Compton Abbas Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held at Compton Abbas Church Hall

on Wednesday the 15th of September 2021 at 6.00pm

Present: Cllr T Clements – Chairman, Cllr J Low, Cllr J Guttridge.

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Parish Clerk) There was one member of the public present

There was a three-minute public consultation period. Nothing reported.

**21/14. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr S Warren and Dorset Councillor Jane Somper.

**21/15. Declaration of interest and dispensations**

Cllr J Guttridge declared an interest under agenda item 7 – Planning.

21/16. Co-option for new members.

Members of the public were asked if anyone precent would like to be considered for Councillors to Compton Parish Council. Mr Matt Briars expressed his interest in Joining the Parish Council. Cllr J Low proposed Mr Matt Briars to be co-opted on to the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr J Guttridge, (Cllr S Warren has emailed her approval), so all members were in favour. The Chairman welcomed Mr Briars to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED: Co-opted Mr Matt Briars on the Compton Abbas Parish Council (21/16- no budgetary provision required).

21/17. Approve minutes from 7th May 2021 and matters arising.

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

RESOLVED: that the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman (21/17– no budgetary provision required)

Matters arising:

• **Update on the walking projects**. All of the walking projects are now up and running, including the one to Fontmell Magna.

• **To consider tree planting plans for 2022/2023**. The Parish Council will consider where and what tree to provide for the Queens Green Canopy “plant a tree for the Jubilee” for 2022.

21/18. Bullet Points from the report given by Dorset Council Councillor J Somper: The full report can be obtained by the Clerk and a copy will be put up on the website.

Covid-19 as of 31.8.21 -There has been a slight rise in COVID-19 cases in the Dorset Council area this week and a small decline in COVID-19 case rates across the BCP Council area.

Bin Collection Round Changes - Around 34,000 households in north Dorset had their bin collection days changed at the start of June. Due to the pressures the Waste Collection service is under and will provide updates. It does appear now that the garden waste collection has potentially been affected.

New Police and Crime Commissioner - David Sidwick is the new Police and Crime Commissioner for Dorset and Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.

The Environment Bill - This Government Bill is schedule to come into law in the autumn this year, it is reaching and does much to underpin the aspiration and plans of local government in dealing with climate and ecological concerns. The Bill also includes a section on the provision of waste, recycling and garden waste collections, seeking to create a universal system across all LA areas.

Afghan Relocation Scheme – Dorset - Dorset Council is urging private landlords and owners of second homes to come forward if they can provide suitable accommodation for the Afghan relocation scheme.

The contact details private landlords or a second homeowner who may be able to help with any of these housing needs, please contact [afghanfamilieshousing@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:afghanfamilieshousing@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk). Dorset Council will work with property owners on all aspects of setting up the tenancy and support the family to settle in when they arrive. There will be central government assistance for initial rent and deposits until the families are settled.

Continued Support & Advice for Dorset Council Residents - Dorset Council continue with the provision of support, advice and guidance to residents. The new contract will start on 1 October 2021. A further contract has also been awarded to Citizens Advice. This contract will also start on 1 October 2021. If you would like to volunteer or need help and would like more information visit volunteeringdorset.org.uk or call 01305 269214 Citizens Advice Citizensadvicedorset.org.uk

Current Consultations/Surveys - Dorset Council wants to hear from resident Blue Badge holders to help shape a unified approach to parking charges across area. Link here: <https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=16282506030>

21/20. Finance

To agree: Payment Schedule

The Clerk confirmed that payments made in June and July, had been authorised by email from Councillors.

The Clerk tabled the Payment Schedule and bank reconciliation report to the Councillors for August 2021 for the sum of £529.05. It was proposed by Cllr Guttridge and seconded by Cllr Low, all agreed for the payments on the payment schedule be paid, the schedule was duly signed by the Chairman. The bank reconciliation was signed by Cllr Guttridge.

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RESOLVED: to pay the payment on the schedule to the total sum of £529.05 (21/20 current account)



21/21. Planning: review of working group recommendations via emails and at this meeting:

P/HOU/2021/01628 – Tuckers, Barton Hill – erect external swimming pool – no objections

P/HOU/2021/00201 – Old Church Farm - 1.8m walls & gates connecting main dwelling to outbuilding – no objections

P/TRC/2021/01800 - Land North Of 16 And 17 High Street – tree works – objection. Since this application a tree preservation order has been made on land. The council would like to record its thanks to Cllr Somper in this matter.

P/TRC/2021/02217 - Horders, Chapel Hill – tree works – no objections

P/TRC/2021/01576 – Clock House – tree works – no objections

21/22. Chairman’s report.

The Parishes archives are now available to view on the Parish Councils website.

The newsletter distribution is being reviewed. A questionnaire will be produced for residents to either opt in or out on receiving the villages newsletter.

The phone box project has been completed, including the installation of broadband.

Works on Gore Clump will hopefully be completed the same time of the works on the C13 at Melbury Abbas, to prevent too many road closures during 2022.

The Chairman asked for Councillors to think of future projects for the Parish in 2021/2022 budget year, so they can be considered at the budget meeting in December.

21/23. Officers’ Reports

The Clerk asked for the Councillors to agree their officers’ roles. After debate the following was agreed:

* Play Area Cllr Briars
* Environment Cllr Briars and Cllr Low
* Footpaths Cllr Guttridge
* Roads/village furniture and monuments Cllr Clements
* Planning Full Council
* DAPTC Clerk

Cllr Low expressed concern over the state of watery lane. This matter has been reported to Graham Stanley at Dorset Council rangers, but there has been no action to date. An offer from AONB to do works on the footpath has been received. The Clerk confirmed that if permission is obtained by Graham Stanley for the proposed works and there is no cost to the Parish Council, works can go ahead. The Chairman noted the work on the footpath signs in the village had been completed by Dorset Rangers and thanked them on behalf of the council.

Cllr Low also asked if the natural springs in the village could be used to provide drinking water for the Parish? the Clerk will investigate this with Dorset Council. Action – Clerk

Mr M Briars would like the Parish Council to lead on encouraging a group to be formed to look at the conservation in the village, looking for distinct species of animals and insects and also to work on reducing the villages carbon footprint. The Councillors agreed that this is a great idea and will support this project going forward.

21/24. Clerk Report

Nothing further to report.

21/25. Items for next agenda and date of next meeting - Matters arising before the next meeting.

Budget – Co-option

The Parish Council meeting will be held on TUESDAY 7th DECEMBER 2021 at 6.30pm at the Church Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 18.40

Signed…………………………………………………………………………………………

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