Compton Abbas Parish Council

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

on Wednesday the 11th of January 2022 at 6.30pm

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

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Parish Clerk), Dorset Councillor Jane Somper. There were no members of the public

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

**21/27. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr M Briars sent his apologies

**21/28. Declaration of interest and dispensations**

There were none.

21/29. Co-option for new members.

There were none.

21/30. Approve minutes from 15th September 2021 and matters arising.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Low, seconded by Cllr Warren, 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 (21/30– no budgetary provision required)

Matters arising from the previous meeting and also new matters

* To agree the precept for 2022/2023. The Clerk had circulated details of the proposed budget and precept for 2022/2023. After debate it was proposed by Cllr Warren and seconded by Cllr Low to not increase the precept for 2022/2023, therefore it will be set at £15000.00. This was agreed by all members,
  + RESOLVED: the precept for 2022/2023 remain as 2021/2022 at £15000.00. (21/20 – Budget)

• **Update on the A350 group.** The Chairman reported that the A350 group are aware of the proposed works along Diana’s Hollow, which will increase the traffic flow on the A350. It was also noted that the A350 is being badly cut up and potholes filled on a regular basis. The A350 group will continue to work on ideas to improve the problems on the A350, which include speeding.

• **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. **Action - Councillors**

* **To agree Gore Clump revised consultation.** The Chairman and Dorset Councillor Somper gave details of the works proposed at Gore Clump. Cllr Somper commended Roger Bell from Dorset Council, for all of his great work in getting this project resolved. The Councillors agreed with the revised consultation and remove their objections now the matter of the bridle way has been resolved. **Action - Clerk**

21/31. 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.

Domestic Abuse Strategy - Tackling domestic abuse has been a priority for the council and organisations in Dorset for many years. A consultation can be found using the following link [2021 (snapsurveys.com)](https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=163638487414).

**Winter Highways – Gritters -** It is a big team effort with several depots across the county where twenty-four vehicles are kept along with all the necessary equipment.

**Funding agreed for SEND Strategy -** Dorset Council has agreed £37.5m over the next five years to help deliver its new strategy for children and young people with special needs and disabilities (SEND).

**Grant to develop former council office buildings -** Dorset Council has been awarded £2.3m following a bid to the Government’s Brownfield Land Release Fund.

**NHS Outpatient Assessment Centre** - South Walks House, the Dorset Council office in Dorchester, is to become an NHS Outpatient Assessment Centre for six months.

**Funding to improve insulation -** DC has also been awarded £98,000 of Government funding to insulate the most poorly insulated rented homes in Dorset.

**Budget Pressures** - You will have recognised how many of the initiatives reported rely on grant funding from central government. This is the new funding reality for Local Government, competitive bidding on a project-by-project basis.

Dorset Library Consultation – What do you want from your library? - Dorset Council has launched a public consultation to inform how they develop and deliver their library service in the future. Information can be seen on

2021 (snapsurveys.com).

Help Available – Household Support Fund - Dorset Council has been awarded £2,294,941 from the Government’s Household Support Fund which has been set up to help vulnerable households across the country in need of financial support. Link to consultation page: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-council/consultations/find-a-consultation?p_l_back_url=%2Fsearch%3Fq%3Dcons>

21/32. Finance

To agree: Payment Schedule

The Clerk confirmed that payments made in Sep, Oct, Nov, had been authorised by email from Councillors.

The Clerk tabled the Payment Schedule and bank reconciliation report to the Councillors for December 2022 for the sum of £352.19. 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.

RESOLVED: to pay the payment on the schedule to the total sum of £352.19 (21/32 current account)



21/33. Planning: review of working group recommendations via emails and at this meeting:

P/FUL/2021/03090 - Guys Marsh Prison – works to sports pavilion – No objections

P/HOU/2021/02875 – 2 Greystones – erection of shed – No objections

P/HOU/2021/05579 – Chapel House – erect new car port – No objections

21/34. Chairman’s report.

The main project for 2022 will be to supply a shelter in the recreation area. With the help from Cllr Brairs and Kate, the play is looking great, and the safety report only raised a few small issues that will be dealt with.

21/35. Officers’ Reports

Play Area - nothing further to report

Environment – nothing to report

Footpaths – Cllr Guttridge had no matters to report

Roads/village furniture and monuments - Cllr Low has been looking at the possibility of providing the village with natural spring water. There are natural springs throughout the village and an existing well. The Councillors agreed it would be a great project and for Cllr Low to work with Dorset Council and Roland from the AONB to come up with a proposal to supply the spring water. The Clerk will contact Graham Stanley from Dorset Council to confirm who owns that verge at watery lane. The residents of the village need to be consulted before taking this project forward, so ideas of how to make sure all residents have their say on this project, will be discussed at the meeting in April.

21/36. Clerk Report

Nothing further to report.

21/37. Items for next agenda and date of next meeting - Matters arising before the next meeting.

Spring water supply - Co-option

The Parish Council meeting will be held on TUESDAY 15th March 2022 at 6.30pm at the Church Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.23

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

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