Compton Abbas Parish Council

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

 on Wednesday the 22nd of March 2022 at 6.30pm

Present: Cllr T Clements – Chairman, Cllr S Warren, Cllr M Brairs 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.

**21/38. Apologies for Absence**

Cllr J Low and Dorset Councillor Jane Somper sent their apologies

**21/39. Declaration of interest and dispensations.** There were none.

21/40. Co-option for new members. There were none.

21/41. Approve minutes from 11th January 2022 and matters arising.

The minutes were proposed by Cllr Guttridge, 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 (21/40– no budgetary provision)

Matters arising from the previous meeting and also new matters

**Grants:** The Parish Council had not received any grant requests from local organisations. The Parish Council have been

asked to contribute towards the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations for the residents of the Villages. It was proposed

Cllr Guttridge to donation £500.00 to the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations, this was seconded by Cllr Brairs and all

in favour.

 **RESOLVED**: to donate £500.00 to the Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations for the villages (21/40 – Grants)

**Tree planting plans for 2022/2023:** Cllr Brairs confirmed that three apple trees have been planted in Fanner Field.

**Spring water supply:** Cllr Low was not present at the meeting but had nothing to add at this time.

**Queens Platinum Jubilee preparation:** The Chairman reported that the Parish Council are working with the PCC and

others in producing a celebration for the Jubilee, which will include music and entertainment for the Children.

21/42. 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.

Ukraine - How You Can Help - Dorset Council are keeping a dedicated web page Ukraine - how you can help - Dorset Council updated with fresh information as it comes in from the Government. Please encourage residents to check the page and information at gov.uk for ways they can help. A group of council officers are preparing for refugees from Ukraine; however, Dorset Council don’t know yet what the role of local authorities will be. An update is expected from the Home Office today on the sponsorship scheme and DC are monitoring information from Government.

Dorset to host first ever Tour of Britain stage in 2022 - Dorset will play a starring role when the Tour of Britain, the UK’s most prestigious cycle race, heads here for the first time in 2022. The historic county will host the penultimate stage of the race on Saturday 10 September.

Climate Change - Dorset Council is delighted to welcome Steven Ford as new Corporate Director for Climate and Ecological Sustainability. Steven’s primary objective at Dorset Council will be the successful delivery of our vital Climate and Ecological Emergency (CEE) Strategy, ensuring that ecology and sustainability are placed at the centre of shaping and influencing the climate debate. The Chairman would be very grateful if you can promote this in your areas, so that as many people participate as possible.

New Government resource to help keep children safe from sexual abuse - All children have a right to be safe from sexual abuse, and we all have a role to play in keeping them safe. The Government’s new Stop Abuse Together website can help you learn to spot the signs and have regular conversations with your child which can help keep them safe and know when it’s right to reach out for more support. If you feel something isn’t right, then you can call the NSPCC hotline (0808 800 5000).

Capital Leverage Fund - Dorset Council - Dorset Council has recently launched a new grant fund for voluntary and community groups who are looking to secure funding towards the development, improvement, or refurbishment of their areas. Please contact a member of the teams via communities@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk for Voluntary and Community projects (including play) and LeisureWDWP@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk for Cultural projects (arts, accredited museums , heritage, sport and physical activity) for more information.

21/43. Finance

To agree: Payment Schedule

The Clerk confirmed that payments made since the last meeting in December had been authorised by email from Councillors.

The Clerk tabled the Payment Schedule and bank reconciliation report to the Councillors for February 2022 for the sum of £901.96. It was proposed by Cllr Clements and seconded by Cllr Brairs, 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 £901.96 (21/42 current account)



21/44. Planning: review of working group recommendations via emails and at this meeting:

P/HOU/2022/00820 – The Button Box – replace porch - No objections

21/45. Chairman’s report.

Noted that the Council Tax for the residents of the Villages, for the Parish Council precept has been reduced.

21/46. Officers’ Reports

Play Area – Cllr Brairs reported that there play area has had more chippings put down and the actions from the external safety report are being dealt with as soon as possible.

Environment – Cllr Brairs has completed his Carbon Course and will circulate a report for things that the Parish Council and resident from the villages are able to do to improve the carbon emissions.

Footpaths – Cllr Guttridge reported that the footpath is still passable, as there is a fallen tree across the footpath, which will be removed in due course.

Roads/village furniture and monuments – Cllr Warren reported that there is a lot of dog fowl being left at the car park (national trust). The Clerk will ask Dorset Council for some signs and also to ask for the Dog Warden to visit now an again to remind people that you can be fined on the spot for not picking up after your dog! Action – Clerk

DAPTC – The Clerk has circulated any information from DAPTC to the Councillors.

21/47. Clerk Report

Nothing further to report.

The Chairman reported that the Parish has a new Rector, Donna Gibbs who at her first service increased the congregation by more than double than normal.

21/48. Items for next agenda and date of next meeting - Matters arising before the next meeting.

Annual Parish Meeting and the AGM – Co-option

The Parish Council meeting will be held on TUESDAY 3rd May 2022 at 6.30pm at the Church Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 18.53

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

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