Compton Abbas Parish Council

Minutes of the recorded virtual AGM and the meeting of the Parish Council on Friday 7th May 2021 at 6.30pm

Present: Cllr T Clements – Chairman, Cllr J Low, Cllr S Warren

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Parish Clerk)

 There were no members of the public present on Zoom.

Keri from This is Alfred – recorded the meeting.

21/1. Election of Chairman and signing of Declaration of Office (which will be sent via email).

Cllr Low proposed Cllr Clements for Chairman 2021-22, this was seconded by Cllr Warren, all members were in favour.

RESOLVED: for Cllr Clements for Chairman for Compton Abbas Parish Council for 2021-22 (21/1, no budgetary provision required)

21/2. To receive and accept apologies of absence.

Dorset Councillors Jane Somper and Cllr J Guttridge

21/3. Election of Vice Chairman.

Cllr Clements proposed Cllr Low for vice-chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Warren, all members were in favour.

RESOLVED: for Cllr Low for Vice-Chairman for Compton Abbas Parish Council 2021-22 (21/3, no budgetary provision required)

21/4. Co-option for new members. There were none.

21/5. Parish Council legal documents.

To confirm there have been no changes to the adopted policies and procedures for 2021.

This was agreed.

21/6. Approval the governance statement and annual accounts.

The Clerk tabled the following:

 • The annual governance statement 2020/21

 • The end of year accounting statements 2020/21

 • The Asset Register 2020/21

 • The Bank reconciliation 2020/21

These were proposed by Cllr Low and seconded by Cllr Warren, all members agreed to approve the end of year accounts and the governance statement for the external auditor. The Chairman will be sent the governance statement for signing.

RESOLVED: to approve the governance statement and annual accounts for 2020-2021 (21/6 no budgetary requirements).

*At this point the Chairman will close the AGM and open the Monthly Meeting.*

21/7. Declaration of interest and dispensations.

There were none.

21/8. Approve the minutes 17th March 2021.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Warren and seconded by Cllr Low, all agreed that the minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting. They were duly signed by the Clerk on behalf of the Chairman.

RESOLVED: that the minutes were approved and signed by the Clerk on behalf of the Chairman (38/20 – no budgetary allocations required)

21/9. Officers and Chairman’s report (which will be circulated before the meeting).

The Chairman reported the following:

Parish Archives –

Vision ICT have said they will have the website changes done by 14th May.

Phone Box and the walking project - The phone box is now live for Guest Free Wi-Fi without password and its own power supply. The phone box and the bus shelter are now illuminated from dusk to 1.00 am and then from 5.00am to dawn. The Parish Council can change the times during the year remotely without needing to open the cabinet in the phone box. All the walks have been mapped and edited. Our graphic designer Amy has sent us the first draft of the main display which looks fantastic. There hopefully will be no reason that the whole phone box walking project should not be ready to go by the 17th of May. Astonishing effort by all involved.

Gore Clump - Had a Zoom meeting with DC and it now appears that one of the landowners has given permission for a bridleway within our Parish, so the situation appears to have resolved.

Walking route to Fontmell Magna - The landowner has just given permission. There will be a need for plenty of signage. The National Trust has been contacted to ask for their permission to put way markers at the bottom of Fontmell Down and a QR code post on Clubmen’s Down.

The following officer’s roles were agreed:

* Play Area – Fanners Field Cllr Low
* Highways Cllr Clements
* Village Furniture Cllr Guttridge
* Foot Path/rights of way Cllr Warren
* Planning Full Council
* DAPTC Clerk

21/10. Received report from Dorset Council representative.

Dorset Councillor Jane Somper had circulated a detailed report, which can be seen on the Parish Council’s website or a copy can be obtained by the Clerk.

21/11. Finance - To agree: Payment Schedule.

The Clerk had circulated financial statement to the Councillors in the month of March 2021 which were agreed by all Councillors via email. The Clerk tabled the Payment Schedule for April 2021 for the sum of £644.60. This was proposed by Cllr Warren and seconded by Cllr Low, all agreed for the payments on the payment schedule be paid, the schedule was duly signed by the Clerk on behalf of the Chairman.



 RESOLVED: to pay the payment on the schedule to the total sum of £644.60 (21/11 current account)

21/12. Clerk Report.

The Clerk congratulated the Councillors on all their hard work and commitment to the Parish.

21/13. Items for next agenda and date of next meeting.

The Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th of September, venue to be agreed nearer the time.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 18.20.

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