorded on the Webbington Road or in CB village in the past 5 years. In fact the village residents had not been properly consulted about the speed limit, which was requested by the Parish Council.

After the speed limit and signs were installed, a village poll was carried out which showed an 84% majority against the speed limit and for the removal of the signs. Village residents felt that the large yellow signs and rumble strips were overpowering and out of place in a rural setting. The residents requested the Parish Council to support them in their wish to have the speed limit removed, following the example of Badgeworth. The villagers put forward a





compromise suggestion of a 40 mph limit on the Webbington Road, which would do away with the oppressive yellow signs.

However the Parish Council did not recognise the opinion poll or the objections of the residents. At their December meeting the PC decided to take no action until after the AGM in April 2003. This would have the effect of delaying a decision for nearly five months. The compromise suggestion of a 40 mph limit was not approved, despite this being the favoured solution of the Compton Bishop residents. Following the meeting, the Parish Councillor who was resident in Compton Bishop village, resigned over the issue.

The villagers therefore decided to call a special Parish Meeting at which all interested Parishioners could hear the arguments, debate the issue and vote for or against the new 30 mph speed limit in Compton Bishop and the suggested 40 mph limit on the Webbington Road. The result of any vote would then be put to the Parish Council for their support.

In conclusion, Mr Tobin requested the meeting to approve both the Resolution and the Amendment.

Cllr Simpson said that as Chairman he was unable to comment but asked the Vice Chairman to respond on behalf of the Parish Council.

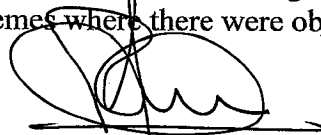
Cllr Ian Tabrett denied the claims that the PC had not consulted residents: the issues of speed limits and road safety in Cross and Compton Bishop had been on the PC and Annual Parish Meeting Agendas since at least 1995.

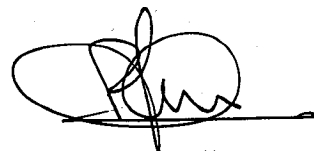
The PC had been hampered by frequent changes in policy on speed limits by SCC, including in February 2001 the intention to impose 20, 30 or 40mph limits on all rural roads and settlements. At the Annual Open Parish Meeting in April 2001, attended by a record 66 people the Chairman in his Annual Report commented on the results of a questionnaire delivered to every home by those drawing up the Village Design Statement on behalf of the PC, and said: "The majority (but not all) of residents favour speed control within the Parish."

This was fully reported in the Press and in the Minutes, which were circulated to every household. All further developments were reported in the PC Minutes displayed on the notice boards, frequent items appeared in the press, notes were included in the PC quarterly Newsletters and the speed limit proposals for Compton Bishop were subsequently advertised on two consecutive weeks in the Cheddar Valley Gazette and on notices displayed within the settlement.

In June 2002, SCC wrote giving less than a week to arrange a site meeting for the PC to comment on the detailed proposals. The PC expressed serious concerns about the size of the proposed repeater signs, their effect on the AONB, and emphasised the requirement in the draft of the Village Design Statement for the avoidance of new street signs and reduction in the existing ones.

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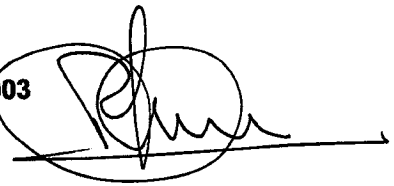
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Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on April 2nd 2003



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Apologies: Cllrs Simpson and Tabrett

In Attendance: Clerk

The Acting Chairman John Stuchbery opened the meeting at 19.30

02/04/01 Minutes of the meeting held on March 5th 2003 were approved, signed by the Acting Chairman and entered in the minute book.

The Chairman read out a letter from Cllr Tabrett. In the letter he apologised for his absence from the meeting and explained the reason for not standing for nomination as Parish Councillor in the May elections. Cllr Tabrett "would like to place on record the pleasure and satisfaction he has gained from working with the Chairman and fellow members for the benefit of the community".

02/04/02 Code of Conduct

After discussion the Cllrs concluded that the ***Clerk** includes this item at the head of the agenda until all the Cllrs are happy and understands the issues involved with the Code of Conduct. Acting Chairman Stuchbery said that we must accept that the Code of Conduct exists but we can clarify our terms and understanding especially with regard to the financial consequences of any wrongdoing.

***Clerk** to reply to Colin Spencer's email and to the SALC letter dated 19th March.

02/04/03 Matters Arising

Parish Council May Election

Clerk explained that nine nomination forms were given out. Only five were returned for posting. *** Clerk** to inform the Cllrs of news of those candidates nominated.

SALC

Cllrs agreed to pay the renewal invoice of £102.48 but ***Clerk** to write a letter explaining that the Cllrs do not believe that SALC are representing their interests and are ineffective at communication.

SPEED Limit

Cllr Hay mentioned that Sedgemoor Highways were convening a meeting to reconsider the A38 speed limit plus all the other roads, which are affected. A review body is looking into the speed limit in the area.

Annual Open Meeting/Information for distribution

Daniel Withecombe to be paid £25.00 for distributing the agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting to be placed on the seat. Clerk to liaise with Chairman to arrange for coffee to be served at the end of the meeting.

Contact Magazine Donations

The council is to make no further donations to Contact until January 04 based on the result of the PCC meeting. Acting Chairman Stuchbery informed the Cllrs that he has repeatedly asked the Rev. Ken Brown to publish and advertise the accounts.

Emergency Plan, Flooding & Grit Bin

Landlord at White Hart Inn confirmed that the pub could be the meeting place for the Parish in the event of any emergency. Clerk told the meeting that a central emergency number is available for weekdays and that Taunton Police station deals with calls at weekends. ***Clerk** to advertise the telephone numbers on the noticeboards.

Village Design Statement

Cllrs want to approve the VDS. They felt that it was inappropriate for Sedgemoor to approve it before Cllrs. ***Clerk** to ask Mr Parker for copies be distributed to Cllrs.

Springfield Wildlife Area

Cllr Tabrett in a letter said that the recently planted hedge on the eastern boundary appears to be thriving and Sarah Ayling organised another working party. ***Clerk** to examine the Parish's insurance policy to see if a member of the Parish Council needs to attend the working party as a legal requirement.

Trees/Maintenance Matters

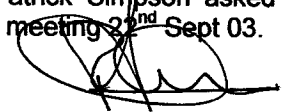
Cllr Tabrett in a letter said that he would continue grass-strimming if the Cllrs were in agreement with this. All Cllrs said that they were happy with the arrangement.

Welcome booklet

Cllr Stuchbery said that nothing will happen until June and the new council is elected. All the sections are to be updated, some new sections added including advertising.

Report on Cluster Group Meeting

Cllrs Hay, Lovell and Simpson attended from Compton Bishop. Dennis Bratt Chaired the meeting. Nick White Tourism Marketing Officer made a presentation on the Draft Tourism Strategy. Patrick Simpson asked why Compton Bishop is never mentioned in Tourism literature, always about Cheddar. Next meeting 2nd Sept 03.



02/04/04 Financial



Income	Expenditure	Chq No:	Details	£
Bank Interest:	Treasurers acc. 0.16	100170	Clerk Salary/expenses	96.80
	14 Day 2.98	100168	Dog bin	165.29
	Business M. 0.74	100169	Hedge Planting	141.30
	Total			403.39
	3.88			

Clerk reported that the precept for April 03 to March 04 has been confirmed at £5,000

Mr Tobin has been reimbursed for the cost (£12.00) of hiring the hall for the Special Parish Meeting.

Mr Dick Tyas has kindly accepted to audit the Parish year-end accounts.

The Clerk as from April 03 is being paid for 20 hours per month instead of 16 hours.

The Clerk submitted Home Allowance from July 02 to March 03 total £74.97 (9 months)

02/04/05 Planning

21/03/00001/JEF Former Telephone Exchange, Cross – SDC has refused permission

21/03/00006 Manor Farm, Cross Change of use and conversion of barn and outbuildings to dwelling, garaging, storage and workshop. Full planning permission applied for by Mr and Mrs Thomas. Clerk reported that no plans have been received as yet because case officer has not been assigned.

21/03/00007 Manor Farm. Application for Listed Building Consent – alterations.

21/03/00004 Peak Barn Erection of porch to SE elevation. SDC has granted permission

Enforcement Matters:

***Clerk** to contact planning officer with regard to Rowan Cottage and the status of the enforcement notice.

02/04/06 Footpaths & Highways

Cross Lane

Cllr Tabrett in a letter read out by the clerk suggested that ***Clerk** writes to Rob Kidson at Somerset CC highway's confirming funding for the creation of a footway on the south side of Cross Lane from the A38 to the start of the public footpath.

Village Nameplates

Item deferred until the Chairman returns.

Removal of Cats Eyes

After discussion, Cllr Hay noted that because the parish has a speed limit (set down by the government) it could not have cats eyes with white lines.

Levels & Moors

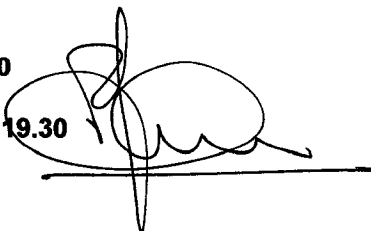
Clerk reported that a grant had been applied for towards the cost of the village signs. SLMP would be meeting on 2nd April and a decision would be made as to whether CBPC were entitled. ***Clerk** to report back to the Cllrs.

02/04/07 Correspondence

- 1) Letter from Mrs Farley, Cross Memorial Hall Management Committee stating that £12.00 has been reimbursed to Mr Tobin in respect of the hiring of the hall for the Special Parish Meeting
- 2) Berrow Parish Council – letter stating that they are interested in setting up a Community Speed Watch scheme

The Chairman Closed the Meeting at 21:30

Next meeting Wednesday 7th May 2003 at 19.30





Present: Cllrs: Simpson, Hay, Lovell, Stuchbery, Tobin & Withecombe

Apologies:

In Attendance: Clerk

Patrick Simpson opened the meeting at 19.30

07/05/01 Minutes of the meeting held on April 2nd 2003 were approved, signed by Patrick Simpson (acting as Chairman before being voted Chairman of the new Council) and entered into the minute book.

07/05/02 Signing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office of Councillor

All Councillors signed the Declaration of Office form witnessed by the Clerk.

07/05/03 Voting in Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Patrick Simpson was voted unanimously Chairman of the Parish Council. He welcomed Michael Tobin, the new Councillor. The role of Vice-Chairman was deferred awaiting the outcome of advertising the vacancy.

07/05/04 Co-opting a Member

***Clerk** instructed to advertise the vacancy and contact SDC to enquire if the number of Councillors could be increased to eight given that there are thirty additional properties in the Parish.

07/05/05 Code of Conduct

After discussion the Cllrs concluded that this item should continue to head the agenda.

07/05/06 Matters Arising

Feedback of the Parish Council Open Meeting

The Chairman raised a parishioner's comment that the Memorial Hall Committee section of the AGM is too long. The Council proposed that re: next years AGM concerning the CMHMC AGM should be put to the CMHC as courtesy for their approval. Cllr Withecombe suggested that future Annual Open meetings should include the Parish Council's Financial Accounts and that the minutes of the AGM to be discussed at the next meeting.

Frequency of Monthly Parish Meetings

It was felt that the agenda was always full and there were insufficient numbers to form sub-committees, therefore, it was agreed to continue to hold monthly meetings.

Speed Watch

Chairman read out a letter from Berrow Parish Council requesting that the Parish join their speed watch group. The Chairman reported that Speed Watch has been suspended in Winscombe and Sandford because of abuse to the volunteers. The Cllrs unanimously agreed not to introduce speed watch in the parish because the village is too small. ***Clerk** to write to Srgt Wright thanking him for his presentation and explaining the Cllrs decision not to introduce speed watch and to request information about Mobile Speed Detectors. Cllr Lovell expressed concern about the opening hours of Cheddar Police station. ***Clerk** to write to The Chief Constable expressing the Parish Councillors concerns and asking for an explanation also, who has replaced the Community Policeman, Dave Lightfoot.

Village Design Statement

Chairman explained that he has requested the cost to have one thousand copies printed. A copy of VDS to be included in the Welcome Pack for new residents and to be distributed to each household in the Parish and to local schools and libraries. ***Clerk** to reimburse Richard Parker his expenditure on the draft.

Donation to Contact Magazine

Cllr Stuchbery reported that the PPC have approved the introduction of advertising in Contact in order to raise revenue. Contact sub committee to consider and report. ***Cllr Stuchbery** agreed to keep the Cllrs informed of these developments.

Springfield Wildlife Site

Nothing to report

Trees/Maintenance Matters

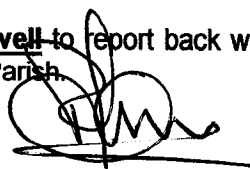
Cllrs expressed concern that trees have been chopped down on the Compton Bishop Estate at a time when birds are nesting.

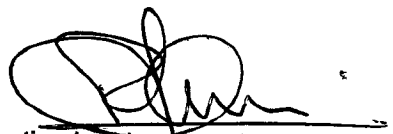
Welcome booklet

Cllr. Stuchbery discussed updating the various sections and including pieces from the various groups and societies in the Parish. ***The Chairman** to contact local companies.

Old Maps

Cllr Lovell displayed three old maps of Cross. ***Cllr Lovell** to report back with costing so that a decision can be made by the Cllrs whether to purchase on behalf of the Parish.





Village Day

The Chairman discussed the success of the Jubilee celebrations and that a suggestion had been made to have an annual village day to include children's sports, Pig Roast at the White Hart. A date of either the 5th or 12th July has been provisionally set. ***Chairman** to contact Landlord of White Hart concerning pig roast, ***Cllr Lovell** to report back with suitable date when his field would be available and ***Cllr Stucbery** to ask Mr Tilley to help prepare the field.

07/05/07 Financial

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Chq No: Details</u>	<u>£</u>
Bank Interest 14 Day	2.85		100171 Clerk Home Allowance	74.97
Treasurer Account	0.48		100172 Clerk Salary/Expenses	128.62
			100173 SALC Membership	102.48
Precept 03/04	5,000		Petty Cash Daniel Withecombe	25.00
Hedge Planting Grant	140.00		AGM Agenda distribution	
Total	5143.33			331.07

07/05/08 Planning

Concerns were raised about an extension to Underdown, Webbington Road without planning consent. ***Clerk** instructed to notify SDC Planning Control.

21/01/0009 North Quarry Transmission Mast – 2 erected on site. Cllrs believe that only one mast has planning consent. ***Clerk** instructed to contact Planning for investigation.

21/02/00016/HEP – Continued use of land to site an equestrian worker's temporary mobile log cabin. Clover Farm, Webbington Road. SDC has refused planning on the grounds that the cabin is located in the open countryside where development is strictly controlled.

Enforcement Matters:

Update from the Development Control Committee 29th April 03.

Land to rear of Rowan Cottage – Enforcement notice served, Compliance being monitored.

Rackley Cottage, Engineering works. Application submitted following investigation and granted a conditional planning permission.

Orchard Cottage, Demolition of wall, Currently under investigation

Yeo Bridge Farm, concerning numbers of caravans, Compliance with condition secured

Underdown, Garage not built in accordance with plans, Investigated and can find no evidence of breach of planning control.

07/05/09 Footpaths & Highways

Cross Lane

***Clerk** to write to Liz Scott to arrange a meeting to discuss the extension of the footpath.

Village Nameplates

The Chairman displayed the designs for the village nameplates, he said that he will arrange for the signs to be made. Cllr Withecombe suggested that further funding should be sought and ***Clerk** to write to SDC requesting a grant.

Speed limit

Chairman reported on a meeting in June to review the A38 speed limit, he requested that Cllr Tobin follow through and reports back.

0705/10 Correspondence


Jane Murray - Cross Memorial Hall request for nomination to Hall Committee. Deferred until next meeting as Cllr's are not all present due to a vacancy.

Somerset Levels and Moors Partnership request for representative, Clerk to email Ms Montague

SALC notification of courses for new councillors

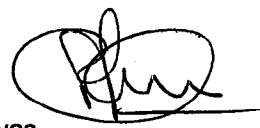
The Countryside Agency – Parish Plans. Cllr Lovell suggested passing the document to Richard Parker

The Chairman Closed the Meeting at 10 pm



Next meeting Wednesday 4th June 2003 at 19.30

Annual accounts have been completed and are ready for the Internal Auditor Mr R.Tyas.
Clerk reported VAT reclaim of £139.86



04/06/06 Planning

Underdown, Webbington Road Chairman read out a letter from SDC's Planning Department dated 22nd May commenting that a large extension is not being built. *Clerk instructed to write back to SDC Planning Control and request a site visit.

21/03/00010 Vodafone Ltd Installation of 3 additional antennae at Townsend Farm, Axbridge. *Clerk to inform the clerk's of Axbridge and Weare to ask if the Cllr's wish to raise any objections.

21/03/00009/HEP – Use of land to site agricultural worker's mobile home. Mrs J. Brinson. Parish Council refuses the application, as the site is exposed and close to the A38.

21/03/00008/RSM – Formation of Car Park, St. Andrews Church, Compton Bishop. Council supports this application but have one concern, which regards the security and possible misuse of the space. Cllr Tobin requests that the car park gates be strong enough to discourage inappropriate use of the car park.

Temporary Road Closure – A Section of Old Coach Road on 5th July for Village Day.

Enforcement Matters:

Rowan Cottage, Webbington Rd, Chairman read out a letter from Cllr Alan Ham, dated 17th May requesting that due to the emotional value of the Wendy House temporary permission to retain the structure may be appropriate. *Clerk to write to Cllr Ham notifying him of Sedgemoor's decision to retain the Wendy House for five years.

Chairman read out a letter from Mrs Settle with accompanying letter from Solicitor's Burges Salmon informing the council that that Mrs Settle has ownership of the freehold of the drive way in to her field.

04/06/07 Footpaths & Highways

Cross Lane

A meeting had been held with Mr & Mrs Scott and the Chairman concerning the extension of the footpath. * The Chairman to keep the council informed of the progress.

Village Nameplates

The Chairman reported that the village signs were on order and should arrive before the 5th July, Village Day.

Highways

Chairman read out a letter from Cllr Ham about gullies & ditch clearing in Compton Bishop. Cllr Ham suggested contacting Dennis Herniman at the Highways, Dunball.

Common Land Plan

Cllr Lovell highlighted the discrepancies/inaccuracies of the Common Land Plan.

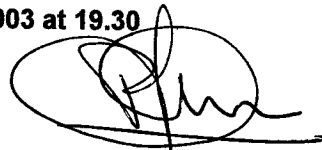
04/06/08 Correspondence

Letter from Sedgemoor District Council – Training for new councillor's on 'The Planning System'.

Chairman congratulated Cllr Stuchbery and all the volunteers on the 'Open Gardens' which raised £2500

The Chairman Closed the Meeting at 10:22 p.m.

Next meeting Wednesday 2nd July 2003 at 19.30





Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Sept. 3rd 03

Present: Cllrs: Simpson, Tabrett, Lovell, Stuchbery, Tobin & Withecombe

Apologies: Cllr Hay

In Attendance: Clerk

Chairman, Patrick Simpson opened the meeting at 19.40

03/09/01 Minutes of the meeting held on July 2nd 2003 were approved, signed by the Chairman Patrick Simpson and entered into the minute book.

03/09/02 Code of Conduct

The Booklets: 'Standards Committee Determinations – Guidance for monitoring officers and 'Standards Committee' were shown to Cllrs. Parish Council Representative for the Standards Committee is Cllr KTE Perry of Wembdon.

03/09/03 Matters Arising

Feedback Village Fun day – 5th July

Chairman read out a letter from Mrs. Ham where she congratulated all concerned on a successful event. Clerk produced cost spreadsheet – budget was £400 and the event cost £264.00. The Chairman thanked all concerned.

Feedback Cross Memorial Hall Sub-Committee meeting

Chairman read a letter from Mrs. Jane Murray, Chair of the Memorial Hall Management Committee. Cllr Stuchbery reported that the Memorial Hall Committee had been awarded the British Hallmark Award for Health and Safety. ***Clerk** to write to Mrs Murray congratulating the committee for winning the prestigious award.

Speed Limit/speed visor sign

Cllrs unanimously agreed that the speed visor sign was positioned in an ineffective place, which would not represent accurately the speed of most vehicles driving through the Parish. Cllr Tobin commented on the uncommunicative response of SDC.

Year Book

Nearing completion; Cllr Stuchbery ran through the contents. So far £1,270 of advertising revenue has been pledged. ***Clerk** to contact SDC to locate a map of the parish indicating house names.

Village Design Statement

Grant of £187.56 received from The Mendip Society awarded for compiling the VDS. One thousand copies have been placed with Moneygivers of Cheddar, printing cost £1221.05. Grant has been applied for from SDC towards cost of printing, Clerk to report back at next meeting.

Gully and ditch clearing in Compton Bishop

A letter and photographs from Mr and Mrs Thorne depicting flooded gullies and ditches was passed to Cllr Tobin who will contact Dennis Herniman at SDC.

Springfield Wildlife Site

Cllr Tabrett reported that no further agreement has been reached on settling the management partnership of the site. ***Clerk** to write to Colin Spencer and copy Harley Cook at SDC to ascertain the situation.

Trees/Maintenance Matters

Dead tree on highway outside Ashtree Lodge. ***Clerk** to inform SDC

Yeo River Rubbish

Cllrs expressed serious concerns about the rubbish on the River Yeo. ***Clerk** to write to the Environmental Agency.

Christmas Carol Singing Event

Date agreed Sunday 21st December at 6pm. The landlord of the White Hart to arrange for road closure and contact the Cheddar Male voice choir to sing at the event. The latter to be confirmed. All profits to go to Children's Hospice SW. Cllr Simpson suggested having 300 Christmas cards printed for each household in the Parish. The cards to be distributed by Contact Magazine. ***Clerk** to design the cards, contact Moneygivers for cost of printing and ask Sue Ham and Richard Parker to help to organise the event.

Events for 2004

All events to be advertised in the Parish Xmas card.


Annual Open meeting 23/4/04

Fun Day 3/7/04

Christmas Carols 19/12/04

Diary of events to also include that the Parish Council meet the first Wednesday of each month except for the month of August.

Contact Magazine

Contact 

Cllr Stuchbery reported that the PCC committee has taken the decision not to use advertising. ***Clerk** to write to the PCC Secretary Mrs. Stuchbery expressing the concern of Cllrs towards the funding of Contact Magazine.

03/09/04 Financial

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Chq No:</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>£</u>
Treasurer Account	0.22	100196	Clerk	July expenses	73.39
Business Money Managers	0.00	100197	Clerk	July salary	113.31



Petty Cash 31.44

Petty Cash Daniel Withecombe Distribution
of Parish newsletter 25.00
Petty Cash Clerk Computer Paper 4.49

Total 31.22

1300.71

03/09/05 Planning

21/03/00009/hep Mrs. J.Brinson Use of land to site agricultural worker's mobile home. Permission has been refused because the site is located in the countryside where development is strictly controlled. The site is located in a prominent position alongside a major traffic route (A38) and the proposed mobile home would be detrimental to the area.

21/03/00014/a c n Rose Cottage, Compton Bishop. Mr and Mrs Tobin. The PC has no objections to this application and considers that it can only be an improvement to maintain the current buildings for the future.

21/03/00013/CJA – Mr and Mrs Simpson – Ashtree Lodge – The PC has no objections to this application as it would appear to have no detrimental effect on neighbouring property.

Enforcement Matters:

21/01/00009 – Land off Barton Road, Webbington. Erection of 17.5 m high replacement masts. Letter from SDC planning stating that under the permission granted; it does not contain any clause requiring the removal of the original mast. ***Clerk** to write back to SDC to ascertain when the masts are likely to be removed.

Yeo Bridge Farm – planning conditions continuing to be breached. Enforcement officer has written to Mr Roper, PC awaiting outcome. **Clerk** to report back.

Land at Rowan Cottage – Mrs Settle Appeal notice has been granted. The Wendy house, Greenhouse, shed for storage of hen feed has been allowed.

03/09/06 Footpaths & Highways

Cross Lane

***Clerk** instructed to write to Mr and Mrs. Scott for an update on the status of the path.

Village Signs

Chairman reported that positive feedback has been received about the signs. Chairman read a letter from the Rev. Ken Brown to this effect. A sign in Barton Road has been omitted in error. Agreed that in due course this to be installed with matching signs to replace exiting "Cross welcomes careful drivers" signs in A38 Cross.

Highways

Footways – Cllr Tabrett reported a number of complaints from residents at Cross about the high level of traffic noise from the A38, including that caused by articulated lorries going over the culvert bridge near Yeo Bridge Farm. He also noted the very poor condition of the well-used footway from Cross Lane to Weare, which in places was crumbling and cracking badly causing a danger to visually-impaired users. ***Clerk** to write to SCC highways dept calling for low-noise material, as required in the CB village Design Statement, to be used when the main road is next resurfaced and for urgent repairs to the footway. Copy to Cllr Ham seeking his support.

03/09/07 Correspondence

Letter from Mrs Feltham thanking the parish Cllr for their condolences on the death of her husband.

Letter from Mr. Cockshott highlighting a problem of poor visibility due to a hedge in Webbington. Letter given to Cllr Hay for actioning.

Letter from Roger Tolly, Avon and Somerset Constabulary informing PC that he has taken over as Deputy at Burnham-on-Sea.

Email from Cllr Stuchbery requesting financial support of the PC to the annual cost of grass cutting St. Andrews's churchyard. A sum of £150 was committed in current budget for this purpose. ***Clerk** to raise a cheque to PCC for £150

Email from Cllr Hay expressing her concern that it inconsistent to complain about the Mrs Brinson's sign on the A38 when a previous sign has gone unchallenged by the PC. ***Clerk** to ask SDC planning for guidelines about the size of signage on the highway.

**The Chairman Closed the Meeting at 9.45 p.m.
Next meeting Wednesday 1st October 2003 at 10.30**





1st 03

Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Oct 1st 03

Present: Cllrs: Simpson, Hay, Lovell, Stuchbery, Tobin & Withecombe

Apologies: Cllr Tabrett

In Attendance: Clerk and Parishioners Mr and Mrs Brinson
Chairman, Patrick Simpson opened the meeting at 19.30

01/10/01 Minutes of the meeting held on Sept. 3^d 2003 were approved, with one alteration; PCC Committee was changed to Contact Committee. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman, Patrick Simpson and entered into the minute book.

01/10/02 Code of Conduct

Nothing to report. The clerk informed the members of the Performance Assessment initiative, which the chairman suggested should be circulated.

01/10/03 Matters Arising

Update on Year Book

Cllrs Stuchbery and Simpson to meet printers to finalise copy. ***Clerk** instructed to write to companies who have committed to advertising in the Year Book informing them of the deadline. Distribution to all households in the Parish before the end of the year.

Update on Village Design Statement

The VDS is finished but needs to be signed off by Richard Parker. Grant was awarded by SDC for £915.79 towards the cost of the design and print stage of the VDS.

Parish Web Site

Clerk signed-up to The Local Channel, a network of community websites. Clerk to update members at the next meeting.

Gully and ditch clearing in Compton Bishop

Cllr Tobin reported that 18 gullies are to be cleared.

Springfield Wildlife Site

The Chairman read out a report written by Cllr Tabrett. The control of the budget of the site is no longer the responsibility of Harley Cook. Cllr Tabrett expressed concerns over SDC's commitment to the site's maintenance and good management.

Trees/Maintenance Matters

Dead tree on highway outside Ashtree Lodge. ***Clerk** to chase-up with SCC. ***Chairman** to ask the landlord of White Hart Inn about cutting back overgrown branches in car park.

Yeo River Rubbish

Environment Agency cleared River Yeo but over hanging trees on the river still a problem. ***Cllr Tobin** to contact Gordon Brinson, Estate Manager to cut back overhanging branches. Cllr Stuchbery reported that 'No Cycling' signs have been installed along the footpath beside the Yeo between Cross and Rackley.

Update on Christmas Carol Singing Event

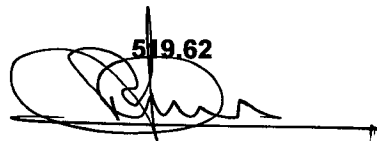
No further news. Dave Williams to apply to close the road.

Update on Parish Christmas Cards

***Clerk** to meet printers to finalise design and cost.

01/10/04 Financial

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Chq No:</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>£</u>
Treasurer Account	0.18	100198		Petty Cash	50.00
Business Money Managers	7.98	100199		Clerk August salary	113.31
Amenity Grant	273.90	100200		Clerk August expenses	42.70
Mendip Grant	187.56				
Petty Cash	50.00				
				Petty Cash Ian Tabrett -Photographs	9.98
Total	519.62				215.99



An invoice for £120.00 from the Accountant, Moore Stephens was signed by the Chairman but Clerk instructed to write to MP David Heathcoat-Amory about the fee structures set by the Audit Commission.

01/10/05 Planning

21/03/00016/RSM Erection of farm shop, formation of access and parking on land at Cross Lane. Mr and Mrs Scott. Cllrs refused this application after the chairman put the decision to a vote. Main concerns raised 1) increase in traffic, busy road and poor access. 2) Unacceptable intrusion into open countryside (VDS) and looks over an AONB. 3) Design and construction materials inappropriate.

Sedgemoor Folly 49/03/00021/A CN Land at North West of Sedgemoor Folly, Councillors refused this application on the grounds of undesirable visual impact on open landscape and on near neighbours. Potential nuisance and security problems of unsupervised car park. Undesirable formation of new access for 60 plus vehicles into narrow Old Coach Rd and over development of this type of facility in the area.

Ashtree Lodge Erection of single storey extension to West Elevation. Mr & Mrs Simpson. SDC has granted permission.

Enforcement Matters:

Yeo Bridge Farm – Clerk updated members: numbers of caravans/mobile homes have dropped down level that they should be. Enforcement officer suggests long term monitoring.

Mrs Brinson Advertisement for Eggs. *Clerk instructed to contact Highways and ask for signs to be taken down.

01/10/06 Footpaths & Highways

Cross Lane

Update by Cllr Tabrett at next meeting.

Village Signs

Received a grant of £200 from Somerset Levels and Moors Partnership, who expressed in a letter that they were pleased with the final results.

Highways

Chairman read out an update from Cllr Tabrett stating that undergrowth had been cleared on the footpath opposite Memorial Hall.

Cllr Stuchbery reported that 'No Cycling' signs have been installed along the footpath beside the Yeo between Cross and Rackley.

Cllr Tobin asked about the status of installing a gate on the Church car park. Cllr Stuchbery said that one is organised.

01/10/07 Correspondence

Letter from SCC concerning new archaeology website.

Levels and Moors Partnership forum held on 25/9/03. Cllr Lovell attended the LAMP meeting and said that it was well represented. Sarah Littler explained the Rights of Way improvement plan. *Cllr Lovell to look at gates and stiles in the Parish, improving access to walkers.

**The Chairman Closed the Meeting at 9.20 p.m.
Next meeting Wednesday 5th November 2003 at 19.30**



Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Nov 5th 03

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

Apologies: Cllr Withecombe

In Attendance: Clerk and District Councillor John Denbee
Chairman, Patrick Simpson opened the meeting at 19.40

05/11/01 Minutes of the meeting held on Oct 1st 2003 were approved, The minutes were then signed by the Chairman, Patrick Simpson and entered into the minute book.

05/11/02 Code of Conduct

Nothing to declare.

05/11/03 Matters Arising

Section 106 Agreement

Cllr Tabrett discussed the background to the agreement. ***Clerk** instructed to write to Kerry Rickards to enquire as to how much the Parish is owed. District Councillor John Denbee outlined the two trances; sports facilities and play equipment and explained that the agreement was cumbersome to administer and was likely to be changed. If the facilities or play areas are not built within 10 years then the applicant is reimbursed their money.

Update on Year Book

Cllrs Stuchbery informed the Cllrs that the Year Book is 85% complete and will be ready to distribute before Christmas.

Update on Village Design Statement

Clerk distributed VDS. Cllrs sent compliments to Richard Parker and expressed how impressed they all were with the final version. Decided that VDS would be delivered to all householders with the Parish Newsletter.

Parish Web Site

Clerk to contact Mr Freeman and Mr Nichols Gardeners Arms for a quote. The quote from Martin Kay, to be considered with the others. Contents of the Web Site were discussed and it was agreed on no more than 10 pages.

Springfield Wildlife Site

District Cllr Denbee updated meeting; the Partnership Agreement is on the lawyer's desk. The Cllrs need to look at the Management Agreement carefully and Cllr Denbee further suggested that Sedgemoor be responsible for the insurance. Chairman mentioned that the new sign would be ready in 2 weeks and a small opening ceremony should be organised. Everyone praised Sarah Ayling for her hard work.

Trees/Maintenance Matters

Cllr Tabrett informed the Cllrs of the Parish Litter Pack. It was agreed that a mention of over grown branches be made in the next Newsletter as parishioners need to be aware that because of insurance purposes over hanging branches need to be kept clear of pavements.

Yeo River Rubbish

Clerk showed reply from Environment Agency concerning clearing branches on River Yeo. ***Clerk** to contact Drainage Board about the problem.

Update on Christmas Carol Singing Event

Date agreed for Sunday 21st Dec. at 6pm – some members of the Cheddar male voice choir to attend, small present for every child, profits to Children's Hospice SW and small donation to Bible Lands for sending carol sheet.

Update on Parish Christmas Cards

Design approved by Cllrs.

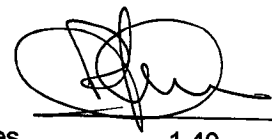
Arrangements for Clerk's Maternity Cover

Clerk to go on Maternity leave at the end of December. List of Clerks duties distributed amongst Cllrs. ***Clerk** to finalise duties at next meeting and liaise with Cllrs.

05/11/04 Financial

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Chq No:</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>£</u>
Treasurer Account	0.20	100201		PCC Grass Cutting	150.00
Business Money Managers	0.00	100203		Clerk salary/Expenses Sept	125.79
VDS project Grant	915.79	100202		Moore Stephens Accountant	141.00





Petty Cash Clerk Envelopes

1.40

Total**915.99****418.19**

Chairman read out a letter from MP David Heathcoat-Amory explaining that he has written to the Audit Commission about the fee structures set for small parishes.

05/11/05 Planning

21/03/00016/RSM Erection of farm shop, formation of access and parking on land at Cross Lane. Mr and Mrs Scott. Cllrs recommended application for refusal. Chairman read out a letter from Parishioner, Mr Tyas.

Sedgemoor Folly 49/03/00021/A CN Land at North West of Sedgemoor Folly, SDC planning refused this application on the grounds of site located in the countryside where development is strictly controlled. Problems of access, The Environment Agency objected because of flood flow paths.

21/03/17/CJA Windsor House, Old Coach Road, Erection of first and second floor extension. Cllrs had no objection to this application but expressed concerns with parking and traffic problems cause by business/commercial use of premises.

Enforcement Matters:

Masts at Barton Rd, Webbington – Clerk read out an email from Mrs Pulsford who is looking into the matter and will update Cllrs.

*Clerk instructed to chase-up application 21/03/15/HEP Equestrian worker's mobile log cabin, Webbington Road and report back at next meeting.

0511/06 Footpaths & Highways**Cross Lane**

*Clerk to chase-up letter to Highways concerning extension to Pavement.

Village Signs

*Clerk to find out if the large signs on main road can be changed in line with the village signs.

Highways

*Clerk to enquire why the diversion signs by White House Bridge are still in place.

*Clerk to investigate empty property next to Alcasta.

05/11/07 Correspondence

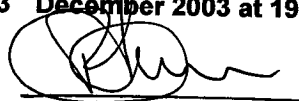
Reception on 20th November for Chairman and Clerk – Cllrs Hay and Lovell to consider attending.

Somerset County Council – Local Transport Plan - distributed

Levels and Moors election – Cllr Lovell to consider

Somerset Highways Newsletter – distributed to Cllrs. Tabrett and Tobin.

**The Chairman Closed the Meeting at 9.35 p.m.
Next meeting Wednesday 3rd December 2003 at 19.30**





Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Dec. 3rd 08

Present: Cllrs: Simpson, Tabrett, Hay, Lovell, Stuchbery, Tobin, Withecombe

Apologies:

In Attendance: Clerk

Chairman, Patrick Simpson opened the meeting at 19.35

03/12/01 Minutes of the meeting held on Nov 5th 2003 were approved, The minutes were then signed by the Chairman, Patrick Simpson and entered into the minute book.

03/12/02 Code of Conduct

Nothing to declare.

03/12/03 Matters Arising

Update on Section 106 Agreement

Nothing to report.

Update on Year Book

The final proof would be ready by Dec. 5th. Year Book would be available for distribution at the end of the year.

Parish Web Site

Cllr Withecombe will update the members at the next meeting in January.

Springfield Wildlife Site

Nothing to report. ***Chairman** to write to Kerry Rickards regarding the management agreement. ***Cllr Lovell** to contact LAMP to place Wildlife site in Willow Directory.

Trees/Maintenance Matters

Cllr Stuchbery reported on a hedge protruding into the Webbington Road. ***Clerk** instructed to write to owners of the property and outline the dangers and request that the hedge is cut back.

The problem of litter along the Webbington Rd. was also discussed and it was agreed that a voluntary clean-up session in conjunction with The National Trust should be organised.

Update on Christmas Carol Singing Event

Dave Williams has organised a Christmas tree, gifts for the children and ***Clerk** to chase-up sheet music.

Update on Parish Christmas Cards

***Clerk** to divide cards between Cllrs for distribution to all householders in the Parish.

Derelict House in Cross

Cllrs. Hay and Tabrett registered a non-financial interest. Clerk reported that James Bradbury of SDC had been contacted and Mr. Bradbury visited the property and will report back to Cllrs after ascertaining the ownership of the property and if an address has been assigned to the dwelling.

Arrangements for Clerk's Maternity Cover

The Clerk will go on maternity leave at the end of December. A contact sheet will be emailed to all Cllrs. and duties assigned to Cllrs. The Clerk thanked the Cllrs for their support.

Contribution to Contact Magazine

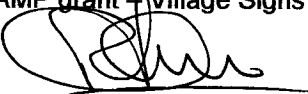
Chairman read out a letter from Mrs Stuchbery, Secretary to PCC which outlined the funding to Contact Magazine. ***Clerk** instructed to write to Mrs Stuchbery suggesting putting together a formula whereby all parishes pay an amount to contact magazine which is appropriate to the size of the parish. A sum of £160.00 is budgeted to be paid to Contact Magazine in February 2004.

Parish Councillor Allowance

Chairman read out a letter from SDC concerning claiming Allowances for Members. After discussion, it was agreed that the Cllrs instead of an allowance would prefer to claim expenses relative to specific duties, e.g. computer cartridges. ***Clerk** to convey member feedback to Gordon Slocombe, SDC

03/12/04 Financial

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	<u>Chq No:</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>£</u>
Treasurer Account	0.23	100205		Clerk Salary/Expenses	149.39
Business Money Managers	0.00	100204		Cllr Tabrett – Strimming	37.40
LAMP grant - Village Signs	£200				



Reconciliation Fun Day 3.10

Petty Cash: Newsletter photocopying £25.00
Parish Diary .99



Total 203.33

212.78

Audit Commission Charges

Chairman read out a letter from the Audit Commission in response to David Heathcoat-Amory's letter concerning the new fee scale set by the Audit Commission. ***Clerk** to file the letter and await a review on fee structures from the Audit Commission.

Budget 2004/2005

Clerk presented next Year's Financial Budget 04/05. The precept was agreed at £5,000 the same level as 2003/04. ***Clerk** to make an adjustment for Year Book costs and present for approval at next months meeting. A salary increase to £6.50 per hour was agreed to commence on return of the clerk from maternity leave.

03/12/05 Planning

21/03/000186/cja Change of use and conversion of barn to dwelling. Yeo Bridge farm, Cross Moor Drove. Cllrs recommended application for refusal on the grounds 1) Agricultural building which is totally unsuitable for conversion. 2) Proposed building materials inappropriate 3) Over-Development of site.

Erection of first floor rear extension with balcony – Crowson Cottage. 21/03/00019/CJA. Cllrs have no objection to this development however, consideration should be given as to whether the external changes meet with the requirements of the Parish's VDS. All windows should be in a Georgian Style and compatible with existing windows.

21/03/17/CJA Windsor House, Old Coach Road, Erection of first and second floor extension. SDC granted permission of this application with the condition that the extension be limited to domestic and private needs of the occupier and not for business purposes.

Trap Lamp Cottage 21/03 Mr Arnold – Conversion of loft into living accommodation. Members have no objection to this application.

21/03/00015/HEP Equestrian worker's mobile log cabin. Clover Farm. Clerk reported that Mrs Pulsford had been contacted regarding an update on this application and an email had been sent from Mrs Pulsford indicating that a decision has still to be made.

21/03/00021/RSM Manor Farm, Cross Revised access and new gates. Members have no objections to these plans. However, one concern raised would be the increase traffic flow on to the A38, especially if the barns were to be used as business premises. There is no where for vehicles to pull in off the road as the present gate is set on to the pavement.

Enforcement Matters:

None

03/12/06 Footpaths & Highways

Cross Lane

Nothing to report

Village Signs

Chairman to meet with Bev. Norman, Highways to discuss changing the remaining village signs.

Low Noise Surface on A38

Cllr Tabrett read out a letter from Liam Gill, (Atkins) which mentioned that the problem with noise on the A38 may be taken into consideration in the future.

03/12/07 Correspondence

Letter from Avon and Somerset Constabulary with contact details. ***Clerk** instructed to put on noticeboard.

**The Chairman Closed the Meeting at 21.35 p.m.
Next meeting Wednesday 7th January 2004 at 19.30**

