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Minutes of the **Compton Bishop Annual Parish Council Meeting** that was held in the Cross Memorial Hall Cross on Wednesday 11th April 2018 commencing 7.30 pm

There were two members of the public present : Mr and Mrs Brinson

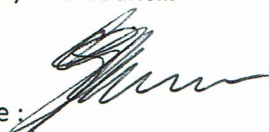
Present : Cllr A Lane, Cllr T Mason, Cllr D McCarthy, Cllr E Parker with the Clerk R Parker

Apologies for Absence : Cllr K Glimstead, Cllr M Pritchard

Not Present : Cllr A Gooby

1. To elect a Chairman for 2018-19: Cllr McCarthy proposed and Cllr Parker seconded than Cllr Mason be nominated. It was unanimously resolved to appoint Cllr Mason as Chairman for this municipal year.
 2. The Statutory Declaration of Office was signed by the Chairman
 3. To elect a Vice Chairman for 2018-19. Cllr Parker proposed and Cllr McCarthy seconded that Cllr Lane be nominated. It was unanimously resolved to appoint Cllr Lane as Vice-Chairman for this municipal year.
 4. To receive any apologies for absence : there was none
 5. To receive any declarations of interest in items on this agenda – there was none
 6. To consider, form and elect members to the following advisory group or committees :
 - a. Finance and General Purposes Advisory Group - It was unanimously resolved that there would be no Finance and General Purposes Advisory Group.
 - b. Planning Advisory Group – It was unanimously resolved that Cllr Pritchard would continue to be the lead councillor on Planning Matters.
 - c. Highways Advisory Group – It was unanimously resolved that Cllr McCarthy would continue to lead the Highways Advisory group.
 - d. Environment Advisory Group – It was unanimously resolved that Cllr Parker would continue to lead on environmental matters as part of the Highways Group
 - e. Staffing Committee - It was unanimously resolved that the committee should continue with Cllr Mason, Cllr Pritchard and Cllr McCarthy as members.
 7. To propose representatives to the following parish organisations
 - a. Planning Advisor – It was unanimously resolved that Mr M Rolfe would continue to be the Planning Advisor
 - b. Public Rights of Way Liaison – It was unanimously resolved that Mr R Parker would undertake the role of Public Rights of Way Liaison.
 - c. Springfield Wildlife Site Liaison - It was unanimously resolved that Sarah Ayling continues to be the Springfield Wildlife Site Liaison, to be confirmed at the AOPM.
 - d. Cray Charity Representative - It was resolved that Cllr Mason continues to be the Cray Charity representative .
 - e. Memorial Hall Representative - It was unanimously resolved that Cllrs Mason and Parker continue to be the Memorial Hall representatives
 8. It was unanimously resolved to adopt the council's Financial Regulations
 9. It was unanimously resolved to adopt the council's Standing Orders
 10. It was unanimously resolved to adopt the Council's Code of Conduct
 11. It was unanimously resolved to approve the Council's Asset Register
 12. The insurance policy and additional assets will be reviewed prior to the next meeting
 13. To receive the Council's financial statement for the year ending 31st March 2018
 - a. It was resolved to approved the Annual Accounts for the year ending 31st March 2018
 - b. It was resolved to approved to approve the Annual Governance Statement
 - c. It was resolved to approve the Annual Governance Statement for the year ending 31st March 2018
 - d. It was resolved to approve the effectiveness of the internal audit
 14. It was unanimously resolved that summons, notices and other such documentation may be sent to parish councillors by email
 15. It was unanimously resolved that Richard Young be asked to continue to be the council's internal Auditor for the next financial year
- THE MEETING WAS CLOSED AT 7.45pm - to allow Mr and Mrs Brinson to address The Council regarding Application 21/18/00005 (item 21a) and re-opened at 7.50pm.
16. Issues arising from the Annual Parish Open Meeting on 5th May 2017, there was none. The Clerk was asked to invite leaders of all the groups to the AOPM and issue a public notice to each household. Refreshments would be provided by The Council.

Chairman's Signature :



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17. To resolve to approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 13th March 2018 - The minutes of the parish council meeting held on 13th March 20178 were unanimously approved.
18. To receive any matters arising from the previous minutes which are not agenda items – there was none.
19. Clerk's Report
 - a. To consider a letter received from The Mendip Society – The response to a letter from The Mendip Society, deferred from the previous meeting, was again deferred due to the unavailability of Cllr Glimstead.
 - b. New Data Protection Laws (GDPR) – The Clerk reported on the new laws which Parish Councils are legally obliged to adhere to. The impact on resources and on individuals will be excessive. The Clerk was requested to contact SALC for better information and James Heapey for guidance for small authorities.
 - c. Annual Governance and Accountability Return – The annual external audit deadline is June 2018.
20. Finance Matters
 - a. Finance report - The finance report was approved unanimously
 - b. Internet Banking – the access for The Clerk to initiate payments has not yet been received
 - c. Payments - Clerks fee for March 2018 - £223.94 was unanimously approved.
21. Planning Matters
 - a. 21/17/00012 Land to the north of Webbington Hotel – Mr Glimstead
The Chairman complimented the Planning Advisor on a good report.
It was unanimously resolved to submit supplementary comments as discussed to the response provided to SDC on 15th January 2018.
 - b. 21/18/00005 Agricultural Workers Dwelling, Southcroft Farm – Mr S Brinson
There was no objection to this application
 - c. 21/18/00006 Erection of car port/garage, Rackley Lane – Mr & Mrs Owen
There was no objection to this application
 - d. Hinkley C Connection - start date and publicity
The works for undergrounding is due to commence in October 2018 and will complete by April 2024.
NG has agreed to hold a briefing meeting for Compton Bishop residents – date awaited.
22. Highways and Environment Matters (DM/EP)
 - a. PROW AX15/1 – Cllr Parker reported that there has been no further information since the deadline for comments (Friday 6th April). The next step will be to determine whether the decision is delegated or has to go to Committee.
 - b. Cross Lane update/SIS – The stage 2 safety audit is considering whether lighting at the busy junction is necessary. DM/EP to discuss with Cllr Filmer.
 - c. Report on meeting with SCC Highways – Cllr McCarthy reported on a successful and helpful meeting with SCC Highways.
 - d. Verges and Safety : Cross East end – residents in the affected area are to be invited to a meeting arranged by the Highways Advisory group.
 - e. Walking and cycling investment strategy – Cllr McCarthy outlined the strategy. It was agreed that the Highways Advisory Group would discuss with Cllr Filmer.
 - f. Finger post Kennel Lane – An estimate of cost and details for each element of repair has been received. A review of possible funding sources and information from other parishes to be obtained.
 - g. Lay-by at Webbington Road - The road record shows that it is not part of the highway. Ownership of the land to be investigated.
 - h. Telephone Kiosks – Training will start on 28th April. Tracey Brownlow is arranging a fund raising event.
 - i. Yellow Lines – Highways have agreed that yellow no waiting lines will be places at the New Inn/Cross Corner junction to improve safety.
 - j. Tree Planting – DM to raise the proposal for a tree planting scheme at the Annual Open Parish Meeting.
23. Correspondence + other communications received after 4/04/2018
 - a. Letters of complaint to Gigaclear on the state of the verges, car parking area and the lack of information regarding the closure of the Webbington Road have received acknowledgement but no further response.
 - b. The Hall committee has a received notice of resignation from a number of committee members. Volunteers will be needed.
 - c. The Regulation Committee will meet on 12th April to review the application for an extension to Callow Quarry.
24. Date of Next Meeting – 9th May 2018



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Present : Cllr T Mason (Chairman), Cllr A Lane, Cllr A Gooby, Cllr D McCarthy, Cllr E Parker,
Cllr M Pritchard, with the Clerk R Parker

1. To receive any apologies for absence : Cllr Glimstead
2. Approval of minutes : The minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2018 were unanimously approved
3. Declarations of interest : There was none
4. Matters arising from the previous meeting : There were none
5. **Clerk's Report**
 - a. A letter from The Mendip Society, deferred from the previous meeting, was again deferred due to the unavailability of Cllr Glimstead.
 - b. GDPR legislation – The Government has passed a bill to exempt Parish Councils from the requirement to PPOINT A Data Protection Officer. We await legal guidance from NALC
 - c. It was approved that The Clerk brings correspondence forward to relevant minutes.
6. **Finance Matters**
 - a. Finance report
 - i. Bank reconciliation report was unanimously approved.
 - ii. All card readers have been received and it was unanimously approved to transfer £1,000 into the on-line Lloyds Bank account.
 - b. All payments were unanimously approved
 - i. Dog bin charge 26 weeks – £167.23 (deducted from precept)
 - ii. St Andrews Grass Cutting financial support request for £459
 - iii. Clerks Fee – £223.94
 - iv. SALC fee - £157.27
 - v. Cross Memorial Hall hire charges for Nov 2017 - April 2018 : £102
 - vi. Post Crete £20.25
 - vii. Refreshments for AOPM £63.47
 - viii. Renewal of Zurich Insurance (Due 1st June) £400
7. **Planning Matters (MP)**
 - a. 21.17.00012 – Land to the North of Webbington Hotel.

The Clerk reported that the Planning Committee had approved the application. In consideration of the comments made, the Council approved making representations to SDC Planning, Mr Houlet.

The Clerk reported the following observations from the Committee meeting:

 - i. It was felt that the officer had not presented a balanced case to the committee.
 - ii. The extension of the habitable area of the dwelling by over 50% was supported by the officer because of an error in levels and the additional costs to the developer.
 - iii. The officer was unsure of the materials being used for a dwelling within an AONB.
 - iv. While the published application (on SDC's Planning website) stated that it was for retrospective planning permission for a holiday lodge and swimming pool SDC insisted that the swimming pool had been removed from the application but the website continued to show plans for a swimming pool.
 - v. Both CBPC and The Mendip Society raised the issue of the closure of PROW AX15/1 since the development started in 2014 and its impact on the public. When the planning officer referred to the closure of AX15/1 he displayed a

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photograph of an unused permissive path giving a false impression to The Committee. When Mr J Glimstead addressed the Committee he stated that he had no objection to people using this path. There was no mention of the current section 53 order for AX15/1.

- b. Applications for 'The Lodge' Webbington
 - i. 21/18/00007 - Livestock building : It was unanimously agreed to oppose this application. The Council considers the barn to be disproportionately large for the livestock on 3.5 acres of land (once the proposed arena is constructed) which is to be used for horses and sheep. The dimension, particularly the height, is excessive even for machinery storage. Policy D14 applies. It is noted that the documents state there is to be disposal of 2,413 litres of water from the riding arena, its location, method and storage is unclear and may have a negative visual impact within the AONB.
 - ii. 21/18/00008 riding arena– The Lodge, Webbington, There was no objection to this application
- c. Axbridge Neighbourhood plan: It was unanimously agreed to register this councils concerns of the potential preferred development zones 1 and 2 at Houlgate Way and would welcome the opportunity to respond to the document.
- d. Mr Lincoln reported that the new property adjacent to Alcaster is for sale but the lighting plan has not been modified according to the approved plan. The Clerk was instructed to report the matter to SDC.

8. Highways and Environment Matters (DM)

- a. PROW AX15/1 – modification order Section 53 has a closing date for comment of 14th June 2018. Council will address the no Trespassing sign.
- b. Foot path issues - Coffin Lane Update : A38 pedestrian refuge and proposed lighting audit is being addressed by Cllr Filmer who is arranging a meeting with SCC. Cllr Parker is working with Axbridge TC who will provide 2 councillors when a meeting with landowners is convened.
- c. Congestion Old Coach Road : At the AOPM there was a frank and useful with residents affected initiatives and joint action is on-going. Cllrs Parker and McCarthy are writing to Cllr John Goodman, who could change policies, asking him to attend a Cluster Meeting.
- d. Kill your speed police signs: Cllr Mc Carthy is looking into 'Kill Your Speed' signs
- e. Signs to control litter in the Webbington road parking area is being researched (DM).
- f. The provision of a seat for Webbington road parking area is being researched (DM).
- g. Cllr McCarthy suggested making visual gateways, with tree planting, along Cross/CB highway.
- h. Report back on HAG meeting with Cllr Bob Filmer (as 8.b above)
- i. Cross village sign at Bourton Lane was discussed. Cllr Pritchard to obtain costs for design and installation. Planting wild flowers would reduce the need for grass cutting.
- j. A letter was received form Clair Settle regarding the speed of traffic on the A38. It was decided to review the issue after the pedestrian crossing had been completed.

- 9. **Community Volunteer Group** – Cllr Pritchard outlined the equipment need which is affecting the potential numbers of volunteers. Cllr Lane suggested hiring equipment rather than


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purchasing, this was accepted. The budget for this group's activity has been previously agreed.

10. **Defibrillators** – Cllr Parker reported that the installation and electrical works would be carried out by Heartstart at a lower cost than current quotes. Cllr Parker highly recommended the training which not only trains on the use of the defibrillators but also other techniques. The training she received helped in a different emergency during the week. Adverts for training to be circulated on 'Link'.
11. **Memorial Hall** – A report had been received which included a request for committee members as three of the long serving key members will need replacing. If members cannot be found the management of the hall will fall to The Parish Council. Adverts to be circulated to encourage new members.
12. **Correspondence**
 - a. Cross Connections enquired about a Parish Play Area. The continuing problem is in finding a suitable location.
 - b. other relevant communications received between 4th and 8th May
 - i. Gigaclear has apologised for the poor condition of the roads after the installation of fibre optic cable.
 - ii. Kim Wilcox who is the Village Agent for the Community Council for Somerset provides support for carer and cared, Details are on the parish website .
13. **Date of Next Meeting – 13th June 2018**

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Present : Cllr T Mason (Chairman), Cllr A Lane, Cllr D McCarthy, Cllr E Parker, with the Clerk R Parker

Members of the public : There were two members of the public present : J Glimstead, M Wilkes

1. To receive any apologies for absence : Cllr Glimstead Cllr A Gooby, Cllr M Pritchard
2. Approval of minutes : The minutes of the meeting held on 9th May 2018 were unanimously approved
3. Declarations of interest : Cllr Parker declared a personal interest in item 7c
4. Matters arising from the previous meeting : There were none
5. **Clerk's Report**
 - a. A letter and a follow up letter from The Mendip Society, deferred from the previous meeting, were deferred due to the unavailability of Cllr Glimstead.
6. To receive any matters arising from the previous minutes :
 - a. item 7d The Clerk contacted SDC Planning regarding a complaint that the lighting plan for new house by the New Inn had not been implemented. SDC confirmed that will investigate and that any outdoor lighting requires a lighting plan.
7. **Clerk's Report**
 - a. To consider a letter received from The Mendip Society (carried forward)
 - b. Cllr Glimstead had sent the Clerk a request to supply documents and information which has been passed on to The Chairman who has responded.
8. **Finance Matters**
 - a. Financial Statement
 - i. Bank reconciliation was approved
 - ii. There will be a trial of the new Lloyds on-line Banking account
 - iii. It was confirmed that Zurich Insurance premium remained at the same premium as the £348.72 last year.
 - b. All payments were unanimously approved :
 - i. Clerks Fee – £223.94
 - ii. Clerk – Stationery - £12.97
 - iii. Expenses for Village maintenance
 1. M Pritchard – Annual plants for rockery and tubs : £119.60
 2. A Sage – Compost : £10.00
 3. M Rolfe - Petrol for mowing and strimming Bow Bridge area : £4.95
9. **Planning Matters (MP)**
 - a. 21.17.00012 – It was unanimously agreed that a meeting with SDC would be arranged to discuss the general process of planning and enforcement.

The meeting was closed three times between 8.13 pm and 8.27pm to seek clarification from a member of the public.

- b. 21/18/00007 Livestock building – application has been withdrawn. 21/18/00008 riding arena– it was noted that the plans did not include a lighting plan.
- c. 21/18/00009 Glenville, Old Coach Road : The Council, unanimously, had no observation or objection.
- d. It was unanimously agreed to present the Planning Advisor with wine for appreciation of his services to The Council.



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- e. **Axbridge Neighbourhood plan** – It was agreed that the invitation to participate would be accepted and the planning advisor would liaise with The Chairman in response to issues relevant to CBPC.
- 10. Highways and Environment Matters (DM, EP)**
- a. PROW AX15/1 – The deadline for submitting additional representation is 14th June, a response from SCC is anticipated shortly.
- b. Coffin Lane Update : Tess Gill has asked that CBPC writes to SCC requesting a meeting with their planning and implementation team, including the lighting auditors to expedite the project on this subject. A38 pedestrian refuge and proposed lighting.
A further joint letter, regarding foot paths AX15/14 and AX1/22 and delegating the highways team to get a meeting of all interested parties together to discuss the upgrading of these footpaths and convening a subgroup to include Axbridge TC. Any correspondence is to be approved by the Chairman.
- c. Section 14 investigation for AX19/1 – the clerk outlined the request for information. The various bridleways are not in Compton Bishop however the network would extend AX15/19 to AX1/20. The clerk has 4 historic documents which may assist the investigation. It was approved to send these as a response to the request.
- d. 'Kill your speed' signs – DM is researching availability and cost for various locations in the parish.
- e. Old Coach Road Verge (East) – EP proposed solid posts be installed on the verges to prevent inappropriate methods to stop inconsiderate parking. Advice and approval will be sought from Katherine Tyson SCC.
- f. Cost for 2 'No Litter' signs for the car pull in area on Webbington Road would be £38, provision of a seat will need further research.
- g. Trees to create a visual gateway through parish would cost £50 each at various sites on the Webbington Road.
- h. Weed killer treatment for the footpath between Webbington Farm and the motorway bridge was approved to be added to the current weed spraying schedule.
- i. Finger Posts restoration– A request for a quotation has been sent to Somerset Forge.
- j. State of public benches – The bench adjacent to The Hall needs repairing. The Clerk to speak to the previous repairer. The Bishop's Seat by the Church needs attention, The Chairman to speak to the original installer of the seat.
- k. RCNSE8099 – It was noted that there will be a Temporary closure of Axbridge Bypass (A371) 18th June 2018 for 5 days.
- 11. Community Volunteer Village maintenance Group – report (MP)**
- a. Strimmer hire vs purchase – Cllr Pritchard supplied costs, further investigation would be needed on storage, training, maintenance, etc.
- b. Cllr Pritchard will be extending the flower bed of perennial plants under the sign at the bottom of Bourton Lane to make way for the Cross sign at the rear of it.
- c. **Defibrillators** – 22 more people will attend a training course on 16th June and Tracey Brownlow expects the installation of the first Defibrillator soon.
Cllr Parker reported a good meeting with two artists and outlined their suggestions for paintings and how they will be fixed.

12. Memorial Hall

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- a. The Chairman reminded councillors that if a management team cannot be found then the management would be the responsibility of this Council.
- b. Wifi – Hall Committee has suggested Gigaclear installation The Council was supportive of having WiFi but had reservations on the cost of fast fibre broadband. The Clerk will discuss the options with Hall management representatives.

13. Correspondence – the following was noted:

- a. Reminder of the Cluster Group meeting on 21st June
- b. Letter from Fivehead PC regarding large lorries on small roads. The Clerk to respond to the letter.
- c. SDC reminder that they provide legal advice and assistance at £100 per hour.
- d. SALC GDPR Clerk training is available on 25th July. The Clerk was asked to attend,
- e. A letter from SCC's Monitoring Officer was received immediately prior to this meeting with insufficient time to read. A copy will be sent to the Chair of the Coffin Lane team, Tess Gill.

14. Date of Next Meeting – 11th July 2018



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Present : Cllr T Mason (Chairman), Cllr D McCarthy, Cllr E Parker, Cllr M Pritchard
with the Clerk R Parker

Members of the public : There were no members of the public present

1. **To receive apologies for absence** : Cllr A Lane, Cllr A Gooby, Cllr R Filmer(SCC)
Not Present – Cllr Glimstead
2. **Approval of minutes** : The minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2018 were unanimously approved
3. **Declarations of interest** : There were none
4. **Matters arising** from the previous meeting : There were none
5. **Clerk's Report**
 - a. A letter and a follow up letter from The Mendip Society, was deferred.
 - b. A request for documents — The Chairman has responded
 - c. A letter received regarding the previous meeting – The Chairman has responded
6. **Finance Matters**
 - a. Financial Statement
 - i. Bank reconciliation was unanimously approved
 - ii. Transfer of accounts to Lloyds Bank still awaiting trial
 - iii. The Annual Financial Audit was circulated and was unanimously approved
 - iv. Asset register – The Chairman outlined the purpose of this register would be primarily to identify possible replacement dates of existing assets which have no asset value.
7. **All payments** were unanimously approved :
 - i. Clerks Fee – £223.94
 - ii. Internal Audit fee - £20
 - iii. Reimbursement to D McCarthy £18.25
 - iv. Reimburse for T Mason for cost of laptop and printer/scanner funded from the Transparency was deferred to next meeting
 - v. Payment for Security boxes for Defibrillators - £3,400 was deferred to the next meeting as the invoice has not been received.
8. **Planning Matters**
 - a. The complaint regarding SDC Planning procedures using planning application 21.17.00012 as example will be discussed at a meeting with SDC
 - b. 17.18.000053 – Land to the west of Lower New Road, Cheddar – It was unanimously agreed to object to this application on the grounds that the development does not consider the increase in local traffic, the increasing risk of accidents and injury particularly on the local roads and impact on the A38 junction.
9. **Axbridge Neighbourhood plan** – The Council is maintaining contact with Axbridge TC
10. **Highways and Environment Matters**
 - a. **PROW AX15/1** – The modification order has been approved and the question of access over the excavated area of the entry point onto National Trust land is being expedited and should be resolved next month.
 - b. **Cross Lane/Coffin Lane** –


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- i. Cllr Filmer is arranging a meeting with the Highways Programme manager, auditors and senior officers to understand the reasons for the delays in the final approval and commencement of works.
 - ii. Chris East (PROW Officer) has indicated that SCC would provide the 'disabled friendly' gates to support the proposed surface dressed footpath 15/14 and AX 1/22. Permission from landowners will be required.
 - c. 'Kill your speed' signs for Webbington Road – SCC to advise
 - d. Old Coach Road verge- solid posts are proposed for installing and the possibility of including a flower tub by the New Inn car park was discussed as a means of prevention to unsociable and dangerous parking. Advice and approval will be sought from Katherine Tyson SCC.
 - e. Webbington Road car park - Cost of 'litter' signs at £19 each and a seat at £400 was discussed. Confirmation of ownership of the land is being investigated.
 - f. Cllr McCarthy outlined the initial thoughts on creating a visual gateway with trees. Costs and funding are being investigated.
- 11. Finger Posts** – Quotation received – TM/AL are looking for funding
- 12. A38 Junction** – latest accident. Councillors are concerned that there has been no media coverage of the (rumoured) fatal accident on the A38/Cross Lane junction. TM has sent a letter to SCC but has not received acknowledgements. TM spoke to an insurance employee who was measuring the roads and requested any photographs, which will be supplied.
- 13. Community Volunteer Village maintenance Group**
- a. Steve Sage has volunteered to maintain wooden seats and has completed the 'Lodge' seat.
 - b. Alex Lane has volunteered to paint the Cross bus shelter,
 - c. New sleepers for the flower bed near Bourton Lane were unanimously approved at a cost of £80
 - d. M Pritchard has located a secure storage area for a community strimmer. Our insurance does not call for certificated users so RP was requested to specify the model of a reliable strimmer and supporting equipment, provide required instructions, etc. Costs to be considered at the next meeting.
- 14. Defibrillators** – Delivery of security boxes are expected soon.
- 15. Memorial Hall**
- a. No volunteers for Hall Committee members have been found. Cllr Parker will report to the committee next week.
 - b. Wifi – no information on costs and potential uses has been received.
- 16. Cluster Meeting** – Cllrs Parker and McCarthy attended the meeting and reported on the highways presentation on Safety and Roads and a talk on the changes to recycling in Sedgemoor.
- 17. Correspondence – the following was noted:**
- a. An email was received from Mr Lewis regarding the closure of PROW AX15/13. RP has spoken to the landowner who advised that the Drainage Board/Environment Agency had padlocked the gate and they had been contacted. If no action is forthcoming SCC PROW Officer will be contacted.
- 18. Date of Next Meeting – 8th August 2018**


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Present : Cllrs T Mason (chair), A Lane, D McCarthy, M Pritchard, E Parker

Not Present : Cllr A Gooby

Members of the Public : Cllr R Filmer (SCC)

1. To receive apologies for absence : Cllr John Denbee (SDC)

It was noted that Cllr Glimstead had vacated the office of councillor. A Casual Vacancy now exists.

2. The minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2018 were unanimously approved

3. Declarations of interest : There were none

4. Matters arising from the previous minutes : There were none

5. **Clerk's Report**

- a. A letter is to be sent to The Mendip Society regarding the opening of PROW AX15/1 explaining that the Somerset Rights of Way team will be constructing a safe access and swing gate for entry to AX15/1 on the National Trust land by the end of August.
- b. Request for information – A letter has been received from Mr K Glimstead which has been forwarded to SDC's Monitoring Officer for their observation and advice. Council disagreed with comments made about Mr Rolfe and Mr Parker. The Council unanimously passed a vote of confidence in them both.
- c. A Casual Vacancy for a councillor has occurred and vacancy notices have been displayed in the parish and the process of filling the vacancy will follow the official prescribed route.
- d. Standing Orders : It was unanimously approved to modify standing orders to say that draft minutes of a council meeting, once verified by councillors, may be published on-line.
- e. GDPR – The draft Privacy Notice reviewed by Councillors was unanimously approved.

6. **Finance Matters**

- a. Financial Statement was unanimously approved
- b. Cash Book – The expenditure record was noted

7. **All Payments**

- a. Clerks Fee – £223.94 was unanimously approved
- b. Reimbursement to T Mason £403.97 for the cost of laptop and printer/scanner to be transferred from the Transparency fund (grant for equipment of £590 rec'd Dec 2017) was unanimously approved
- c. The final cost for Security boxes including backboards, fitting and electrics, for Defibrillators is £4,350. The balance of the grant remains £3,549 and with funds raised of £201 leaves an over spend of £600.
 - i) It was unanimously approved to receive a donation of £201 and approve payment of £4,350 for defibrillator cabinets and installation with funds transferred from the Community Projects Account 11462571 to the main account 51056565
 - ii) It was unanimously approved to transfer all monies from the unused Account 40-47-46 01080970 to the main account 40-46-06 11462571 and close account 01080970.

8. **Planning Matters**

- a. Planning Application Number: 21/18/00010- Newlands Farm : It was unanimously approved to object to this application on the grounds that the dwelling is an affordable agricultural workers dwelling and the proposed extension conflicts with conditions on a previous application (21.10.00002) for this property where condition 4 restricted the gross floor space to 200 sq mtrs so that it "*remains affordable for an agricultural worker*". The proposed extension would increase the floor space to

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almost 250 sq mtrs. Condition 5 identified concerns that extension of the building would be “*detrimental to the character of the building*”. The building lies on flat open countryside and is visually prominent.

- b. Complaint regarding SDC Planning procedures : this remains open
- c. E-consultation – The use of a new laptop will enable projection of council papers at the next meeting.
- d. Consider CPRE request re: Government proposal for Fracking to be ‘permitted development’. It was unanimously approved that The Chairman should register The Councils objections to this proposal.

9. Highways and Environment Matters

- a. PROW AX15/1 – SCC has a contractor going to site to assess the work and plans to create a 1.2 mtr footpath beside Jacobs Fold to the stone pillar and install a gate by the end of the month.
- b. Coffin Lane Update : – The SIS lighting audit remains an issue of conflict. Cllr Filmer reported that he is speaking to Alyn Jones to have the lighting auditor’s insistence for lighting on Cross lane withdrawn.
- c. The suggested ‘Kill your Speed’ signs are available from police at £39 each. Posts to prevent parking on verges at the east end of Cross would cost £20-£0 each and can be installed by residents. Liam Gill has spoken to residents. DM and EP will meet with Liam Gill and talk to residents.
- d. PROW AX15/13 : the gates by Bow Bridge that were padlocked is now open
- e. Update on Finger Posts –The Chairman reported that an application for Lottery funding has been submitted. A response is expected within 10 weeks.
- f. A38 Junction – The chairman had written to SCC and received a response that the junction doesn’t qualify for action as the junction “doesn’t have a significant collision record”. The Clerk was asked to locate the previous safety options proposed in 2010 for reconsideration.
- g. Village signs –The chairman reported that SCC Highways have responded to his enquiry and there are no issues with the new village signs, no permissions are required.

10. Community Volunteer Village maintenance Group – report

- a. Volunteer team – The purchase of a strimmer and personal protection equipment for the volunteer group with a budget of £340 was unanimously approved.
- b. Repair of the ‘Lodge’ seat would be addressed. The Church Lane bus shelter and the rubbish bin are to be painted.

11. **Defibrillators** – All equipment is installed and operational. Compliments were made to Lawrence Rayment from ‘Heartstart’ for his hands-on approach and help.

12. Memorial Hall

There has been no response for new Chair and Officers to serve on the Hall Committee

13. **National Grid** – National Grid has requested an opportunity to present, to The Council, their programme and plans for installation of underground cables in the AONB. The Clerk was requested to arrange a 20 minute presentation at the September meeting commencing at 7.00pm, before the Parish Council meeting. An open meeting for parishioners would be arranged for October.

14. Correspondence :

- a. The opening of the Community Hub in Loxton is being advertised.
- b. Invitation to Chairman –
 - i. Axbridge Blackberry Carnival on 22nd September the Chairman will be on Holiday, a deputy will attend.
 - ii. SCC Civic Service at Priddy 2.30 23rd September

15. **Date of Next Meeting – 12th September 2018**



Compton Bishop Parish Council

Minutes for the meeting held on 12th September 2018 at 7.30 pm

Prior to this meeting, National Grid provided members of the council an update on the Hinkley C Connection Project and its impact on Compton Bishop Parish. There will be an open meeting for the parish prior to the commencement in the second quarter 2019.

Members of the Public : Cllr R Filmer (SCC)

Cllr Filmer reported that SCC Highways have a new machine to repair paths and roads. SCC are looking into using re-cycled plastic for road repairs, a cheaper and much faster method. Also the budget for SCC looks to have a £12M overspend. Savings are being investigated and lobbying Government being considered. There is a £20M overspend on Children's services.

The meeting commenced at 7.40pm

Present : Cllrs A Lane(chair), D McCarthy, M Pritchard, E Parker

Not Present : Cllr A Gooby

1. To receive apologies for absence

Cllr T Mason

2. Approve the minutes of the meeting held on 11th July 2018

They were unanimously approved

3. Declarations of interest

There were none

4. Matters arising from the previous minutes:

There were none

5. Clerk's Report

Casual Vacancy – No applications had been received. It was agreed that DM would draft leaflets which would be distributed to encourage applicants for the vacancy.

6. Finance Matters

The financial Statement was unanimously approved

The Clerk reported that finance is being sought from Lottery funding for repair and refurbishing finger posts for an estimated cost of £2,500-£3,000. The annual Lottery allowance is £10,000, the defibrillator project used £6,747 of the allowance. The remaining allowance would be sufficient for the finger post project refurbishing.

All Payments were unanimously approved.

A 2 year discounted Kapersky anti-virus licence, from £69 to £34.99, for on the Council's Laptop was obtained. The repayment to the clerk for the on-line purchase of £34.99 was unanimously approved.

Cllr Pritchard reported that a recommended ergonomically superior Stihl Strimmer, Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) and fuel can + 2 stroke petrol was purchased. The payment of £380 was unanimously approved.

Clerks Fee for August 2018 of £223.94 was unanimously approved.

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The Clerk advised The Council that VAT reclaims can be made for periods of up to 3 years and will be due this financial year. Any claim must have a purchase order issued by the Council and paid for with the council's own funds.

7. Planning Matters

Planning Application :21-18-00012 - Construction of service road : It was unanimously agreed that there was no objection to this application

Planning Application: 21-18-00013 - Erection of an agricultural livestock building and concrete yard : The Clerk reported that there had been no response to queries raised with the planning officer. It was unanimously agreed to object to this application as it would appear that the applicant is living in a caravan on-site and the Council was not aware that an application for a residential caravan had been approved and therefore questioned the legality of the application. The extent of the barns and concrete area, in a flood zone 3, appears excessive for the land being farmed. The Clerk was instructed to seek advice from Stuart Houlet the Sedgemoor Planning Service Manager.

Planning Application 17-18-00073 : Proposed Yeo Valley development - The Council unanimously objected to this large development because of 1) It is a development which would have a significant negative impact within this AONB. 2) The impact of the additional vehicles that would use Axbridge Road significantly adding to the congestion and safety issues on this busy route which is already increasing because of the current and planned housing developments in Cheddar. 3) It would also impact the congested and dangerous A371/A38 junction at Cross. No plans are provided regarding traffic flow and impacts on the environment in the Countryside. This Application to be contrary to Core Strategy D5 and D14 and P6 and emerging Policy D20. Cllr Lane also commented on reports from the Cheddar Bloor Homes development that garage sized do not accommodate the newer cars (eg. SUV's) so that cars are parked on the roads causing congestion.

Sedgemoor Local Plan (2011-2032): Proposed Main Modifications Consultation -The Planning Advisor was requested to prepare and circulate a response to the consultation for comment from all councillors. It was unanimously approved that The Chairman would authorise the final response to be submitted to SDC. The closing date is the 10th October.

North Somerset Local Plan 2023 - end date 10th Dec 2018 The Planning Advisor was requested to prepare and circulate a response to the consultation with particular consideration for the impact on roads, environment and the AONB.

8. Highways and Environment Matters

PROW AX15/1 The SCC PROW department has issued an order to contractors and has requested a completion date.

Foot path issues Coffin Lane update – The lighting audit recommendations are being reviewed by a senior officer who has the authority to sign off the project. Cllr Filmer is liaising with Alyn Jones and will advise when or whether CBPC should meet with senior officers. CBPC strongly objects to the proposal for the numbers of lights and the massive posts which are more suited to large towns and cities.

TRO (Traffic Regulations Order) for Keep Clear marking/yellow lines outside the New Inn at A38 junction has been submitted by SCC.

Wells Road Closure (Draycott) from 1st October 2018 : was noted.

Webbington Road Lay-by Litter signs - Signs have been received and the cost of £45.60 was unanimously approved. DM is researching possible tree planting.

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Bristol Airport expansion plan – The Chairman of the Bristol Airport Consultative Committee is involving CBPC and providing updates. The Clerk was requested to ensure CBPC attends any meetings relevant to the impact of traffic volumes at the A38/Cross Lane junction.

Dog Bin at Compton Bishop : EP has met with a local resident and agreed a location for a 40ltr post mounted bin. The cost of £140 for the bin and weekly emptying of £2.68 was unanimously approved and will be reviewed after one year.

Rubbish Bin at Church Lane. The current bin at the Church Lane bus shelter is beyond repair. It was unanimously approved to purchase the smaller post mounted 'super-trimline' bin to be fitted to the left wall of the bus shelter at a cost of £179.49 and the weekly emptying charge of £2.68 remains unchanged.

AONB grant –Councillors were requested to bring proposals to the next meeting. The grants of up to £2,000 are for supporting initiatives for enhancing community facilities, awareness and enhancing landscape.

9. Community Volunteer Village maintenance Group report

Strimmer – Five people have been trained.

Report on works performed last month : Grass Cutting, planting and maintenance of pots
Compton Bishop road sign at Newtown cleared. The verge and hedging at Bourton Lane junction is overgrown and restricts visibility. The Clerk was instructed to contact the tenant farmer to request hedge/grass cutting.

Plant box at Compton Bishop road sign There was unanimous approval to purchase and install a Plant box at Compton Bishop road sign at Newtown at a cost of £65

Consider cost for plants, bulbs etc. for winter planting – Proposals to be to be considered at the next Council Meeting. SDC are offering free bulbs of 'Woodland Mix' daffodil bulbs. The Clerk was requested to apply for a bag which would be delivered.

10. Correspondence + other communications

NALC – SSSI consultation : as forwarded by SALC. As their Officer was on holiday this was sent out after the deadline.

Axbridge Sorting Office and Post Office : A formal request to close the Axbridge Sorting office had been submitted to the Network Manager. The Post Master was concerned that this move will make the running of a post office not viable. A letter was been sent from this Council to oppose the request and maintain the Axbridge Sorting Office. A response from the Network Manager received today (12th Sept) states that he has rejected the request and the sorting office will remain in Axbridge.

A request from the Mendip Hills AONB unit to make comments on the AONB Management Plan has been received. This can be filled in by individuals although it is aimed at organisations such as the Parish Council. References in the questionnaire relate to the use of the Management Plan by the organisation.

Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 10th October 2018

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

End of minutes

Compton Bishop Parish Council

Minutes for the meeting held on 10th October 2018 at 7.30 pm

Members of the Public : There were five members of the public present - Cllr R Filmer (SCC), J Hayward, G Fell, M Rolfe and T Gill who had previously requested to address the meeting on agenda item 6bi which would be brought forward.

Present : D McCarthy, M Pritchard, E Parker

Apologies : Councillors T Mason, A Lane

Not Present : Cllr A Gooby

Election of temporary Chairman : It was unanimously agreed that Cllr Pritchard would chair this meeting

1. Approval of minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2018 were unanimously approved

2. Declarations of interest:

There were none

3. Matters arising from the previous minutes:

There were none

Item 8 – Safe Pedestrian Access : Cross Lane (*taken out of turn*):

- Mike Rolfe (resident) addressed the meeting and thanked Somerset County Highways for their acceptable proposals for the crossing and footpath. However MR was critical of the proposal of the inappropriate lighting scheme in a countryside location which was unacceptable. A meeting should be arranged with SCC to discuss possible acceptable compromises.
- Tess Gill (Chair Cross-Axbridge safe Path Campaign) outlined the work of the formal Cross Lane project team, which reports to this council. The project has been well supported by parishioners over many years. The Council submitted a Small Infrastructure Submission (SIS) in 2015 and the road scheme was acceptable. SCC Lighting Auditors recently reviewed the lighting of the A38 refuge and surrounding area. Their report concluded that their proposed lighting scheme was final and a rejection, by this council, would result in cancellation of the whole SIS project.
- J Hayward and G Fell (owners of The Old Manor House) expressed their opposition to the plans. They had set up a successful business with 7,000 guests over the last 3 years. The lighting scheme would remove a major asset of a countryside location with dark skies. The numbers of pedestrians using the footpaths were small, traffic in the evening and night was negligible. In his opinion, the Parish was not behind the scheme. TG informed the meeting that information and questionnaires had been sent to parishioners who have supported the safe path campaign.
- Cllr. R Filmer reported that he had robustly challenged the proposed lighting scheme with SCC officers but the Lighting Auditors conclusions were final. He reported on the lighting and that the LED lighting would be directed adequately with cowling which focusses lighting downward. If the scheme was acceptable it is possible that works could be scheduled for completion by Easter 2019.

The Council considered the situation should be addressed by the full council and an extraordinary meeting would be arranged as soon as possible within the next two weeks.

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4. Clerk's Report

Casual Vacancy – No applications received.

5. Finance Matters

The financial statement was approved unanimously

The precept for next year, 2019/20, is required to be formed in November and submitted to SDC in December 2018. Councillors were requested to formulate their budgets for the November 2018 meeting. It was noted that a credit of £1,523.50 had been included in the CBPC precept payment. This was a refund of the payroll payments for the previous clerk.

All payments were unanimously approved :

Clerks Fees (R Parker)- £223.94

Hall fees May to October 2018- £102

Plants and bulbs for winter planting (M Pritchard) £33.98

Paint, Wood Stain, etc. for Church Lane bus shelter (K Mace) £37.34

Reimbursement-post & fixing 2 litter signs Webbington Road £22.94 (D McCarthy)

6. Planning Matters

Sedgemoor Local Plan (2011-2032): CBPC response has been submitted.

New Planning applications and SCC Planning decisions – there were none

An email regarding North Somerset affordable housing plan has been circulated. It was noted that the consultations on Local Plans includes the possibility of North Somerset's allocation being passed on to Sedgemoor.

7. Highways and Environment Matters

PROW AX15/1 – The path has been restored. A new gated entrance, slope and hand rail has been installed also with a step and rail from Barton Roads. A letter of thanks has been sent to SCC/PROW. It was noted that an additional direction sign by the Webbington service road is required. The clerk was requested to contact SCC.

Foot path issues

(Taken out of turn - see above)

Hedge cutting required Webbington/Sevier Road/M5 Bridge. DM volunteered to locate the owner.

The overgrow path on the A38 Footpath has been reported to SCC (clerk)

The 'Footpath' sign in Kennel Lane is broken. The Clerk was requested to report it to SCC/PROW

TRO for 'Keep Clear' marking outside the New Inn at A38 junction – awaiting response from Catherine Tyson

Congestion at the east end of Old Coach Road – a meeting with the residents to be arranged (DM/EP)

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Lay-by Webbington Road – The actual ownership is still not known although the owner of the adjacent field is happy for work to be carried out, a site meeting will be arranged. (DM).

Planting for Webbington Rd/Rackley Lane triangle – Planting of plants to a value of £50 was unanimously approved (DM)

Finger Posts – Funding of repair work was not possible through The Lottery funding.

Alternative funding to be researched (AL)

Bristol Airport expansion plan – A letter was sent to ensure that CBPC is included in any discussion on the A38 safety issues and potential funding from Bristol Airport expansion.

That he and Cllr Nigel Taylor, SCC Councillor for Axbridge, are representing Compton Bishop and Axbridge and will report back to councils.

8. Community Volunteer Group

Church Lane bus shelter has been re-decorated by KM

The flower trough has been moved from the White Hart verge. It was reported that it appears that customers from the White Hart are urinating on the verge opposite.

Winter planting of bulbs and plants is planned (MP).

9. Correspondence + other communications

The Chairman thanked G Fell and J Hayward for their donation of signs with the wording “Slow Community Event”. These will be stored at the Village Hall.

National Grid is starting Archaeological surveying on the route of the undergrounding in Biddisham, Webbington and Barton between October and December 2018.

Defibrillator maintenance details have been received by the volunteers

A complaint was made by a farmer about dogs being set loose and fouling the grass-keep at Bourton Lane. A notice will be erected.

Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 14th November 2018

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

End of minutes

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Minutes for the meeting held on 14th November 2018 at 7.30 pm

Members of the Public: There was one member of the public present, Cllr R Filmer (SCC)

Present: Councillors -T Mason, M Pritchard, E Parker

1. To receive any apologies for absence

A Lane, D McCarthy

2. Approve the minutes of the Meetings, held on 10th October 2018 and the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 24th October 2018, were unanimously approved.

3. Declarations of interest:

There were none

4. Matters arising from the previous minutes:

There were none

5. Clerk's Report

Casual Vacancy for Councillors : There has been interest shown by two residents. It was agreed that an article calling for applicants should still be published in 'Contact'.
Parish Council Elections will take place on 2nd May 2019.

6. Finance Matters

Finance

The financial Statement was unanimously approved

2018/9 Budget review : this was deferred to the next PC meeting due to the numbers of councillors present at this meeting.

2019/20 Draft budget and Precept : this was deferred to the next PC meeting due to the numbers of councillors present at this meeting.

Payments - All payments unanimously approved:

Clerks Fees : £223.94

3 x kerb weed treatment - £75

Large planter - Timberworks Cross £70 : 3 bags Compost - £12

Bitumen and Cuprinol for treating planter - £7

7. Planning Matters

The results of Planning applications results for October 2018 were noted.

Planning Applications received :

96-18-00017/18/19 : Hinkley Point C Connection – the DCO was noted. NG is currently engaged in an Archaeological survey and will also be notifying residents who will be affected by the installation of power cables of the programme of works.

02-18-00039 [Townsend Farm](#), gas-powered power plant and associated infrastructure- Council unanimously approved the submission of an objection to this development. The main objections are regarding the development of an industrial unit located in countryside, the impact of four x 10 metre exhaust flues and associated waste gases, the impact of continuous noise, the visual impact in countryside immediately adjacent to the Mendip AONB.

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North Somerset Council Landscape Character Assessment 2018(supplementary planning guidance). It was noted that this North Somerset assessment rates the AONB – Mendip Ridges and Coombes as important and significant features.

SDC's Annual Town/Parish Council Planning Seminar clashes with the local Cluster Group meeting but would be attended by the Planning Advisor and the Clerk.

8. Highways and Environment Matters

Foot path issues

Cross to Axbridge safe footpath campaign : A meeting was held, in Axbridge, prior to this PC meeting. One Axbridge Councillor, the Chair of Axbridge Action and Somerset Councillor were among those present who will inform their respective members. The meeting was informed of the progress being made regarding safe access and associated safety and lighting installations planned.

Overgrown Kerb at Webbington – SCC to be requested to maintain the weed growth on Sevier Road, east of the motorway bridge.

The encroachment of weeds onto the footpath adjacent to A38 is unusable for mobility scooters and dangerous for pedestrians. A second report has been submitted to SCC.

AX15/12 (at The Scaurs) is getting overgrown with vegetation from adjacent land/ this will be reviewed and action taken.

Highways:

Withdrawal of Highways winter service 2018/19 (rock salt in dumpy bags) was to be withdrawn but central government has released funds and the service will continue this year.

TRO for 'Keep Clear' marking outside the New Inn at A38 junction has been published.

Webbington Road and Rackley Lane triangle planting – deferred to next meeting.

Finger Posts progress report on funding – an application to the Lottery Fund was unsuccessful and other avenues have not been successful. A suggestion that this council funds the work was deferred to the next PC meeting.

Mobile Temporary Speed Indicator Device (SID) - the proposal by SCC that parish councils to fund their own SID was noted and was not considered appropriate.

Community Volunteer Group – The tub a New Town has been completed : the Parish sign at Webbington has been damaged, apparently by passing cattle. MP will get advice from 'Arien Signs' on how to repair the damage.

9. Correspondence + other communications

Cray Charity – The Chairman reported that the charity has benefitted 12 local applicants. He thanked Justin Cole for his successful management of the charity and funds.

Dog Fouling – It was noted that the new dog bin at Compton Bishop has proved to be well used, reducing the amount of dog-fouling.

The North East Cluster meeting - will be held on 22nd November. Cllr Parker will attend.

Hinkley C Funding event - is being held a Sedgemoor DC Offices on 22nd November from 10.00 – 12.00.

Somerset County Councillor gave a brief update on the Memorial Wood in Taunton

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10. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 12th December 2018

The meeting closed at 20.35

End of minutes

Compton Bishop Parish Council

Minutes for the meeting held on 12th December 2018 at 7.30 pm

Members of the Public: There was one member of the public present, Cllr R Filmer (SCC)

Present: Councillors -T Mason, M Pritchard, E Parker, T Brownlow

1. To receive any apologies for absence:

Alex Lane, Delia McCarthy and Carol Cox (co-opted)

2. Approve the minutes of the Meetings, held on 14th November 2018

They were unanimously approved.

3. Declarations of interest:

There were none

4. Matters arising from the previous minutes:

There were none

5. Clerk's Report

Casual Vacancies – Councillor Tracey Brownlow was formally welcomed as a member of the parish council.

6. Finance Matters

Finance

The Financial Statement was unanimously approved.

2018/9 Budget review was received by councillors

2019/20 Draft budget and Precept were deferred until the next Council meeting.

CIL – This fund has changed to RTL2 and changes the use of this fund removes the limitation of use for play area only.

Payments – All [payments were unanimously approved.

Clerks Fees - £223.94

Dog Bin and installation at Compton Bishop : £139.52

Rubbish Bin at Church Lane: £133.39. The removal of the redundant waste bin at Church Lane was approved and a payment of £50 was authorised.

A request for donations was unanimously approved for both Citizens Advice - £100 and Mendip Community Transport - £150.

7. Planning Matters -

Results of Planning applications for November 2018 - None

Planning Applications received :

21/18/00015 Variation of Condition 2 of Planning Permission 21/15/00017- there were no comments

96/18/00025 DCO requirement 6 (1) (a) Soil Management Plan – was noted.

Sedgemoor's Planning Seminar was attended by the Planning Advisor and the Clerk. The significant topics were Local Plan and the value of commenting on all applications. A table showing the categories for Councils' considerations were circulated to Councillors.

8. Report on Cluster Group

Cllr Parker reported on the contents of the meeting. A significant countrywide project, with funding of £1b, is led by Dr. Doland from Axbridge Surgery and will seek representatives from all Parish Councils. The objective is to reduce the dependency on hospitals. Kia White, our Citizens Advice representative gave a presentation of their work, particularly on the homeless.

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9. Highways and Environment Matters

Foot path issues

Cross to Axbridge safe footpath campaign : Cllr Parker reported on the lighting scheme for the Cross/Cross Lane junction. A meeting with the SCC team is arranged for the Chairman and Tess Gill to attend. Axbridge Town Council and Axbridge Action are approaching landowners regarding the possible improvements. Cllr Myerson is reviewing the footpath survey and classification to assist the aims of the project. AX15/12 (the Scaurs) a complaint has been registered about overgrowth to SCC. It was noted that the footpath is clear but there is some overgrown hedges/trees in places. SCC has issues a Paths survey and re-classification document to update the records on path usage and descriptions. This is being reviewed by the council's FP Liaison officer.

Road Signs

Damaged Compton Bishop Sign at Webbington – MP will arrange for the repair.

Damaged Finger posts : Funding from the Lottery is not possible. Council funding for the repair work at a cost of £2,500 was unanimously approved.

The suggested replacement of the old Cross Signs by Bourton Lane and Cross Lane with ones similar to the sign in Old Coach Road was unanimously accepted. The works may require authority from SCC highways (DM) and a budget for the cost of the signs to be obtained (MP)

Cross Milestone refurbishment –the Clerk reported that due to illness, the resources in English Heritage is depleted and have been diverted onto higher priority projects. It is hoped to progress the work in the spring.

Other Highway issues

Damage to verges by large farming vehicles. The Clerk was instructed to contact Alvis regarding the extensive damage to grass verges within the parish.

Re-think on bench for Car parking area pull in - expense/possible damage etc.(DM)

Planting at Webbington Road and Rackley Lane triangle – deferred to the next meeting

Update on trees from Carbon Footprint – only small saplings would be provided which require significant long-term attention so will be re-considered.

Grass/path clearing A38 Footpath north of Lunns Garage – this has been reported twice. Cllr Filmer will investigate.

Report on Speed Check on Webbington Road – The results were inconclusive although it has shown the volume of traffic on Webbington Road and Old Coach road is still increasing. DM will reconsider possible action by the three households directly affected.

10. Community Volunteer Group

Report on works performed –It has recently been difficult to get volunteers motivated. It was suggested that the people looking after the flowers should be asked to agree the allocations of responsibilities.

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Small Project Grants 2018/2019 – Cllr Pritchard suggested an area of verge towards Bourton Lane be made into a wild flower area. Costs for preparation of the area to be obtained.

Cllr Parker reported on her meeting with Cross Hall representative regarding a secure storage unit. The options will be presented to the next Hall Committee meeting.

11. Correspondence + other communications

There were no outstanding items.

Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 9th January 2019

End of minutes