

Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on January 7th 2004

Present: Cllrs: Simpson, Tabrett, Lovell, Stuchbery, Tobin, Withecombe; County Cllr. A Ham

Apologies: Cllr. Hay

Chairman, Patrick Simpson opened the meeting at 19.35

07/01/01 Minutes of the meeting held on Dec 3rd 2003 were approved. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman, Patrick Simpson and entered in the minute book.

07/01/02 Code of Conduct

Nothing to declare.

07/01/03 Matters Arising

Update on Section 106 Agreement

Nothing to report

Update on Year Book

Should be printed on 12 January. Printing should be booked for early Dec for the next issue.

Parish Web Site

Cllr Withecombe is registered as the Administrator and is waiting for the Manual.

Springfield Wildlife Site

The sign has now been paid for. No update from Kerry Rickards.

Trees/ Maintenance Matters

Chairman advised that Mr North and Mrs Storer have agreed to cut back the hedge on the Webbington Road. Agreed that the Webbington Hotel should be contacted again re the overhanging tree.

Update on Christmas Carol Singing event

A great success. As the White Hart has not asked for a contribution, the Parish Council will make a donation to the Childrens' Hospice.

Update on Parish Christmas Cards

These have gone down well. LAMP has asked for details as they plan their own card next year.

Derelict House in Cross

No response from Mr Bradbury of SDC

Arrangements for Clerk's Maternity Cover

This is in place. Clerk plans to be away until the end of May.

Contribution to Contact Magazine

No update

Webbington Road Litter Pick-up

Cllr. Tabrett thanked the volunteers who had picked-up litter on a mile stretch of the Webbington Road. In the last three weeks the road has deteriorated again.

County Cllr Alan Ham

At this appropriate time the Chairman asked Cllr Ham to speak to the Meeting. Cllr Ham said that he wished to advise the Parish Council that the SCC Scrutiny Committee had, that morning, looked at the new County Speed Limit proposals which had resulted from the review of the last six months. Of relevance to Compton Bishop Parish was that the A38 speed limits would be re-examined; a new definition of a settlement was proposed which may make CB village not qualify for a 30mph speed limit. Whilst there was no written commitment to revisit existing installations, the Portfolio Holder had stated that he hoped to find the budget to revisit some sites. Cllr Ham advised the PC to write to SCC to ask for CB village to be reviewed. The new proposals will go to the SCC Executive Committee on on Jan 14th.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Ham for this information. Cllr Ham said that he would copy the Report to the CBPC.

07/01/04 Financial

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure Chq No: Details</u>	<u>£</u>
Treasurer Account	0.22	100207 Clerk Salary/Expenses	116.46
Business Money Mgrs	15.40	100206 Petty Cash	50.00
Petty Cash	50.00	Petty Cash: I Tabrett Photocopying/Stamp	1.58
TOTAL INCOME	65.62	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	168.04

Parish Councillor Allowance

SDC have advised that, after consulting Parish Councils, they conclude that no allowances should be paid, just travel allowance. Some Councils still wish to pay allowances and SDC is preparing guidance. Compton Bishop Parish Council recorded that it will pay justifiable travel expenses at 40p per mile also out-of-pocket expenses supported by receipts or

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other documentation.

Payments Due
Nothing to report

Donation to Bethlehem Society and Budget 2004/2005
Deferred to next meeting

07/01/05 Planning
21/03/00015/HEP Equestrian Worker's Log Cabin, Clover Farm. No information

Extension at Rackley Cottage, Mrs S Lee. Waiting information

Condoric, Old Coach Road, Cross.
Three complaints received about a horse box causing obstruction. Also development of stables and exercise yard. To be raised with Sedgemoor Planning.

Refrigerated Van
Comments were made about a Panic Organics refrigerated van being parked in Old Coach Road.

Enforcement Matters:
Nothing to report

07/01/06 Footpaths and Highways
Cross lane
Nothing to report

Village Signs
Waiting a quotation for road signs

07/01/07 Correspondence
Letter received requesting the Parish Council to write to the Housing and Planning Minister in support of better enforcement of planning controls. *Chairman to write.

The Chairman Closed the Meeting at 21.13 p.m.
Next Meeting Wednesday 4th February 2004 at 19.30

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Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on February 4th 2004

Present: Cllrs: Tabrett, Lovell, Stuchbery, Tobin, Withecombe, Hay. One member of the public Dr M Lewis
Apologies: Cllr. Simpson

In the 10 minutes allocated to the public before the meeting opened, Dr Lewis pointed out the poor state of the footpaths on the National Trust land around Crook Peak and Wavering Down. He produced photographs to show how cows on the hills had turned many paths into deep mud which walkers could not negotiate. Dr Lewis left the photographs and Vice-Chairman Ian Tabrett said that the PC would discuss it during their meeting.

Vice-Chairman, Ian Tabrett then opened the meeting at 19.43

07/01/01 Minutes of the meeting held on January 7th 2004 were approved. The minutes were then signed by the Vice-Chairman, Ian Tabrett and entered in the minute book.

07/01/02 Code of Conduct
Nothing to report

07/01/03 Matters Arising
Update on Section 106 Agreement
Sedgemoor DC has written to say that no funds have been collected for Compton Bishop Parish since the start of the scheme.

Update on Year Book
Cllr Stuchbery advised that the Year Books have been distributed but a check will be made to make sure that no houses have been missed. Innovations will be made in the design and layout for the 2005 edition. Cllr Stuchbery passed round a list of where copies have been sent outside the Parish.

Parish Web Site
Cllr Withecombe has browsed the Manual but feels that the web site would be a complex and time consuming task..

Springfield Wildlife Site
SDC have written to acknowledge the delay in the partnership agreement and expect it to be sent to CB in 21 days.

Trees/ Maintenance Matters
*Cllr Stuchbery to contact Webbington Hotel again re the overhanging tree. Gloves and jackets have been purchased for litter picking up. *Cllr Hay to contact Compton Bishop Estate re possible PC contribution to replacements in the avenue of Poplar trees on the Yeo bank at Rackley.

Contribution to Contact Magazine
A letter from the Rev. Ken Brown advises that the annual expenditure on producing Contact is approx. £1300. Compton Bishop's contribution of £160 is due to be paid in Feb. This is less than 50% of the cost of Contact to the households in Compton Bishop Parish.

Speed Limit
The document from Cllr Alan Ham was distributed which described the proposed new SCC speed limit policy. *Cllr Tobin to write to SCC to request a review of the speed limit in CB village and Webbington Road.

Letter to Housing and Planning Minister
Cllr Tabrett has written but has not received an acknowledgement.

Map for framing
*Cllr Lovell to check whereabouts of the map.

Notice Boards
PC to seek a quotation to improve the notice boards in the Parish.

Webbington Hotel Licence renewal
PC has no objection

Parking near White Hart
A fire engine was obstructed. To be mentioned in Parish Newsletter. *Cllr Hay to inform Community Police Officer in case the problem continues.

National Trust footpaths
Taking up Dr Lewis's report from the start of the meeting, *Cllr Tabrett will write to the NT enclosing the photographs to ask them to consider keeping cows off the hill during the wet winter months. Cllr Tobin said that he had written to the NT only 3 weeks previously on the same subject. Mark Courtiour of the NT had replied that they would cut back some gorse to widen the paths.



Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on March 3rd 2004

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

The Chairman, Patrick Simpson opened the meeting at 19.33

03/03/01 Minutes of the meeting held on February 4th 2004 were approved. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman, Patrick Simpson and entered in the minute book.

03/03/02 Code of Conduct

Nothing to report

03/03/03 Matters Arising

Update on Section 106 Agreement

A search of the files has not identified any Section 106 records but councillors questioned whether there had been agreements for the Shute Shelve and Springfield Close developments. *Cllr Tabrett to contact Sedgemoor to investigate.

Parish Web Site

Cllr Withecombe reading the Manual.

Springfield Wildlife Site

SDC have not produced the partnership agreement in the promised 21 days. Enthusiasm has waned among the volunteers due to the lack of progress. Agree to inform SDC that, because of doubt over division of responsibilities, further volunteer working parties would be suspended until the document was finalised. *Cllr Tabrett to contact SDC again.

Trees/ Maintenance Matters

Mr Brinson of the Compton Bishop Estate has given an opinion that the poplars on the Yeo bank are in good condition despite losing some of the top branches. He also advised that replacements would have to be planted well back from the bank, to allow space for river clearing equipment. *Cllr Tabrett to contact Jeanette James for advice.

Contribution to Contact Magazine

Cllr Stuchbery advised that 50% of the cost of Contact for one year in CB Parish would be £269. It was agreed that the PC will make this contribution for 2004. *Cllr Stuchbery to write to the PCC to say that the contribution is made with the expectation that other Parishes will match the 50% level. It is recommended that advertising be used to fill the funding gap in the future.

Speed Limit

Cllr Tobin has written to SCC to request the review of the speed limit in Compton Bishop village. His letter has been acknowledged. County Cllr Alan Ham will call a meeting in April re the A38 speed limit.

Mrs Appleby has asked whether better provision can be made for mothers and children waiting for the school bus in Church Lane. *Cllr Tobin to contact SCC Highways Dept. *Cllr Hay to look at cleaning the bus shelter and repairing the bench.

Letter to Housing and Planning Minister

A reply has been received to say that the Ministry will conduct a review of the planning enforcement system and the role of County Councils in future planning.

Map for framing

*Cllr Lovell to seek a quotation to frame the map for about £50.

Notice Boards

PC to seek quotations to improve or replace the notice boards in the Parish.

Parking near White Hart

Cllr Hay has not been able to contact the police. *Cllr Tabrett will follow up and speak to Cheddar Valley Gazette.

National Trust footpaths

More letters have been received so the NT session at the AGM will be lively. A complaint received about horses on the footpath onto the hill from Bourton Lane.

03/03/04 Financial

No update on financial matters as Cllr Simpson has been on holiday. Year Book money is coming in steadily.

Payments Due

The annual payment to SALC is due. To be discussed at the April meeting.

Donation to Bethlehem Society and Hospice

Donations agreed £50 to Bethlehem and £150 to Childrens Hospice.

Budget 2004/5

Budget to be finalised at the April meeting



03/03/05 Planning

Extension at Rackley Cottage, Mrs S Lee. Approved
1/03/00018/HEP Barn conversion, Yeo Bridge Farm. Application under appeal. *Cllr Tabrett to send PC objections to Planning Inspectorate.

Enforcement Matters:

SDC enforcement officer suggests that Yeo Bridge Farm is now considered a gipsy site.

03/03/06 Footpaths and Highways

Cross lane

To contact Mr & Mrs Scott after the AGM.

Kennel Lane

A hedge and elm trees have been bulldozed by the landowner following residents' complaints to SCC Highways Dept.
Fallen trees now block the footpath from Kennel Lane to Rackley.

03/03/07 Correspondence

An Audit Commission questionnaire received re the performance of SDC. *Chairman to complete.
Cllr Stuchbery has received information on a superior bouncy castle for the Summer Fun Day.
There is a Cluster Meeting in Weare Hall on 16 March at 07:00

**The Chairman Closed the Meeting at 21.40 p.m.
Next Meeting Wednesday 7th April 2004 at 19.30**

Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on April 7th 2004

Present: Cllrs: Simpson, Tabrett, Lovell, Tobin and Withecombe.

Apologies: Cllrs Hay and Stuchbery

The Chairman, Patrick Simpson opened the meeting at 19.33

07/04/01 Minutes of the meeting held on March 3rd 2004 were approved. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman, Patrick Simpson and entered in the minute book.

07/04/02 Code of Conduct

Nothing to report

07/04/03 Matters Arising

Update on Section 106 Agreement

The Minutes of the PC meeting in May 2000 mention a Section 106 agreement for the Shute Shelve development. SDC say they have no record of this development.

Parish Web Site

Cllr Withecombe still looking at this.

Springfield Wildlife Site

Cllr Tabrett has emailed SDC with some questions relating to the draft Partnership Agreement. SDC has replied that they are "taking advice". We are asking for a meeting on this. The PC Insurance would cover the required liability figure.

Trees/ Maintenance Matters

*Cllr Tabrett to contact Jeanette James for advice on the poplars on the Yeo river bank.

Contribution to Contact Magazine

A letter received from Mr Small, on behalf of the Contact magazine committee, to acknowledge receipt of the PC contribution of £269, states that they only have funding for two more issues.

Speed Limit

SCC has written to agree to review the speed limit in Compton Bishop village and Webbington Road. They have not yet suggested a date to start this. County Cllr Alan Ham has called a meeting on 22 April re the A38 speed limits

School bus at Church Lane.

SCC Highways Dept. and the Integrated Passenger Transport Unit have visited the Church Lane site to discuss the request for better facilities for those waiting for the School bus. They have proposed creating a hard standing area beside the bus shelter and carrying out a "danger walk". *Cllr Hay to look at cleaning the bus shelter and repairing the bench.

Map for framing

Cllr Lovell has had the map framed. It will be hung in the Memorial Hall.

Notice Boards

Mr Bob Andrews has agreed to quote to improve or replace the notice boards in the Parish.

Parking near White Hart

PC Danning has looked at the problem and will monitor it.

Annual Open Meeting

The agenda has been agreed for the Meeting. Copies will be produced and passed to Cllrs to distribute, with copies of the Parish Newsletter.

Village Fun Day

The format will be the same as last year. Helpers and organisers have been contacted re their availability.

07/04/04 Financial

The Clerk has taken over the financial books, prior to coming back after a maternity break.

Payments Due

The annual payment to SALC has been paid.

Budget 2004/5


Budget is being revised and will be circulated.

07/04/05 Planning

Cllr Tobin declared an interest in the application at Rose Cottage, Compton Bishop.

Application for a polytunnel at Rose Cottage, Compton Bishop. Mr & Mrs Tobin.

Application for an extension at Applegarth, Old Coach Road.



1/03/00018/HEP Barn conversion, Yeo Bridge Farm. Application under appeal.
The application for a farm shop from Mr & Mrs Scott is to be appealed.

Enforcement Matters:

Nothing to report.

07/04/06 Footpaths and Highways

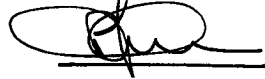
Cross lane

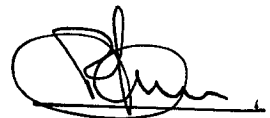
*Chairman to contact Mr & Mrs Scott re the footpath in Cross Lane.

07/04/07 Correspondence

No significant correspondence has been received.

**The Chairman Closed the Meeting at 20.55 p.m.
Next Meeting Wednesday 5th May 2004 at 19.30**





Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on May 5th 2004

Present: Cllrs: Simpson, Tabrett, Hay, Lovell, Tobin and Withecombe.
Apologies: Cllr Stuchbery

The Chairman, Patrick Simpson opened the meeting at 19.32

05/05/01 Minutes of the meeting held on April 7th 2004 were approved. The minutes were then signed by Cllr Patrick Simpson (acting as Chairman prior to the election of Chairman) and entered in the minute book.

05/05/02 Election of Chairman

Patrick Simpson was unanimously voted Chairman of the Parish Council and Ian Tabrett was unanimously voted Vice-Chairman.

05/05/03 Code of Conduct

Nothing to report

05/05/04 Matters Arising

Update on Section 106 Agreement

In response to a query regarding a Section 106 agreement on the Wavering Down Rise development, Kerry Rickards has replied for SDC that this was approved before the Section 106 policy was adopted, so no contributions were sought from the developer.

Parish Web Site

*Cllr Withecombe to ask Michael Freeman to quote to set up and maintain this.

Springfield Wildlife Site

The draft agreement has now been received and looks OK. *Chairman and Vice-Chairman to look at the wording and accept the agreement if they are satisfied. A bird expert will visit the site on 16 May to talk about the birds on site.

Trees/ Maintenance Matters

Cllr Tabrett has spoken to a tree expert at SDC re the poplars on the Yeo river bank. SDC will send more information.

Speed Limit

The report on the meeting which was called by County Cllr Alan Ham to review the speed limits on the A38 was discussed. *Cllr Tobin to write to Cllr Ham to confirm the PC's general agreement with the conclusions of the meeting but to say that, in principle, the PC supports a reduction in the multiplicity of different speed limits on the A38. The problem with turning left out of Cross Lane should also be noted.

Notice Boards

Some of these have now been varnished and repaired. The work is continuing.

Annual Open Meeting

The Meeting went well and did not raise any contentious issues. Next year the full financial report will be distributed prior to the Meeting.

Village Fun Day

Everything is in hand and volunteers in place. *Chairman to check that special insurance is taken out as in previous years.

Support for Gardening Club

Following a request for sponsorship for the Gardening Club annual Flower Show, it was agreed to sponsor this in the amount of up to £50 as this is an event which is widely supported by villagers in the Parish. Chairman to discuss with Brenda Sharpe – suggested the grant be used to pay for hire of the hall for the event.

05/05/05 Financial

The budget for 2004/5 was agreed and adopted.

Payments Due

Parish Council Insurance has been paid £249.14
VAT of £253.85 has been reclaimed

05/05/06 Planning

No objection has been made by the PC to recent planning items.
Application has been made for a sunroom at Underdown, Old Coach Road. Mr Williams

Enforcement Matters:

On behalf of Cllr Stuchbery, Cllr Tabrett has posed a question to the SDC Enforcement Dept and is awaiting a reply.

05/05/07 Footpaths and Highways

*Chairman to contact Mr & Mrs Scott re the footpath in Cross Lane.





05/05/08 Correspondence

Minutes of the last Cluster Group meeting have been received, for circulation.
Copies of the Mendip Hills AONB Management Plan were distributed.

**The Chairman closed the Meeting at 21.10 p.m.
Next Meeting Wednesday 2nd June 2004 at 19.30**





Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on June 2nd 2004

Present: Cllrs: Simpson, Hay, Stuchbery and Tobin.

Apologies: Cllrs Lovell, Tabrett and Withecombe

The Chairman, Patrick Simpson opened the meeting at 19.32

02/06/01 Minutes of the meeting held on May 5th 2004 were approved. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman and entered in the Minute Book.

02/06/02 Code of Conduct

Nothing to report

02/06/03 Matters Arising

Parish Web Site

Carried over to next meeting

Springfield Wildlife Site

Carried over to next meeting

Trees/ Maintenance Matters

SDC says that there are low levels of grants for tree planting. To be discussed at next meeting.

Speed Limit

Cllr Tobin has written to County Cllr Alan Ham to confirm the PC,s general agreement to the suggestion for a review of the speed limits on the A38. Cllr Ham has written to the PC with answers to some highways questions which were raised at the Annual Open Meeting. *Cllr Hay to incorporate these into the next Parish Newsletter.

Notice Boards

These have now been varnished and repaired. Invoice received for £170.

Village Fun Day

Everything is in hand and volunteers in place. Bouncy castle ordered and special insurance arranged.

Support for Gardening Club

Chairman has written to offer £50 to be used to defray costs of the hire of the hall for the Flower Show.

Bus Shelters

*Cllr Hay to ask Bob Andrews to paint the interior of the bus shelters

Business use of residential property

After a question from Cllr Stuchbery, the use of residential property for business use was discussed. No action required.

Rubbish on the Drove

A check will be made to see if the waste on the Drove has been removed. To be discussed at the next meeting.

02/06/04 Financial

The monthly income/budget report was reviewed.

02/06/05 Planning

Nothing to report

Enforcement Matters:

*Chairman to contact SDC re the enforcement policy in respect of Clover Farm

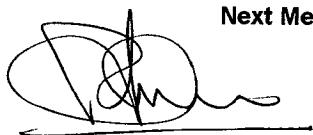
02/06/06 Footpaths and Highways

*Chairman to contact Mr & Mrs Scott re the footpath in Cross Lane. SDC footpath section is to be centralised in a new group in Taunton

02/06/07 Correspondence

The agenda for the SALC meeting on 17 June has been received. Somerset Craft Maps were distributed.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 20.45 p.m.
Next Meeting Wednesday 7th July 2004 at 19.30



Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on July 7th 2004

Present: Cllrs: Simpson, Tabrett, Stuchbery, Lovell, Withecombe and Tobin.

Apologies: Cllr. Hay

The Chairman, Patrick Simpson opened the meeting at 19.32

07/07/01 Minutes of the meeting held on June 2nd 2004 were approved. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman and entered in the Minute Book.

07/07/02 Code of Conduct

Nothing to report

07/07/03 Matters Arising

Parish Web Site

Cllr Withecombe will set up a draft PC website as the manual looks straightforward, using material from the Year Book.

Springfield Wildlife Site

Arrangements are still to be made with SDC to sign the management partnership agreement. Some minor undergrowth work needs to be done.

Trees/ Maintenance Matters

This topic to be pended until a suitable project comes up.

Speed Limit

SCC Transport dept has advised that they cannot currently allocate resource to a review of the Compton Bishop village speed limit. *Cllr Tobin to inform County Cllr Ham

Village Fun Day

It was sad that the afternoon had to be cancelled due to weather but the evening was a great success. The barbecue gave a profit of £336 and the net cost of the day was £392 including the band, prizes and insurance. For next year the road should be closed in the evening and possibly the date moved to the second Saturday in July.

Bus Shelters

Carried over to next meeting

Rubbish on the Drove

Removed by SDC

07/07/04 Financial

The monthly income/budget report is pending.

07/07/05 Planning

The Yeo Bridge Farm appeal has been refused

21/04/00005/BAD Summerhouse at Quarry House, Cross - Approved

21/04/00008/CJM Sunroom at Underdown, Webbington Road, Cross - Approved

21/04/00007/BAD Garage at Mendip Foot, Old Coach Road - Approved

21/04/00009/CG Sign at Peak View, Webbington Road, Compton Bishop - Approved

Following a discussion, the PC is to seek guidance on responding to planning applications within the imposed 21 days timescale. Guidelines on declaring interest over local applications is required. *Cllr Stuchbery to write to SALC.

Enforcement Matters:

*Cllr Tabrett to ask SDC to put their enforcement policy in writing.

07/07/06 Footpaths and Highways

Re. Cross Lane, Mr & Mrs Scott have written to suggest that progress awaits the result of the appeal on their Farm Shop. The SDC footpath section is to move next March to SCC in Taunton.

Following reports from the public that several people have been bitten by ticks this year, the PC will liaise with the National Trust re putting warning signs on gates and stiles.

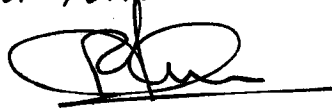
07/07/07 Correspondence

Somerset Structure Plan Alteration - being circulated
Sedgemoor Landscape Assessment - being circulated
Notification received of the Annual Meeting between PC's and County Councillors
A Regional one-day Conference on 12th July. Cost £30.
The LAMP meeting was attended by Cllr Lovell



A Councillor raised concerns by some members of the public about repeated maize planting in Bourton Lane. The PC decided that no actions could be taken as it was not within our remit.

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 21.35 p.m.
Next Meeting Wednesday 1st September 2004 at 19.30





Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on September 1st 2004

Present: Cllrs: Simpson, Tabrett, Withecombe and Tobin. Also County Cllr A Ham and District Cllr J Denby

Apologies: Cllr. Hay, Lovell and Stuchbery

The Chairman, Patrick Simpson opened the meeting at 19.32

01/09/01 Minutes of the meeting held on July 7th 2004 were approved. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman and entered in the Minute Book.

01/09/02 Code of Conduct

Nothing to report

01/09/03 Matters Arising

Parish Web Site

Work on this is ongoing.

Springfield Wildlife Site

More clearing has been done recently. No date has been set to sign the management partnership agreement with SDC.

Trees/ Maintenance Matters

Nothing to report

Speed Limit

Cllr Tobin will attend the meeting called by Alan Ham on 9th September to discuss the A38 speed limits. A letter has been received to offer a Speedwatch camera. This will be declined.

Bus Shelters and Notice Boards

Seats at the Bus Shelter and opposite the White Hart are broken. *Cllr Hay to ask Mr Andrews to repair. Clerk to retype the information in the notice boards which has faded in the sunshine.

Ticks

Signs have been put on all stiles and gates in the Parish to warn walkers about ticks. It is not clear whether there is any Lyme Disease from ticks on the Hill. The National Trust management plan for the Crook Peak area will not be published until the end of September.

01/09/04 Financial

The monthly income/budget report had not been received by some Cllrs

There were no payments due

Feedback from the Internal Auditor - the comments were duly noted

The Parish Annual return for March 2003/04 was approved

01/09/05 Planning

Application for a ground floor extension at Havaria, Old Coach Road, (Mr Hall) – recommended approval

Erection of new building at 18 Big Tree Close, Compton Bishop (Mrs A M White) - recommended for refusal

Resurfacing of turning area at Colne Engaine, Old Coach Road (Mr M Watson)

Enforcement Matters:

SDC have said that they would like to answer a specific concern not a general concern. Clerk to bring the Clover Farm detail to the next meeting.

Concern was expressed at the Condoric development to create access onto the A38. Clerk to write to Enforcement Officer. Shute Shelve development - Cllr Denby felt that as the site has been tidied and the houses are selling, although slowly, there was little that could be done to improve the situation.

01/09/06 Footpaths and Highways

Cross Lane - Clerk to write to the Manager at Dunball to confirm that the pavement is still on the list of work.

Community Access Fund Grant. This is a £50,000 Fund to provide gates, etc. to improve access to the footpath network.

Bids for a share of this fund have to be put in by 6 October. Cllr Tabrett reported he had identified two possible sites and obtained estimate to replace poor stiles with gates, and clerk to write to landowners seeking their approval.

The SDC Footpath section will relocate to Taunton in 2005.

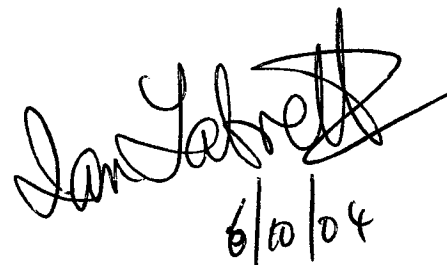
01/09/07 Correspondence

A letter was received from the PCC to ask for a continuation of the donation towards grasscutting at St Andrew's Church. A donation of £150 was agreed.

SALC have replied to Cllr Stuchbery's letter to say there is no general guidance on handling planning applications. They may arrange some joint training.

The next Cluster group meeting is on 23 September at Mark Village Hall

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 20.35 p.m.
Next Meeting Wednesday 6th October 2004 at 19.30



6/10/04

Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on October 6th 2004

Present: Cllrs: Tabrett, Tobin, Hay and Stuchbery and Parishioners: Mr and Mrs Mitchell

Apologies: Cllrs. Simpson, Lovell and Withecombe

In attendance: Clerk

Vice-Chairman, Ian Tabrett opened the meeting at 19.36

06/09/01 Minutes of the meeting held on September 1st 2004 were approved. The minutes were then signed by the Vice-Chairman and entered in the Minute Book.

06/09/02 Code of Conduct

Nothing to report

06/09/03 Matters Arising

Speed Limits

Cllr Tobin updated the cllrs on the change of the speed limit along sections of the A38. The cllrs had no objections to new proposals for Cross but agreed to tell SCC that the proposed 30 mph limit for Lower Weare was unrealistic. Cllr Tobin to write to traffic manager, David Greenhouse to this affect also to mention the increase traffic along the Webbington Road and request a speed limit monitor to be installed in the parish again, sited at a more appropriate place than previously installed.

Parish Web Site

Cllr Hay informed the meeting about the website design at Wedmore. Cllr Hay to pass on contact details to Cllr Withecombe.

Springfield Wildlife Site

Cllr Tabrett reported that further tidying work had been carried out, and it was agreed to send letters of thanks to Sarah Ayling and Richard Arnold for their assistance.

Trees/ Maintenance Matters

Cllr Tabrett thanked Cllr Stuchbery for decorating the Church Lane bus shelter and also Old Coach Road.

06/09/04 Financial

The monthly income/budget report was reviewed.

Income

Interest: Treasurer Acc. .26p
Business Money Manager £24.19

Expenditure

100235 J Stuchbery Expenses £60.64
100236 I Tabrett Expenses £78.25
100237 Clerk's Expenses £54.77
100238 J Stuchbery Expenses £22.58

Total income £24.45

Total Expenditure £216.24

06/09/05 Planning

Land to west of 18 Big Tree Close, erection of dwelling (Mrs White) – SDC refused permission
Greenacres, Old Coach Rd, (Mr & Mrs Sutor), conversion of loft - recommended for refusal
Bowyer House, Old Coach Rd, erection of rear extension, (Mr & Mrs Leaney) The council has no objections

Enforcement Matters:

Clover Farm – Clerk to write to SDC planning officer with specific concerns.

Condoric – Clerk to contact the enforcement officer at SDC with concerns regarding creation an access onto the A38 and filling in the brook at the bottom of the garden.

06/09/06 Footpaths and Highways

Cross Lane - Clerk to respond to letter from Somerset Highways which informed the council that the extension to the pavement at the western section of Cross Lane is low priority; copy to Cllr Ham.

SCC Grant Application – Cllr Tabrett to write to Compton Bishop Estates expressing the council's regret at not accepting the offer of financial aid in replacing some stiles with kissing gates.

06/09/07 Correspondence

'Wake up to Junk' a guide to reducing unwanted junk mail – recommend that a copy be delivered to parishioners with the next Parish newsletter.

Somerset Levels Biosphere Reserve Management plan 2005-2010 – recommend filing for future reference

The Chairman closed the Meeting at 20.35 p.m.
Next Meeting Wednesday, 3rd November 2004 at 19.30

**Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council planning meeting held on
June 23rd, 2005**

Present: Cllrs Tabrett, Tobin, Dorber, Mohan
In attendance: Applicants and agent

Apologies: Cllrs Rix, Withecombe

Code of Conduct: nothing to declare

Chairman of the meeting: Cllr Tabrett

Proposal: change of use and conversion of agricultural barns and stables into five holiday units, store and games room, erection of carport, formation of parking, closing up existing access and formation of new access off Barton Road.

Webbington Farm, Barton Road, Webbington, Compton Bishop.
W H Amesbury & Son

Site visit (out of sequence): cllrs inspected the site, proposed new access and buildings to be converted, and the agent and members of the Amesbury family answered questions. Chairman read an e-mail from Cllr Withecombe noting that the proposals would have no effect on anyone other than members of the Amesbury family, and that they should be supported in view of the need for farmers to diversify.

Decision (unanimous): SUPPORT the proposals as:

- 1) a sympathetic conversion which will guarantee the future of the group of attractive stone- and brick-built barns;
- 2) likely to have economic benefits to the parish by attracting potentially hundreds of visitors a year.
- 3) proposed access will improve safety for vehicles entering and leaving the site and farm.

Cllrs also agreed unanimously to inform SDC that the PC welcomed the proposed environmentally-friendly use of reed-beds as part of the treatment of effluent; use of solar panels for water-heating; only low-level external and security lighting; and landscaping and planting using only native species.



PROCEDURES FOR RESPONDING TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS

In light of the information sheet issued in May, 2005, by the Somerset Association of Local Councils, it is clear Compton Bishop Parish Council must amend the way in which it deals with applications.

With certain exceptions, decisions on planning applications must be reached at a properly convened meeting, with three clear days' notice given to members and the public, a formal agenda and an opportunity for the public to attend – they have no right to speak but the PC's "10 minute" rule may be applied at the start.


While applications appear on a weekly register published by SDC, it may be some time before the plans themselves are sent to the PC for consideration, with less than 21 days to respond. As the delay between registration and notification is totally unpredictable, and with between 20 and 30 applications annually for the parish, it is generally impossible to group applications so they can be discussed together.

SALC chairman Mr Peter Lacey advises that the main exception to having to call regular Planning Committee meetings would be to delegate some decisions to the Clerk. All applications should be notified (for speed and ease, by e-mail) to all councillors; if no one then specifically asks for an application to be referred to committee it can be delegated to the Clerk for decision in conjunction with the Chairman and Vice-chairman/. Those applications which one or more member ask to be referred to committee would then go on the agenda for a formal Planning Committee meeting (or site meeting followed by a formal meeting).

Therefore it is **RECOMMENDED** that:

- 1) This report be adopted.
- 2) A Planning Committee be formed consisting of all parish councillors but with a quorum of three or half the membership whichever is lesser.
- 3) Applications which, after notification to all councillors, have not been specifically referred to committee by one or more councillors as being contentious, be delegated to the Clerk for decision in conjunction with the Chairman and Vice-chairman and/or one other councillor for response to SDC within the time limit.
- 4) All other applications be considered by committee after three clear days' notice to members and the public.

Ian Tabrett,
Chairman, Compton Bishop Parish Council
Mrs Sandra Broadbent
Clerk, Compton Bishop Parish Council



Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on November 3rd 2004

Present: Cllrs: Simpson, Tabrett, Tobin, Hay and Stuchbery, Lovell
Apologies: Cllr: Withecombe
In attendance: Clerk
The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.35

04/11/01 Minutes of the meeting held on October 5th 2004 were approved. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman and entered in the Minute Book.

04/11/02 Code of Conduct

The Chairman read out a letter from the office of the Deputy Prime Minister on the new ethical framework regulations. A discussion followed on the suspension for two months of SDC Development Control Committee chairman Cllr David Joslin, following a finding that he had failed to comply with the code during his participation in a decision on a planning application. The Chairman and Cllr Stuchbery said they were personally concerned at the evident lack of support to a long serving Cllr by SDC's planning dept.

04/11/03 Matters Arising

Speed Limits

Cllr Tobin displayed updated maps for new limits on the A38. The 40 mph limit at Cross remains.

Parish Xmas Cards

Clerk to liaise with Chairman on the design.

Dates for the Parish Diary

19th Dec 04 6pm Carol singing, 22nd April 05 Annual Open Meeting, 2nd July Fun Day, 18th Dec 05 Carol singing.

Annual Carol singing/budget

Clerk: to see Sue Ham about song sheets, ask Rev Ken Brown about local charity. Budget for charity set at £150.00

Fireworks

Cllrs have received a number of complaints about noisy fireworks, Clerk instructed to write a letter to person concerned.

Gritting Webbington road

Cllrs decided to monitor the situation.

Illegal advertising signs/flyposting

Clerk reported that Highways have removed illegal signs on the A38.

Dog mess

Chairman mentioned that he received two complaints by Parishioners. Clerk to obtain additional warning signs to display in village and mention problem in next newsletter.

Parish Web Site

Nothing to report

Springfield Wildlife Site

Nothing to report

Trees/ Maintenance Matters

Hedge trimming – Clerk to mention in next newsletter that over grown garden hedges should not cause an obstruction on the pavement/roads.

Year Book

Cllr Stuchbery gave an update on editorial content, Chairman reported that selling advertising was successful. Clerk to write to all advertisers.

04/11/04 Financial

The monthly income/budget report was reviewed.

Income

Interest: Treasurer Acc. .22p
Business Money Manager 0.00
Amenity grant £74.35

Expenditure

100239 Grass cutting £160.00
100241 Clerk Sept salary/exp £140.31
100240 Audit invoice £141.00
100242 Cllr Stuchbery mileage 20.80

Total income £74.57

Total Expenditure £452.11

04/11/05 Planning

Greenacres, Old Coach Rd, (Mr & Mrs Sutor), conversion of loft – SDC refuse permission
Bowyer House, Old Coach Rd, erection of rear extension, SDC consent



Enforcement Matters:

Clover Farm – Clerk instructed to chase-up SDC planning officer and report back at next meeting.
Condoric – Clerk to communicate further with SDC planning dept.

04/11/06 Footpaths and Highways

Cllr Tabrett reported advice from Dave Aggett, SDC Parks and Officer that the grass area by Chardet Place has been adopted by County Highways and will be cut 15 times per year.
Cross Lane - Cllr Tabrett reported that disabled pavement is not to be implemented due to dangerous corner.
SCC Grant Application – Nothing to report

04/11/07 Correspondence

- Chairman read out a letter from County Councillor Alan Ham re: Members Community Budget. Clerk instructed to write back requesting £500.
- Chairman read out a letter from Mrs M Jordan requesting that the PC consider planting an oak tree in recognition of Nelson's Victory at Trafalgar. Clerk to write back that the Cllr's support this in principal but an appropriate site needs to be found for the tree.
- Chairman read out a letter from Councillor Stuchbery offering his resignation with immediate effect. Chairman thanked the Cllr for all his hard work and contribution towards the Parish. Cllr Simpson and Cllr Lovell also announced their intention to stand down at the end of March 05.

**The Chairman closed the Meeting at 21.35 p.m.
Next Meeting Wednesday, 1st December 2004 at 19.30**



Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on December 1st 2004

Present: Cllrs: Simpson, Tabrett, Tobin, Hay, Lovell and Withecombe and two parishioners

Apologies:

In attendance: Clerk

The Chairman opened the meeting at 19.35

01/12/01 Minutes of the meeting held on November 3rd 2004 were approved. The minutes were then signed by the Chairman and entered in the Minute Book.

01/12/02 Code of Conduct

Clerk handed out to all Cllrs a new Code of Conduct guide produced by the Standards Board.

01/12/03 Matters Arising

Resignations

Clerk explained the process of filling the vacancy left by the resignation of Cllr Stuchbery. Cllrs agree that if an election is not called by the requisite 10 electors, a new member be co-opted after Sedgemoor's electoral team advise on the timing as the legal notice has to be advertised on the parish noticeboards for 14 days.

Community Budget 04/05

A budget of £500 has been promised which was decided to go towards chair cushions for the Memorial Hall. Clerk to update the cllrs at next meeting.

Update on Parish Xmas Cards

Cards ready to print, Mrs. Laelia Gold's photograph chosen to go on front of the card. Decided to print 300, clerk to chase-up with Moneygivers.

Quality Council

Cllrs outlined concerns about the lengthy process required by the guidelines published by 'The countryside Agency' to achieve Quality Council status. They felt that while council meets the majority of the most important criteria, the amount of time – estimated at around 70 hours – required for the clerk to gain the necessary certification and to prepare the council's evidence would be far beyond her contract of 20 hours per month. Clerk to SALC (copy Mr Heathcoat-Amory) pointing out the problem for small parishes, the minimal benefits to be achieved.

Update Carol singing/Charity

Date set for Dec 19th at 6pm a budget of £150.00 agreed with any profit to be presented to Weare School for play equipment for reception class. A final vote on this award to be made at next meeting. Clerk to liaise with Richard Parker and Sue Ham on the sheet music. Cllr Withecombe offered to produce the notices to advertise the event.

Fireworks

Clerk reported that the letter sent to the parishioner had been received and problem noted.

Year Book

Chairman reported that all commercial advertising had been easily sold. The Year Book was ready to go to the printers and will negotiate a printing budget of £1500 with Moneygivers,

Dog mess

Clerk told the PC of the feedback from Sedgemoor District Council and was ask to mention the problem in the Winter Newsletter. The situation would be monitored to see if SDC put up any notices in the village.

Parish Web Site

Cllr Withecombe updated the meeting on her progress and asked the cllrs to log and give feedback on the site;
www.thelocalchannel.co.uk

Springfield Wildlife Site

Cllr Tabrett said that the pond had sprung a leak and part of the bank had eroded. Cllr Tabrett has been in communication with Harley Cook at SDC to get the leak fixed before the award ceremony, which is to take place to sign the Wildlife Management Agreement. Cllr Tabrett to write to SDC again to highlight that the problem of the erosion and leak still exists.

Trees/ Maintenance Matters

Nothing to report

04/11/04 Financial

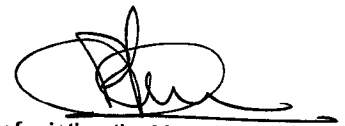
The monthly income/budget report was reviewed.

Income

Interest: Treasurer Acc. .21p
Business Money Manager 0.00
Total income £0.21

Expenditure

100245 Ian Tabrett £71.96
100243 Clerk Oct salary/exp £165.55
Total Expenditure £237.51



Presentation of the budget 05/06

Chairman proposed that the budget is approved at the next meeting after finalising the cost of printing the Year Book.

Precept Requirements 05/06

Precept agreed by the cllrs to be increased to £6,000. Clerk to inform SDC

01/12/05 Planning

Enforcement Matters:

Clover Farm – Clerk instructed to chase-up SDC planning officer and report back at next meeting.

Condoric – Cllr Tabrett updated meeting on communication received by Ms Aiyling owner of the land affected by the access and will try and obtain a copy of the letter received from Planning to show councillors at the next meeting.

01/12/06 Footpaths and Highways

Cross Lane pavement - Cllr Tabrett read out a letter from Mr C. Betty Principal LTP Implementation Officer that the pavement is ranked 92 out of 110 in priority basis. Clerk instructed to write back and outline again the serious nature of the situation.

National Trust Footpath – Cllr Tobin reported the cattle were again making it almost impossible for walkers to use footpaths and bridleways across the National Trust's Crook Peak estate. Clerk to write to the NT expressing concern and sending photographs showing the situation.

01/12/07 Correspondence

Chairman asked clerk to send a letter to Mrs Palmer in condolences of the death of the previous Chairman, Alan Palmer.
Councillors signed a thank you card for Cllr Stuchbery

**The Chairman closed the Meeting at 20:35 p.m.
Next Meeting Wednesday, 5th January 05 at 19.30**

