

Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7th January 1998.

Chairman Cllr A Palmer opened the meeting at 7.30 pm.

Present Cllrs H Powell, P Simpson, J Stuchbery, S Thorne and C Wilmot.

Apologies for absence. Cllr P Cole.

1/98/01 **Minutes of previous meeting** These were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

1/98/02 **Matters Arising**

Memorial Hall Charity Commission - The Chairman has informed the Charity Commission that the PC would like to tie in the formation of The Memorial Hall Management Committee with the AOM. The Chairman has received a letter from Dick Tyas with regard to developments to date. Cllr Powell thought it would be advisable to have a record of correspondence, dates and action taken in preparation for the AOM so that everyone is clear as to the timetable of events. This was agreed.

Cray Charity - Nominations for Trustee - The Chairman explained what was involved and how the Charity worked. Cllr Stuchbery volunteered to become a Trustee, representing the PC - this was agreed by all present/t. The Chairman will write to the other trustees - Alan Ham and Rev Gould to inform them.

1/98/03 **Parish Precept**

The Chairman had prepared a breakdown of the figures, each Cllr had received a copy. With these figures and after some discussion it was agreed that the precept should remain at the figure of £2,500.

1/98/04 **Planning**

1/21/97/13 Conversion of barn to dwelling - Cheese Barn, Butts Batch, Compton Bishop - J Crawford - Cllr Thorne declared an interest, however the Chairman ruled that it was insufficient to exclude her from discussions. There were no objections to the application.

1/98/05 **Correspondence**

Emergency Planning - No provision has been made in the Parish for a 'centre' which could be used as a co-ordination point in times of Emergency, there would be the need for a telephone to be available. Cllr Stuchbery offered to approach the Landlord of the White Hart to see if he would be happy for the public house to be used in such an event.

Audit Commission - Notification of audit has been received, the books etc. have to be taken to the auditor at Bridgwater House on Monday 9th February 1998.

SDC Local Government Rating Act - Details of the rating relief for buildings in rural settlements - not relevant to this parish.

SCC - Education Department - Notice of appointment of Governor to Weare VC First School.

Palmer

1/98/06

Payments

Alan Palmer	Various Expenses	£ 47.74
SWEB	Quarterly Account	£ 34.32

1/98/07

Receipts

Hall Takings	December 1997	£40.00
Midland Bank	Interest C/A to 24/12	£ .22p
Midland Bank	Interest D/A to 5/12	£64.31

1/98/08

Bank Balances

Midland Bank Current Account at 24/12	£ 200.19
Midland Moneymaster Account at 24/12	£6718.21

1/98/09

Any Other Business

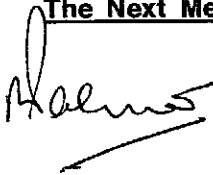
Pavement alongside A38 on Shute Shelve Hill - Cllr Simpson expressed his concern that where the new bollards are positioned on the A38, large vehicles are having to come closer into the pavement to negotiate the narrowing of the road. This means that a pedestrian could be hit by a wing mirror encroaching on to the pavement. The Chairman will look into this.

Horse Warning Signs - Cllr Stuchbery thought that there should be more horse warning signs along Webbington Road as he has noticed an increase in riders using the road. He particularly felt that there was insufficient warning on the bend at Rackley. Clerk to investigate.

Blocked Drains at Compton Bishop - There are several blocked drains in Compton Bishop. Cllr Thorne has marked them on a map. This will be passed on the W S Atkins for their action.

1/98/10

The Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday 4th February 1998 at 7.30 pm.



Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4th February 1998.

Chairman Cllr A Palmer opened the meeting at 7.30 pm.

Present Cllrs P Cole, H Powell, P Simpson, J Stuchbery, S Thorne and C Wilmot.

Apologies for absence. None

2/98/01 Minutes of previous meeting These were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

2/98/02 Matters Arising

Contact Magazine - It was agreed that a meeting should be arranged between Contact and the parishes to discuss funding for the magazine - Clerk to progress with Treasurer.

Emergency Planning - Cllr Stuchbery has approached Mr Arkell, landlord of the White Hart, who has agreed that the Inn may be used as a communications centre during emergencies. Emergency Planning have been informed and the Clerk will write to Mr Arkell thanking him for his permission.

Road Safety A38 - The Chairman has made some investigations into this matter but wishes to obtain further information/measurements.

2/98/03 Planning

1/21/97/06 - Claverton Homes (Axbridge Limited) - Erection of 14 dwellings, garages and formation of access thereto - Mr M Bosel of Claverton Homes presented his amended plans, which will be considered by the Planning Committee on the 10th March 1998. He explained that the number of houses had been reduced in number to 12 allowing increased open spaces. All but two of the trees on the site will be preserved. The access has been adjusted to increase visibility splays in consultation with Highways Department and this access would be created before work commenced on the site. Cllr Powell pointed out the location of the mains drain across this area. The concern of the PC re: future development of the remainder of the site has been addressed by a Section 106 clause. Every effort would be made to use traditional materials in keeping with local buildings. Throughout the discussion Mr Bosel noted Cllrs comments and concerns with particular regard to access, building materials etc. The Chairman thanked Mr Bosel for attending and presenting his proposals.

1/21/97/13 Conversion of barn to dwelling - Cheese Barn, Butts Batch, Compton Bishop - J Crawford -- GRANTED PERMISSION

1/21/98/1/L Conversion of barn to dwelling - Cheese Barn, Butts Batch, Compton Bishop - J Crawford - Listed Building Consent as per above - No objection

2/98/04 Correspondence

SCC Somerset Rural Strategy Consultation Meeting - To be held 23rd February 1998 - Cllrs Powell & Stuchbery to attend

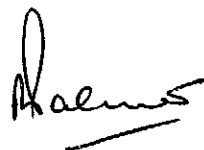
Folklore of wells and springs - A request for information on wells and springs in our parish which might have some 'healing' qualities. The Cllrs were not aware of the existence of such, and agreed that Mrs Jordan may have come across this in her research, the letter will be passed on.

SDC Environmental Initiatives - Environmental aims re new buildings, waste control etc. - meeting to be attended by Chairman

W S Atkins Highway Maintenance Policy Plan - The Chairman summarised

SCC Annual Review 1996/97 - Copies were handed to all present

St John's Ambulance - Invitation to scheme for free training - Posters put up in hall



2/98/05 **Payments**

None

2/98/06 **Receipts**

Hall Takings	January 1998	£20.00
Midland Bank	Interest O/A to 24/1	£ .15p

2/98/07 **Bank Balances**

Midland Bank Current Account at 23/1	£ 121.78
Midland Moneymaster Account at 23/1	£6718.21

2/98/08 **Any Other Business**

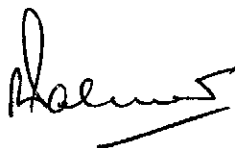
Cycleway Cross - Axbridge - Cllr Stuchbery has been asked by a parishioner what is the situation with regard to the cycleway idea. The Chairman explained the background and reasons why this was not being pursued.

Millennium Project - Cllr Stuchbery asked whether the PC had any plans for a Project. The Chairman explained that a letter had gone to all households in the Parish and that there had been little or no interest in the idea. At the present time there were no plans as far as the PC are concerned.

Water on Road Surfaces - At the time of the meeting the road surface adjacent to Combune Farm, Webbington Road was continually wet. Discussions followed on who was responsible for drainage of underground springs on private land.

Resignation of Clerk - The Clerk tendered her notice of resignation. The Chairman will advertise the position in the next edition of Contact magazine and Cllrs were asked if they knew of anyone who might be interested in applying for the post

2/98/09 **The Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th March 1998 at 7.30 pm.**



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Chairman Cllr A Palmer opened the meeting at 7.30 pm.

Present Cllrs H Powell, J Stuchbery, S Thorne and C Wilmot.

Apologies for absence. Cllrs P Cole & P Simpson

3/98/01 Minutes of previous meeting These were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3/98/02 Matters Arising

Contact Magazine - The Clerk has contacted the Treasurer who is attempting to co-ordinate a meeting between all parishes with regard to the funding of Contact magazine.

Charity Commission - The final draft has been received, a notice has been displayed for the required period of time, advertising that the document was available for scrutiny by interested parties. The draft scheme will be returned to the Charity Commission on 12/3/98, for adoption.

Somerset Rural Strategy Consultation Meeting - 23/2/98 - Cllr Stuchbery attended the meeting and provided an interesting summary. Key issues for those parishes present were housing, employment, planning issues, education, traffic, parish involvement, effective communication between SCC and parishes.

Environmental Initiatives - Agenda 21 - The Chairman attended and reported on a meeting held in Burnham-on-Sea where matters with regard to environment, traffic waste, housing development and management of pollution were discussed.

Horse Rider Warning Signs - W S Atkins do not have sufficient knowledge of horse riding activity along Webbington Road to know where additional warning signs should be situated. Cllr Stuchbery will give the matter his consideration.

3/98/03 Planning

1/21/97/06 - Claverton Homes (Axbridge Limited) - Erection of 14 dwellings, garages and formation of access thereto - Amended plans have been submitted to SDC and the proposals were to be considered by the Planning Committee on 10th March 1998. Although the amended plans have not been seen by the Parish Council, a letter of objection has been submitted, on the information given by the Applicant at his presentation to the PC on 4/2/98

1/21/98/1/L Conversion of barn to dwelling - Cheese Barn, Butts Batch, Compton Bishop - J Crawford - Listed Building Consent as per above - GRANTED PERMISSION

3/98/04 Correspondence

Somerset Levels & Moors Partnership - A copy of the newsletter was distributed to all those present.

Sustainable Somerset Group Newsletters - A series of leaflets about Somerset's environment and quality of life e.g water, tourism, air quality, waste management etc.

Rural Development Survey - Findings of 1997 survey of services in rural areas completed by PCs

Local Agenda 21 Forum - Notice of next meeting to be held on 25/2/98

Avon & Somerset Constabulary Newsletter - Clerk to advise Caretaker with regard to the vetting of casual lettings of hall by persons who might be selling dubious goods; a list of police contact numbers was distributed for general information.

Palmer

Correspondence - continued

Tree Planting - Notification has been received that a grant has been approved towards the cost of one tree to be planted adjacent to Carabine, Old Coach Road, Cross - Chairman to progress
Village Name Signs - Some monies have been made available for village name signs, Clerk to progress with Mr Hill SDC.

3/98/05

Payments

Jane Murray	Caretakers Quarterly Salary	£ 42.50
Jane Withecombe	Clerks Half Yearly Salary	£200.00
Jane Withecombe	Clerks Heating & Lighting Expenses	£ 25.00
Cash	Petty Cash Reimbursement	£ 45.82

3/98/06

Receipts

Hall Takings	February 1998	£22.50
Midland Bank	Interest C/A to 24/2	£ .10p

3/98/07

Bank Balances

Midland Bank Current Account	£ 86.73
Midland Moneymaster Account	£6718.21

3/98/08

Any Other Business

Annual Open Meeting - To be held on Friday 24th April at 8.00 pm. The Chairman will invite Cllrs Alan Ham and John Denbee also P C Mike Norman. Agenda will be distributed to all households in the Parish and will be prepared for the next meeting.

Bristol Water Pumping Station Site - Mrs Jordan has heard that the site is being made available for development and is concerned about the preservation of the pumping station building - Clerk to approach Cllr Denbee for information.

Nettles/weeds around bench at riverside - Cllr Powell suggested that now would be a good time to apply a weedkiller around the bench at the side of the river, it was agreed that this should be done.

3/98/09

The Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th April 1998 at 7.30 pm.

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Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 8th April 1998.

Chairman Cllr A Palmer opened the meeting at 7.30 pm.

Present Cllrs P Cole, H Powell, P Simpson P Cole & J Stuchbery.

Apologies for absence Cllrs S Thorne and C Wilmot

4/98/01 **Minutes of previous meeting** These were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

4/98/02 **Matters Arising**

Village Name Signs - The Clerk has now received delivery of a full complement of name signs which are ready for erection - Chairman will arrange with a local contractor for this work to be done.

Contact Magazine - Nothing has been heard from Mr Small re: a meeting with other parishes. The Chairman will contact him to progress.

Memorial Hall - Charity Commission - The scheme was sealed on 25/3/98. The first annual meeting of the charity will be held prior to the Annual Open Meeting on 24th April 1998. The Agenda of the meeting will be as per the note attached to these minutes. Arrangements are being made to close the National Saving Investment Account and to transfer the funds therein to an account that the Memorial Hall Committee will administer. It was proposed that Cllr Powell should be a signatory of the account as a Committee member. When the Management Committee has been formed a meeting will be called between the Parish Council and the Committee to discuss financial arrangements. The Chairman will make notes on his recommendations.

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Bristol Water Pumping Station Site - The pumping station is no longer required by Bristol Water and therefore the site is on the market for development. It is understood that the developers who own the Council Depot site are negotiating to purchase the Pumping Station site in order to develop the two sites as one.

Weedkiller - Cllr ~~Cole~~ has sprayed weedkiller on the nettles adjacent to the seat by the river.

4/98/03 **Annual Open Meeting**

The Agenda has to be delivered to residents by 15th April 1998. The Chairman will prepare reports for the AOM.

4/98/04 **Audit**

The accounts have been audited but have not been signed off as it is necessary to prepare a summary account document to be submitted to the Auditor.

4/98/05 **Planning**

1/21/97/06 - Claverton Homes (Axbridge Limited) - Erection of 12 dwellings, garages and formation of access thereto - No official outcome of the meeting on the 10th March has been received but it is understood that permission will be granted and that conditions will be imposed with regard to access, the materials used to construct the properties and the screening of the site.

1/21/98/2 Mr & Mrs K Walke - On Land off Big Tree Close, Compton Bishop - Erection of dwelling with integrated garage and formation of access thereto - No objection



4/98/06

Correspondence

W S Atkins - Notification that a 'bend warning sign' will be erected on Webbington Road and that the carriageway will be marked 'Slow' at the request of the PC.

Local Agenda 21 Forum - Notice of next meeting to be held on 22nd April 1998.

Environment Agency - Brue & Axe Action Plan - A document detailing the management plans for the future of the Brue & Axe.

SCC - Keeping Parishes Informed - Agenda of a meeting that was held on 26/3/98 where the future structure of the schools in the Cheddar Valley will be discussed.

Mendip Hills Joint Advisory Committee - Agenda of meeting to be held on 30/3/98 and minutes of last meeting held on 17/11/97. Cllrs were informed of any information relevant to his Parish.

Somerset Youth Service - The Youth Service would like to be informed of any planned Millennium celebrations - file for future reference.

4/98/07

Payments

SALC	Annual Affiliation Fee	£ 68.09
SWEB	Quarterly Account	£ 7.07
Cheddar Swimming Pool Fund	Donation	£ 250.00

4/98/08

Receipts

Hall Takings	March 1998	£ 13.00
HM Customs & Excise	VAT Refund	£ 77.60
SDC	Recreation & Amenities Grant	£ 240.00
Midland Bank	Interest C/A	£ .18p
Midland Bank	Interest D/A to 6/3	£ 65.59

4/98/09

Bank Balances

Midland Bank Current Account	£ 613.69
Midland Moneymaster Account	£6283.80

4/98/10

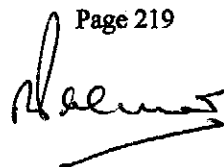
Any Other Business

None

4/98/11

The Next Meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th May 1998 at 7.30 pm.

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Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 6 May 1998


Chairman, Cllr A Palmer, opened the meeting at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs H Powell, J Stuchbery, S Thorne and C Wilmot

Apologies for absence: Cllrs P Cole, P Simpson

5/98/01

Minutes of Last Meeting:

Minute 4/98/02 was amended to correct the spelling of "complement" in line 1, to amend "this account" to "the existing account" in lines 9/10, and to read "Cllr Cole" instead of "Cllr Powell" in the last line. Minute 4/98/05 was amended to read "12 dwellings" instead of "14 dwellings" in line 1. The minutes were then agreed and signed by the Chairman.

5/98/02

Matters Arising:

(1) **Memorial Hall:** Cllr Thorne said that the first meeting of the Management Committee would be next Wednesday 13th May. Cllr Powell said that he may be moving to Cheddar shortly, but was willing to play his part in getting the Hall Committee going. Cllr Palmer stated that the statutory notices have been exhibited for one calendar month, and a certificate to that effect has been sent to the Charity Commissioners; he also remarked that the "scheme" relates to the land and buildings (of which the Parish Council is Custodian Trustee) not the contents of the Hall, and undertook to contact the Insurers to clarify their requirements in the light of the new arrangements, particularly regarding Public Liability. It was assumed that the premium would be the responsibility of the PC, and any contribution by the Management Committee would be arranged by discussion. It was also agreed that the contents of the Hall would be transferred to the Management Committee in due course.

5/98/03

Annual Meeting - Matters for Action:

- (1) Road noise on A38: Clerk to ask Sedgemoor Environment Dept to measure noise level and report.
- (2) Road Surface in Church Lane breaking up due to spring-fed water - Clerk to ask W S Atkins to take action.
- (3) Parking on road in vicinity of New Inn - Noted that PC Norman had undertaken to control this by use of cones and a letter to householders.
- (4) Clerk to ask W S Atkins to cut back verge/hedge growth between The Scars and "Wessex" to improve visibility.
- (5) Clerk to consult SCC Highways Dept about possible need for a weight restriction on Cross Bow Bridge
- (6) Clerk to consult Sedgemoor Footpaths Officer (John Serle) about stiles and possible diversion of path across Compton Estates fields NE from Church Lane (No)

5/98/04

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Cllr Powell proposed that Cllr Palmer should continue as chairman for the coming year. Seconded by Cllr Thorne and carried unanimously.

Cllr Powell proposed that Cllr Thorne should continue as vice-chairman for the coming year. Seconded by Cllr Palmer and carried unanimously.

5/98/05

Planning:

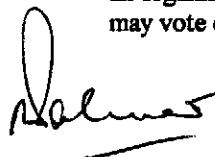
1/21/98/3 - Mr & Mrs S Grant - Crossfield, Old Coach Road, Cross - Erection of single storey rear extension - no objection.

5/98/06

Memorial Hall - Voting at Parish Council Meetings

A member of the Parish Council who is the Parish Council's representative on the Hall Management Committee may speak and vote on matters concerning the Hall committee at a Council meeting.

A member of the Parish Council elected, co-opted or appointed to the Hall Management Committee by an organisation other than the Parish Council may speak on matters in which the Hall has an interest and may vote on such matters, except those affecting the finances or property of the Hall.



5/98/07

Correspondence

- (1) Charitable Funding Seminar: agreed that this would be premature for the Hall Committee, but contact names given would be useful in due course.
- (2) Spring bulbs offer: agreed on daffodils for churchyard - JW to fax urgently
- (3) Somerset Youth Service 1st Annual Party - Cllr Thorne had been to previous presentation, and said that their activities were not relevant to rural areas; in any case, the date clashes with next PC meeting. Clerk to decline with thanks.
- (4) Policing Plan for 1998/99: Comments invited by 30th June, questionnaire passed to Cllr Thorne to complete and return.
- (5) Car-Free Day (16 June 1998) - no local initiatives proposed.

5/98/08

Finance:

Payments:	Wessex Water	Sewerage charge	28.92
	Bristol Water	Water charges	35.78

Receipts:	Hall takings	April 1998	23.00
	Sedgemoor DC	Precept	2500.00

Balances:	Midland Bank Current Account	614.28
	Midland Bank Moneymaster Account	8783.80

5/98/09

Any Other Business

- (1) Cllr Stuchbery said that John Arkell, licensee of the White Hart, had asked him to raise two matters - the danger from vehicles speeding through Cross, and the possibility of adding a paper recycling bin to the others in the pub car park. It was agreed that traffic calming in Cross was an ongoing issue, and that the Clerk would contact SDC regarding paper recycling.
- (2) CONTACT Magazine: The Chairman has written to the Magazine's Hon. Treasurer, Alf Small, proposing a joint initiative by the PCs concerned (CB, Weare, Loxton and Badgworth & Biddisham) to stabilise the funding of the magazine, but no response had been received. The interest of Crook Peak United Parish PCC, as "owner" of the magazine, was also noted.

5/98/10

Next Meeting

On Wednesday 3rd June 1998 at 7.30pm, in Cross Hall

The meeting closed at 8.46 pm

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Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 3 June 1998

Chairman, Cllr A Palmer, opened the meeting at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs P Cole, H Powell, P Simpson, J Stuchbery and C Wilmot

Apologies for absence: Cllr S Thorne

6/98/01 **Minutes of Last Meeting:**
The minutes were agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

6/98/02 **Matters Arising:**

abe **(1) Memorial Hall committee** Cllr Powell reported that the first meeting of the new committee had taken place, at which temporary officers were appointed and aims decided. The officers are: Chairman, Cllr Powell; Secretary, Mrs Farley; Treasurer, Mr Pettit. Bank accounts are to be arranged by Cllr Thorne, and Mrs Warner will be recruiting additional members. The aims were agreed as "To produce a reasonable income and to improve facilities", which would require new sources of funds; Sec is to contact Mrs Zöers (Community Council for Somerset) for further information. Cllr Palmer stated that the Memorial Hall Fund, which would be handed over to the new Treasurer as soon as bank accounts were established, stood at £5154.63. It was agreed that all items of income and expenditure from 1/4/98 would be the responsibility of the Hall Committee, but that the PC would continue to deal with them until 30/6/98 at latest. Clerk to inform suppliers of change of address, and to prepare net account for settlement with new Treasurer.

(2) Annual Meeting, action taken

(i) Road noise on A38: Clerk has asked Sedgemoor Environment Dept to measure noise level and report - waiting call from responsible official.

(ii) Road surface in Church Lane breaking up due to spring-fed water - W S Atkins have done some patching, but problem needs to be kept under review.

(iii) Parking on road in vicinity of New Inn - Noted that PC Norman had undertaken to control this by use of cones and a letter to householders. Nothing heard.

(iv) Clerk has asked W S Atkins to cut back verge/hedge growth between The Scars and "Wessex" to improve visibility - all verges should be cut by next week (10 June).

(v) Clerk to consult SCC Highways Dept about possible need for a weight restriction on Cross Bow Bridge - awaiting call back

(vi) Clerk to consult Sedgemoor Footpaths Officer (John Serle) about stiles and possible diversion of path across Compton Estates fields NE from Church Lane (No AX15/11) - awaiting call back

(3) Paper recycling bin at White Hart: Has been provided

(4) CONTACT magazine funding CONTACT Treasurer has written to Chairman, agreeing in principle to the idea of a grant proportionate to number of households in each civil parish. It was agreed that no further action should be taken for 1 month. (Post-meeting note: The Clerk was approached on 8/6 by the PCC Treasurer on behalf of the new committee appointed by the PCC to oversee CONTACT funding, who stated that he would be making similar approaches to the Clerks of Weare, Loxton and Badgworth & Biddisham Parishes.)

6/98/04 **Planning:**

- (1) 1-21-98-3 Grant - Crossfield - rear extension - permission granted
- (2) 1-21-98-4 Bristol Water plc - New Pumping Station at Webbington - no objection
- (3) 1-21-98-5 Tyas - Prospect Cottage - Erection of detached garage & woodstore - no objection

6/98/05 **Correspondence**

- (1) Som. Rural Youth Project - Local Youth Democracy Week - poster on NB - NFA
- (2) Local AGENDA 21 Forum - poster on NB - Cllr Stuchbery to attend
- (3) Copy letter from Loxton PC to National Trust Regional Office regarding dangerous drop close to Footpath AX15/6 on the Razor above Rackley Corner - Noted; Cllrs considered that Loxton PC should have referred the problem to this Council, but agreed to take no further action. (Post-meeting note: NT Mendip Warden has replied to Loxton PC, and copied us, also spoken to Clerk)

Palmer

6/98/05

Correspondence [continued]

- (4) Letter from Cllr Ham (SCC) regarding Rural Transport Money - Chairman to acknowledge; Cllrs asked to think of ideas, also note in CONTACT.
- (5) Sustainable Somerset Group of SCC - 6 copies of booklet distributed to Cllrs - more freely available. NFA
- (6) Wessex Water questionnaire - passed to Cllr Powell for action by Hall Committee.

6/98/06

Appointment of New Clerk

Mr K I H Clarke of Cleevehead, Cross was welcomed by Cllrs and unanimously confirmed as the new Clerk to the Council with immediate effect. In accordance with the Chairman's memorandum to Cllrs dated 17 March 1998, the Clerk's commencing salary will be £450.00 per year. Cllr Cole proposed a letter of thanks to the retiring Clerk, Mrs Jane Withecombe; seconded by Cllr Simpson and agreed unanimously.

6/98/07

Finance:

(1) Resolution to change signatories It was unanimously resolved:

(i) that a bank account or accounts be continued with Midland Bank plc (the 'Bank') and the Bank is authorised to:

- (a) pay all cheques and other instructions for payment signed on behalf of the Council by any two of those listed on the Bank's form [Cllrs Palmer and Simpson, and the Clerk] (the 'signatory') whether any account of the Council is in debit or credit;
- (b) deliver any item held on behalf of the Council by the Bank in safe custody against the written receipt of the signatory; and
- (c) accept the signatory as fully empowered to act on behalf of the Council in any other transactions with the Bank.

(ii) that any debt incurred to the Bank under this mandate shall, in the absence of written agreement by the Bank to the contrary, be repayable on demand;

(iii) that the Clerk is authorised to supply the Bank as and when necessary with lists of persons who are authorised to sign, give receipts and act on behalf of the Council, and that the Bank may rely upon such lists;

(iv) that these resolutions remain in force until cancelled by notice in writing to the Bank signed by the Chairman or Clerk acting or claiming to act on behalf of the Council, and the Bank shall be entitled to act on such notice whether the resolutions have been validly cancelled or not.

(2) Payments: No payments made during May

Receipts: Hall takings for May £68.00

Balances: Midland Bank Current Account £247.74

Midland Bank Moneymaster Account £8783.80

(3) Approval of Accounts for Year Ending 31 March 1998

Cllr Simpson proposed that the Accounts be approved; Cllr Stuchbery seconded and it was agreed unanimously.

6/98/08

Any Other Business

(1) Cllr Cole said that he would be leaving the Parish on 1 July 1998, and would be resigning from the Council after 12 years service. He mentioned Mr Bob Andrews as a suitable successor.

(2) Cllr Stuchbery asked the Clerk to ascertain the planning (listed building) status of Cross Pumping Station, following a remark by Cllr Denbee (SDC) at the Annual Meeting. Discussion ensued on the development of both the Depot and Bristol Water sites, but it was agreed that no initiative could be taken until a planning application was made.

(3) Cllr Cole asked what Bristol Water's intentions are for the header reservoir when it becomes redundant.

6/98/8

Next Meeting

On Wednesday 1st July 1998 at 7.30pm, in Cross Hall; there will be no meeting in August.

The meeting closed at 21.10

Palmer

Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 1 July 1998

Chairman, Cllr A Palmer, opened the meeting at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs J Stuchbery and C Wilmot

Apologies for absence: Cllrs H Powell, P Simpson, S Thorne

Resignation: A letter of resignation has been received from Cllr P Cole, as he has moved out of the Parish. In view of the impending resignation of Cllr Powell, it was agreed that no further action should be taken until the two vacancies can be advertised together.

7/98/01 **Minutes of Last Meeting:**

Min 6/98/02(1) amended to read "Mrs Warner will be recruiting..."
The minutes were then agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

7/98/02 **Matters Arising:**

min 6/98/02(1) - **Memorial Hall committee** - reported that at a meeting on 24 June, officers were elected as follows: Chairman, Cllr S Thorne; Hon Secretary, Mrs P Warner; Hon Treasurer, Mr K Pettit. The Committee had met with Mrs Zoërs, and their next meeting will be on 2 July (Cllr Stuchbery will attend). It was noted (a) that the Parish Council remains responsible for the hall deeds, lodged at Midland Bank Winscombe, and (b) that the whole cost of the insurance lies with the Committee, but Cllr Palmer will be discussing with Insurers continuing liability/indemnity cover for Councillors and the Clerk. No further reports are expected.

min 6/98/02(2) - **Annual Meeting**, action taken

i) **Road Noise:** Following a talk between the Clerk and the SCC Laboratory, who would do the measurement if requested and paid by WS Atkins, it was decided to drop the matter. Laboratory advised that "porous tarmac" is not generally good value, as its special qualities are lost relatively quickly.

ii) **Church Lane:** Cllr Wilmot produced a photograph showing the problem, and stated that the need was for proper clearance of the adjoining ditches & stream-bed. Clerk will take up again with WS Atkins.

iv) **Hedges in Old Coach Road:** WS Atkins have cut back the problem areas, but not very thoroughly (should be done by landowners).

vi) **Footpaths:** Clerk reported on conversation with John Serle: 2 stiles to be repaired; a Diversion Order for path AX15/11 would cost Compton Bishop Estates a minimum fee of £600, so Cllrs agreed to drop this matter; JS had stated that physical numbering of stiles etc would be legal and advantageous to all concerned, so expenditure of about £45 on stencils and paint was approved. Cllr Stuchbery suggested development of "walk cards" for the footpath network, and it was agreed that this should be pursued, starting with the waymarked circular walk. Mendip Hills JAC and NT to be approached for models, advice and possible funding. (*Post-meeting note: the "circular walk" is Mendip Hills Warden Service "Winscombe Hill" walk card*)

min 6/98/02(4) - **CONTACT magazine funding** - in hands of PCC; no further action

min 6/98/05(3) - Correspondence between NT & Loxton PC - noted; no further action

min 6/98/05(4) - **Rural Transport Money:** Chairman to write to Cllr Ham suggesting expenditure on proper parking for car-sharers near Brent Knoll motorway junction

min 6/98/08(2) - old **Pumping Station** is not listed, and it was decided not to ask Cllr Denbee to press for listing, in view of the planning application about to be considered.

7/98/04

Planning:

21/98/6 Peel, Hunters Lodge, Kennel Lane - rear extension - no objection

21/98/7 Smith, Orchard End - rear extension - no objection

Daems

21/98/8 Cross Depot / Waterworks site - objection to be made, after discussion with all Cllrs at an informal meeting with District Cllr Denbee. Chairman will draft a leaflet to be delivered to all homes in Cross village; Clerk to notify local press of application and objections. It was agreed that a public meeting would be inappropriate at this time.
 21/98/9 Old Pumping Station, Cross - see notes on 21/98/8 above
 - for info only 21/98/2 Dwelling at Big Tree Close - approved
 21/97/6 Shute Shelve Nursing Home access & landscape

7/98/05

Correspondence

Guide to Managing Common Land - DETR - noted, no further action
 Policing Plan & Info Bulletin - A&SC - noted, no further action
 Publicity wanted - Sedgemoor CAB - noted, no further action
 Public Seating Catalogue - Glasdon UK - to Cllr Stuchbery, then file
 SALC - Noted that Chairman normally attends SALC meetings. Approved for Clerk to attend next New Clerks' Training Day
 Community Care Plan 98/99 (Summary) - SCC - noted, no further action
 National Animal Welfare Trust - appeal - reply that we have no powers to make grants of this nature
 Cheddar Fire Station - invitation for 6 July - no takers
 Levels & Moors Partnership - Parish Councils Forum 23 Sept - CBPC is represented by somebody from Wedmore (who?)
 Mendip AONB JAC - Annual Review & Agenda for meeting on 6 July - Clerk and Cllr Stuchbery to attend
 Roads - Surface Dressing Programme - WS Atkins - Complaint to be registered about lack of notice and gaps in coverage.
 Somerset Playing Fields Assn - Update April 1998 - noted, no further action
 "Sedgemoor News" - monitors wanted - reply offering services of Cllrs Palmer and Stuchbery

7/98/06

Finance:

Recreational Amenity Grant: cut to 50% of £480 or actual expenditure - Chairman to investigate whether this is a matter for the Hall Cttee

Payments:	British Gas	76.64
	S W E B	22.04
	Caretaker's wage	42.50
Receipts:	Interest	75.71
Balances:	Midland Bank Current Account	217.38
	Midland Bank Moneymaster Account	8859.19

Approval was given to change the Moneymaster account to Premium Business account at 14 days' notice to obtain additional .99% interest.

7/98/07

Any Other Business

- Parish Information Centre in "White Hart" - expenditure up to £25 was approved
 - Cllr Stuchbery reported on attendance at Local Agenda 21 Forum: name to be changed to Sedgemoor Action Group for the Environment (SAGE) - Ken Brown of SCC was an excellent speaker who might be invited to the Parish [AGM?] - in summary, a good idea to ask for grassroots opinion but some doubt about it working in practice. Cllr Stuchbery will speak with Editor of CONTACT about inserting a piece.

7/98/8

Next Meetings

An informal meeting with District Cllr Denbee has been arranged for 7.30pm Thursday 16 July at Cross Hall.

The next formal meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd September 1998 at 7.30pm, in Cross Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.07 pm.

Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 2 September 1998

Chairman, Cllr A Palmer, opened the meeting at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs P Simpson, J Stuchbery and C Wilmot

Apologies for absence: None

9/98/01 Minutes of Last Meeting:

min 7/98/06 : after "Caretaker's wage.." add "(uncleared)". The minutes were then agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

9/98/02 Matters Arising:

min 7/98/02 - **Memorial Hall** - Chairman stated that the insurance policy will be transferred to Management Committee, the Parish Council's interest being noted on the policy. This leaves the Council uncovered for other risks, so Cllrs approved action by the Chairman and Clerk to take out another policy with standard wording to provide third party, indemnity and public liability risks. Cllr Stuchbery, as Acting Chairman of the Hall Committee, reported on visits by Environmental Health and Fire Officers, and other aspects of the Committee's work. All the mandatory and advisory work can be done by volunteers within the 3 months allowed except installation of a wash-hand basin, which had been ordered. A house-to-house survey of the parish is to be carried out soon to establish parishioners' attitudes to the Hall and possible development ideas.

min 7/98/02 - **Church Lane/Hedges** - Clerk reported on site meeting with R Parsons of WS Atkins, which covered all current highways problems. Action will be taken on white lining, gully and some ditch clearance, hazard markers at Cross Bow Bridge as labour and money permit. RP asked that Council should write to Compton Estate regarding blocking of culverts by hedgeclippings, particularly in Vernon Lane.

min 7/98/02 - **Footpaths:** Clerk reported that stencils and paint had been received, and Cllrs agreed that a circular should be sent to all known landowners informing them of our intention to carry out physical numbering of stiles etc. Also reported that J Serle had been reminded about known defective stiles.

min 6/98/02(4) - **CONTACT magazine funding** - A further letter had been received from Alf Small (CONTACT Hon Treasurer). Clerk was instructed to reply that the PC is willing to pay a share of costs, but only on the understanding that all Parishes are contributing on an equitable basis, and that these figures are published regularly. It is believed that this would be in the long-term interest of the magazine, which provides a valuable social service.

min 6/98/05(4) - **Rural Transport Money:** Chairman has written to Cllr Ham suggesting expenditure on proper parking for car-sharers near Brent Knoll motorway junction.

min 7/98/07 - **Parish Information Centre** - Clerk reported that the leaflet holder had been placed in the lounge bar of the White Hart as agreed, but was not yet mounted on the wall.

9/98/03 **Vacancies on Council** - Chairman reported that letters of resignation had been received from Cllrs H Powell and S Thorne, that Notice of 3 Vacancies had been duly posted, and that an election has not been requested by 28th August. The Council must therefore proceed to co-opting of 3 new members "as soon as possible". Proposed by Cllr Simpson, seconded by Cllr Stuchbery, that the Chairman should approach Stephen McColgan, Ian Tabrett and Jane Withecombe, and that they should be co-opted if agreeable. This was agreed unanimously.

Palmer

9/98/04 Planning:

- 21/97/6 Shute Shelve Nursing Home - granted
 21/97/9 Orriss, Old Coach Rd - amendments granted
 21/98/4 Bristol Water - new pumping station - granted
 21/98/5 Tyas - garage & woodstore - granted
 21/98/6 Peel, Kennel Lane - rear extension - granted
 21/98/8 Cross Depot & 21/98/9 Old Pumping Station - Clerk reported latest conversation with R Morgan (Planning Officer)[see file notes], and it was agreed that Cllrs would canvass SDC Planning Cttee members by phone. Clerk to supply list of members, to contact Planning Officer on 10 Sep, and to obtain copy of Officers' Report and book speaking slot for Chairman on 17 Sep.
 21/98/10 Roper, Cross Moor Drove - continuation of mobile home - no objection
 21/98/11 Simpson, Bowyer House - change of use - Cllr Simpson declared a pecuniary interest in this application and offered to leave the meeting, but it was agreed that his contribution to discussion would be useful. He stated that he had arranged for additional car parking at the White Hart, and that he would probably only be operating the business from these premises for another year. It was agreed that objection should be made to full planning permission on grounds of inadequate parking and congestion, but to propose a grant of temporary permission limited to the present occupier.
 Caravan Rally at Sedgemoor's Folly July 1999 - no comment
 Mobile Telephone Antennae - noted that notice will be given but objection is normally not possible

9/98/05 Correspondence

- WS Atkins - Roadworks in Kennel Lane - noted
 Somerset Youth Service - Millennium Celebrations - noted
 Sedgemoor Youth Extravaganza - noted
 Local Agenda 21 Forum - Cllr Stuchbery receives info direct, circulate to other Cllrs
 Compton Bishop Estate - Manor Farm, Cross - noted
 DETR - Illegal Poisoning of Wildlife - noted
 Atmos Ltd - Rural Bus Services & Public Transport Newsletter, Highway Update #6 - notice boards & PIC
 L&MP - map of Levels & Moors area to be displayed in Hall if possible; Parish Forum 23/9/98 may be of interest to new Cllrs.
 SCC - Annual meeting agenda (29/7/98) & minutes of 1997 meeting - noted
 SCC - Seminar on Gypsy & Traveller Issues in Somerset - we are very well represented by SALC; no local problem at present
 SCC - Regional Planning Strategy - Consultation Draft & Meeting 1/10/98 - noted; Chairman to consider further
 SCC - Rights of Way training seminar - 5/10/98 - noted, NFA
 SCC - Rural Strategy report - noted
 SDC - Electoral Review - noted with satisfaction that Axe Vale Ward had not been merged with Axbridge
 SDC - Crime & Disorder Survey (circulated) - NFA
 SDC - Transport White Paper - copies available - not required
 Kings of Wessex School - Awards Evening 15-9-98 - Chairman to attend
 HSE - Safety at Children's Playgrounds - noted with respect to any proposals for a new playground in the parish
 EBA - Free Basketball for All - not applicable
 Age Concern - Clubs for over-50s (survey) - reply "none"



Co-operative Bank - new high-interest account - not applicable

Community Council journal - "Thatch" - to be taken over by Hall Committee

Mrs J Hay - verbal complaint about dead sheep in Cross Quarry - noted; Clerk had informed National Trust immediately

SALC - AGM etc - Chairman to attend

9/98/06

Finance:

Annual review of Clerk's remuneration - The Clerk having previously supplied the Chairman with a summary of his work since appointment, left the meeting. It was agreed that the salary should be £900.00 per annum, paid quarterly, from his date of appointment (1 June 1998). This level of remuneration is in accordance with the current agreement reported by the SALC in August 1998 based on population of Parish (ca. 500) and calculated on average monthly hours worked (ca.12) at £6.10 per hour.

Payments:	Travel expenses - Cllr Stuchbery	7.40
	Expenses - Mrs Withecombe	22.99
	Clerk's Salary - Mrs Withecombe	75.00
	Petty Cash reimbursement	56.61
	Ideal Signs - Info Centre decal	16.45
	Cheddar Valley Press - leaflet	18.00
	Clerk's expenses - July	48.50
	Puma Marking - stile stencils	41.71 (uncleared)

		286.66
Receipts:	Interest	25.81
	Hall Committee repayment	83.63 (uncleared)

		109.44
Balances:	Midland Bank Current Account	£130.30
	Midland Bank Moneymaster Account	£659.19
	Midland Bank Premium Business A/c	£8,025.44

9/98/07 **Any Other Business**

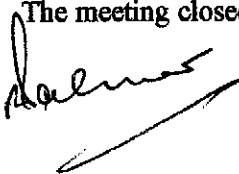
It was agreed that the Clerk should attend the free half-day SALC training course for new clerks in October.

The Clerk requested permission to open an e-mail box separate from his private account at a cost of £42.30 for the year. This was approved.

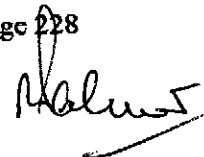
9/98/08 **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 7th October 1998 at 7.30pm, in Cross Hall.

The meeting closed at 10.12 pm.



Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 7 October 1998



Chairman, Cllr A Palmer, opened the meeting at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs S McColgan, P Simpson, J Stuchbery, I Tabrett, C Wilmot and J Withecombe

Apologies for absence: None

The Chairman welcomed the new Councillors, who then signed their declarations.

10/98/01 Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes were agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

10/98/02 Matters Arising:

min 7/98/02 - **Memorial Hall** - Insurance policy and certificate received.

min 7/98/02 - **Footpaths:** Clerk reported that a circular had been sent to all known landowners as agreed, and that a number of positive responses had been received. Several Cllrs volunteered to carry out stile numbering, and requested copies of the map. It was also proposed that, when the numbering is complete, a copy of the map showing numbers should be placed in the glass-fronted notice board.

The Clerk also reported on J Serle's visit on 1 October, when all current issues were discussed, particularly SDC's Footpath Strategy, under which the PC is encouraged to launch a "Pride in Your Parish" campaign, with local families & organisations "adopting" paths.

min 6/98/02(4) - **CONTACT magazine funding** - No reply had been received from Alf Small (CONTACT Hon Treasurer) to Clerk's letter following last meeting. Clerk was instructed to telephone Mr Small and emphasise that no donation would be made until a satisfactory reply to the points raised was forthcoming.

10/98/03 Planning:

21/98/8 Cross Depot & 21/98/9 Old Pumping Station - SDC decision deferred for site meeting. A second letter of support for the developer's proposals had been received, from Mr Pyatt. The Chairman reported on the site meeting, at which Jenny Blower spoke in favour and Jim Warner spoke against the development plans. He noted that there was no representative of SCC Highways present. Clerk to send copy of annotated Officer's Report to Chairman of Planning Committee [done]

Clerk reported letters to SDC planners concerning the proposed public open space on the south of the site, and to SCC Highways re traffic calming [no replies yet].

21/98/11 Simpson, Bowyer House - change of use - Clerk reported on conversation with Planning Officer (Mr Neno) and read out his resulting letter.

10/98/04 Correspondence

LAMP - Newsletter - NFA

WS Atkins - "Kill Your Speed" poster (in White Hart) - NFA

SDC - Local Plan Open Days - Points to be submitted to be agreed at next meeting

SDC - Museum Service Review - report on King John's Hunting Lodge - NFA

SDC - Topics for Annual Parish Council reception - 24 November

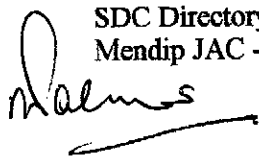
SDC - SAGE meeting 30 September - see next item

SCC - Emergency planning - Cllr Stuchbery will arrange with John Arkell (White Hart) that he will be third contact, and return form to SCC. [done]

"Somerset Twinning News" - circulate

SDC Directory of Grants - circulate, including Hall officers

Mendip JAC - meeting 15 October



10/98/05

SAGE Meeting 30 September

Cllr Stuchbery reported on the meeting, which was poorly attended. SDC members and officers appeared pleased with achievements to date. The main point was the chance to put Village Design Statements in the new Local Plan. In view of the Depot Site experience, cllrs were anxious to know more, and Cllr Stuchbery undertook to follow it up at the Local Plan consultation on 13 Oct and report back.

Adams

10/98/06

Finance:

Audit Fee for approval £208.81 - Clerk reported that he had asked for, but not received, an explanation of how the hours were arrived at; approval was deferred until the explanation was available.

Payments:	Travel expenses - Cllr Stuchbery	8.70
	Clerk - salary	173.25
	E-mail account - Netgates	42.30
	Petty cash reimbursement	36.95
	Puma Marking - stencils	41.71
	Insurance premium	80.40 (uncleared)
	Overdraft interest	5.74 (disputed)

		389.05

Receipts:	Interest	68.82
	Hall Committee repayment	83.63

		152.45

Balances:	Midland Bank Current Account	(88.88) overdrawn in error
	Midland Bank Moneymaster Account	697.84
	Midland Bank Premium Business Account	8050.41

10/98/07

Any Other Business

1. **Urgent matter introduced by Chairman:** Due to resignations, it was necessary to appoint two representatives of the PC to the Memorial Hall Committee. Cllr Stuchbery was duly appointed, but a second person was not forthcoming.
2. Cllr Stuchbery & Pauline Warner (Hon Sec) will be attending the annual Village Halls Conference at Seavington on 17 October. Noted that the Hall Committee had taken over the PC's membership of the Community Council for Somerset.
3. It was confirmed that all users of the Hall are subject to charges except the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Watch.
4. Cllr Stuchbery asked the PC to fund a replacement for the Vent-Axia fan, as it was unserviceable when the Hall was transferred. The Council declined to do this, but would look favourably on a request for matching funding against other grants.

10/98/8

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th November 1998 at 7.30pm, in Cross Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.46 pm.

Adams

Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 4 November 1998

Chairman, Cllr A Palmer, opened the meeting at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs S McColgan , P Simpson, J Stuchbery, I Tabrett and J Withecombe

In attendance: Clerk, Mr R Parker

Apologies for absence: Cllr C Wilmot

11/98/01 Request to Address Council

A request had been received from Mr Richard Parker, as Chairman of the Village Green Action Group, to address the Council regarding their survey and discussions. It was proposed by Cllr Stuchbery that he should be heard, and agreed.

11/98/02 Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes were agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

11/98/03 Matters Arising:

min 7/98/02 - Footpaths: SDC's Footpath Strategy was further considered in the light of a memo by the Clerk listing the paths with suggested priorities for action. It was agreed that efforts should be made to complete feature numbering, in combination with an assessment of the present state of paths, in time for further discussion at the December meeting.

min 6/98/02(4) - CONTACT magazine funding - There had still been no reply to Clerk's letter following September meeting. After discussion, it was proposed by Cllr Simpson, seconded by Cllr McColgan, that a donation should be made immediately, equivalent to half the annual cost per copy derived from published accounts, for each of 211 households in the Parish (total £158.25), and that the letter explaining this should be copied to the other Parish Councils concerned. This was unanimously agreed.

min 10/98/05 - Village Design Statements in Local Plan: Cllr Stuchbery reported on his visit to the Local Plan Open Day on 13 October at Kings of Wessex School, Cheddar, which had also been visited independently by Cllrs Palmer and Withecombe. It was a well-executed exercise by SDC officers seeking local views on development for the new Cheddar Area Local Plan, which is due to be "deposited" in summer 1999. It was a good opportunity for the public to learn about the interface with the County Structure Plan and Government guidelines and to register their concerns through an interactive system of "post-it notes" and coloured pins.

Cllr McColgan enquired about the Mendip Hills Local Plan as it affects Compton Bishop village; Clerk to supply our copy [done].

Matters to be raised at the SDC Chairman's reception for Parish Council Chairmen & Clerks were also discussed, and it was agreed that although there was acute concern about safety at the A38 junction, it was not an SDC problem, and therefore the most urgent topic was the principle of no further extension to Cross village by any means.

11/98/04 Election of Vice-Chairman:

Cllr Stuchbery proposed that Cllr Simpson should be the Vice-Chairman of Council. Seconded by Cllr Withecombe and agreed unanimously.

11/98/05 Planning:

21/98/8 Cross Depot & 21/98/9 Old Pumping Station - Clerk reported that Planning Committee had granted delegated permission for the whole development, subject to a) Sec 106 agreement on wetland area, and b) archaeological evaluation.

Mr Parker was invited to address the meeting at this point. He distributed a report of the house-to-house survey the Village Green Action Group had carried out, which demonstrated a positive desire for a Green. He had approached the developer (Tom O'Connor of Redcliffe Homes), who had stated emphatically that there would be no opportunity to purchase any part of the site for a Green. Mr Parker therefore wanted to find out if his group had a role to play in regard to the wetland area, perhaps in a joint approach to SDC.

NO - See chapter District L.P.

Palmer

In response to a question, he said that the other active members of the Group were Sue Ham, Laelia Gold, Marilyn Partridge, Keith Hall, Jenny Blower and David Windmill. The suggestion of a joint approach was welcomed by Cllrs, as showing the breadth of local interest and support, although it was felt that ownership should be left with SDC, provided a working arrangement for a local say in management could be arranged. The Clerk was instructed to make the necessary contacts within SDC to ensure public access and to set up a meeting of interested parties, and to inform members accordingly.

Cllr Tabrett reported a conversation with the County Archaeologist, who confirmed that a site investigation has been requested.

21/98/11 **Simpson, Bowyer House** - change of use - Permission refused. Enforcement action deferred for 12 months.

11/98/06 **Correspondence**

WS Atkins - Cheddar-Frome Corridor Study - Cllr Palmer to attend
 WS Atkins - Exeter-Bristol Corridor Study - Cllr McColgan to attend
 WS Atkins - Highway matters - Clerk reported generally satisfactory outcome; Cllr Stuchbery volunteered to clear vegetation around Compton Bishop bus shelter regularly; Clerk to arrange litter bin. Clerk to chase Double Bend sign promised for corner by "Wavering Down", Webbington Road.
 SCC Highways - Traffic Calming - no response - Clerk to chase.
 A&S Police Authority - Report &c to be circulated
 Somerset Youth Service meeting - not relevant; Clerk to disengage.
 SALC - Meeting 10 December - Cllr Palmer to attend.
 Victim Support appeal - No decision; Clerk to look back for history
 Churchwardens' appeal for help with churchyard maintenance - Donation of £150 agreed as matter of urgency.

11/98/07 **Finance:**

Clerk's Expenses: The Clerk presented a schedule of his predecessor's and his approved expenses for the six months from April - September, which was duly ratified.
Audit Fee for approval £208.81 - Clerk reported that he had asked again for an explanation of the fee figure; it was agreed that in the absence of any explanation, the Audit Commission should be informed that the fee was not acceptable, and be invited to revise it.

Payments:	Insurance premium	80.40
	Clerk' expenses	38.64
	Clerk's PAYE	51.75
	Cllr's travel	13.67
	Overdraft interest	0.08

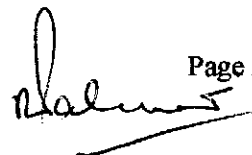
		184.54
Receipts:	Interest	53.34

		53.34
Balances:	Midland Bank Current Account	226.10
	Midland Bank Immediate Access Account	197.84
	Midland Bank 14-day Account	8103.67

		8527.61

Budget: Cllrs were given planning sheets to prepare for decision at next meeting

Palmer



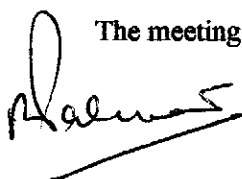
11/98/08 **Matters of Report:**

1. **Police training at Shute Shelve Hospital:** confirmed that this was known to the owners, and did not require planning permission up to 28 days in any year. Noted that developer plans to start site work before Christmas, road works in the A38 in January, and to have first 4 houses for sale by end May.
2. Clerk reported on his training day.
3. Chairman reported on the collection of spring bulbs and distributed them to Cllrs for planting.

11/98/9 **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd December 1998 at 7.30pm, in Cross Hall. Cllr Simpson signified his apology for absence.

The meeting closed at 9.40 pm.



Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting held on Wednesday 2nd December 1998

Chairman, Cllr A Palmer, opened the meeting at 7.30 pm

Present: Cllrs S McColgan, J Stuchbery, I Tabrett [part], C Wilmot and J Withecombe

Apologies for absence: Cllr P Simpson

In attendance: Clerk

12/98/01

Minutes of Last Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th November 1998 were agreed, and signed by the Chairman.

12/98/02

Matters Arising:

min 11/98/03 - **Footpaths:** Clerk reported that stiles on paths 9, 9a and 10 had been numbered, and that the stile into Cross Quarry [9:10] had been rebuilt, but without the requested dog-slide.

min 11/98/02 - **CONTACT magazine funding** - letters, of thanks from Hon Treasurer and of support from Loxton PC, noted

min 11/98/06 - **CB Bus Shelter:** A litterbin has been promised [now in place]; Clerk to ask RJ Andrews & Sons to investigate severe structural crack in left front corner, report, and quote for repair. It was considered that alternative quotations were not required, but Chairman would consult Cllrs by phone before authorising work. Clerk to check that bus shelters are covered by 3rd party liability insurance, and to consider a temporary warning notice.

[Cllr Tabrett arrived at this point]

min 11/98/06 - **Traffic Calming:** SCC traffic planners now offering a site meeting in January - date to be agreed at next meeting.

12/98/04

Planning:

21/98/8 & 9 **Cross Depot / Waterworks site** - Clerk reported on meeting with SDC and Somerset Wildlife Trust [notes previously distributed to Cllrs]. A letter from R Morgan (SDC Planning Officer) regarding the comments of our adviser Mrs Anne Voysey MRTPI on his report to the Planning Committee was noted.

21/98/10 **Yeo Bridge Farm (Roper)** - Press reported permission refused, but official notification had not been received by the Clerk

21/98/12 **Crooks Peak Lodge (Oxford)** - [Cllr Stuchbery declared non-financial interest] - no objection to horse shelter

21/97/13 **The Lawns (Lewis)** - no objection to replacement porch etc.

12/98/05

Correspondence

SALC - Special Edition Notes & News considered

1 Crime & Disorder - no further action

2 Precept - in hand

3 VAT on purchases for Village Halls - passed to Cllr Stuchbery

4 Audit - see "Finance" below

Mendip AONB JAC - Not attended; minutes to be circulated in due course

SCC - "Fair Funding" letter from Leader of Council - no further action

SCC - Seminar on Electoral Review arrangements - no-one will attend

Draft Register of Electors - Clerk reported that 2 copies had been duly deposited - in CB church porch and Cross Memorial Hall

SDC - Audit of Sports and Leisure Clubs - Cllrs knew of none in the parish

National Trust - An e-mail explaining the necessity for drastic work to the large beech tree near Coombe Cottage, Coombe Lane CB was noted - no further action

WS Atkins - Provision of "Bend" sign on approach to Cross from Newtown - Clerk enquired of Cllr Withecombe whether any reply had been received to her letter [as Clerk] of 6 March 1998; she said that a promise had been made by telephone. Clerk to chase [done]

12/98/06

Finance:

1. **Audit fee:** Clerk had sought the advice of SALC and read out their reply of 23 November; he was instructed to ask the auditors for the dates on which staff time was charged and check whether the books were in fact with them on those dates.

Palmer

2. Income:	£	£
Gross interest, current account	0.28	
Gross interest, premium account	35.28	
	--	35.56
Expenditure:		
Clerk's expenses October	24.99	
Grant to 'CONTACT' magazine	158.25	
SALC for handbooks	8.00	
Grant to Crook Peak PCC	150.00	
	--	341.24
Balances:		
Midland Bank Current Account	334.86	
Midland Bank Moneymaster Account	347.84	
Midland Bank Premium Business Account	7538.95	
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In answer to a question, the Clerk said that the interest rate on the Premium Business account was 5.18% gross, and this was agreed to be a good rate.

3. Budget and Precept:

The draft budget previously supplied to Cllrs was discussed, and agreed without change, except that Cllr McColgan proposed that the precept be £3,200.00. Seconded by Cllr Tabrett, and agreed unanimously.

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Reports:

- Cheddar-Frome Transport Corridor (Cllr Palmer) A "workshop session", divided into topic groups of 6, each led by officials from WS Atkins, produced lists of general issues affecting the area. Suggested solutions were then discussed, but have not yet been circulated. AP was in the "Commuting/pedestrians" group, and found an opportunity to mention the dangers of Cross Lane.
- Exeter-Bristol Transport Corridor (Cllr McColgan) Cllr McColgan regretted that he was unable to attend the scheduled meeting due to pressure of business, but looks forward to receiving and reporting on further progress.
- SAGE Meeting (Cllr Palmer vice Cllr Stuchbery) Draft of SAGE Action Plan, to be published next year, was on display and open to comment. A wasteful degree of overlap with the Transport Corridor and SDC Local Plan exercises was noted. Cllr Stuchbery will attend next meeting.
- SDC Reception for Parish Clerks & Chairmen: Cllr Palmer and Clerk attended, and reported useful contacts. Main message was the vital importance of the Local Plan, and particularly of input to it from the parish. A special meeting of the Parish Council to formulate a submission was proposed for June 1999. The clerk mentioned the importance of a Village Design Statement as a planning document, and said he had ordered a copy of the Countryside Commission's notes and video on the subject. It was confirmed that Cllrs would be interested in a opportunity of training in Planning matters - Clerk to progress.
- Access to letterbox at Cross (Cllr Tabrett) Complaints have been received about parked cars obstructing access to the letterbox at The Old Post Office, Cross in the evenings. Clerk to investigate.
- Aggressive Horse (Clerk) Reports have been received of aggressive behaviour toward users of Footpath 9a by a Connemara gelding owned by Mr P Knife. The matter has been taken up directly with the owner, and no further action is required.

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Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 6th January 1999 at 7.30pm, in Cross Memorial Hall.

The meeting closed at 9.18 pm.



Compton Bishop Parish Council

DRAFT BUDGET: April 1999 - March 2000

	Audited 96/97	Unaudited 97/98	Current 6 mths	Estimated 98/99	BUDGET 99/00
INCOME					
Precept	2500	2500	2500	2500	2500 3200
Amenity Grant	226	240		240	240
VAT reclaimed	79	78	35	70	70
Bank Interest	102	226	171	360	440
Total	2907	3044	2706	3170	3250 3950

EXPENDITURE					
Net cost of Mem Hall	346	409	38	410	350
Repairs: Mem Hall	123	116		380	150
Repairs: Bus Shelters	41				
Election: May 1999					600
Subs:					
SALC	68	66	68	68	75
Community Council	10	10		0	
Donations:					
Poppy Appeal	36				
Sedgemoor CAB	50				
Churchyard Grass	150	150		150	150
Contact" magazine	150			150	150
KoW Swimming Pool		250			
Admin:					
Clerk's salary	400	400	240	825	900
Accommodation al'nce	50	50	8	50	50
Clerk's travel	164	79	91	150	100
Telephone, fax, e-mail			52	70	70
Postage			4	6	6
Insurance		included in Hall costs		80	109
Stationery	46		6	15	20
Printing	47				
Photocopying			51	80	70
Cllrs' travel			16	32	40
Petty cash sundries			0	10	10
Audit Fees	two years>	339		202	210
Bank charges	5		5	0	
Total	1685	1869	579	2678	3060

EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE 1221 1175 2127 492 ~~490~~ 890

Memorial Hall Capital Projects 1999/2000:					
Priority 1	Roof repairs				3500
2	Toilet access separation				750
3	Renovation of toilet facility				1500

Memorial Hall Running Estimates:					
Expenses				760	800
less Letting Income				-250	-350
Interest				-100	-100
Net Cost				410	350

COMPTON BISHOP PARISH COUNCIL

Note of meeting
re proposed Public Open Space
held in Cross Memorial Hall on 20th November 1998 at 2 pm

Present: Harley Cook (Parks Dept, Sedgemoor DC)
John Stuchbery (Compton Bishop Parish Councillor)
Richard Parker (Village Green Action Group)
Keith Hall (Village Green Action Group)
David Windmill (Village Green Action Group) (part)
David Westbrook (Somerset Wildlife Trust)
Catherine Mowat (Somerset Wildlife Trust)
Ian Clarke (Compton Bishop Parish Clerk)

1. Mr Cook explained that his role was to organise local input to the proposed Section 106 agreement, which would be negotiated with the developer (Redcliffe Homes Ltd) by him and Rob Morgan (SDC Planning Dept.). A "commuted sum" would be calculated, and invested by SDC to provide income for future maintenance. He also pointed out that the developer has the responsibility of maintaining the agreed works for 12 months before SDC will adopt the land.
2. Mr Clarke outlined the Parish Council's thinking as follows:
 - 2.1 Ownership should remain with SDC, with provision for local input to management decisions;
 - 2.2 Pedestrian access in the form of a Public Footpath is essential, and presumably vehicular access would also be required for maintenance;
 - 2.3 The land should be kept as a miniature Nature Reserve under the guidance of Somerset Wildlife Trust;
 - 2.4 There should be a hard-surfaced footpath through the area, with 2 or 3 sitting-out places, with provision for connection to a permissive path through Mr Hall's fields to Cross Moor Drove, subject to Mr Hall's agreement;
 - 2.5 Stiles with dogslides and bridges would be provided by John Serle (SDC Rights of Way Officer) as necessary;
 - 2.6 Litter & dog-litter bins as required.
3. Mr Hall said he would not want an official footpath, but would not object to unofficial use. [The implications of this can be explored further with John Serle if desired].
4. Mr Parker outlined the wishes of the VGAG, and distributed copies of a memo recording them.
5. Mr Cook said that the requirements were reasonable, and asked for an in-depth study of the wildlife situation. Mr Westbrook offered to produce a short report (by 30 November) on the present status of the area, with management suggestions, to be discussed with PC and VGAG before forwarding to Mr Cook (by 7 December).
6. The PC were asked to establish the hydrological status of the area before and after discontinuance of pumping - Clerk to write to Bristol Water, Wessex Water and the Environment Agency.

[Mr Windmill had to leave at this point]

7. The following detail points were agreed:
 - 7.1 Access: at east side, moving a garage block if necessary;
 - 7.2 Footpath round three-quarters of perimeter, hard surface or boardwalk as appropriate, ending in (gated) bridge out to Mr Hall's land;
 - 7.3 Two seats, one overlooking pond, one at S. point with view to Crook's Peak;
 - 7.4 Dog Fouling Act 1996 requires special provision by SDC;
 - 7.5 Hedges should be in ownership of SDC not householders; Mr Cook to ask developers for details of levels. Animal-proof fencing to be considered in addition.
 - 7.6 Trees: No TPOs for Council-owned land. Conditions of planning consent to be checked by