Compton Abbas Parish Council

MINUTES OF COMPTON ABBAS PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

on the 14th of December 2022

**6.30PM at Compton Abbas Church Hall, Compton Abbas**

Present: Cllr T Clements – Chairman, Cllr S Warren, Cllr J Guttridge, Cllr S Myall and Cllr R Lower

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Parish Clerk) – Dorset Councillor Jane Somper. There were no public precent.

**Public Consultation: There were none.**

22/24. To receive and accept apologies of absence.

Cllr J Low sent her apologies

22/25. Declarations of interest and dispensations.

There were none.

22/26. Co-option for new members.

No public present.

22/27. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting dated Wednesday the 29th of September 2022

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

RESOLVED: that the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman (22/27 – no budgetary provision)

Matters arising:

To agree the precept/budget for 2023-2024 – The Clerk had circulated the proposed budget and precept for 2023-2024. Cllr Myall proposed that the Parish Council precept for 2023-2024 will remain at £15000.00, so no increase for residents’ percentage on their Council Tax for the Parish Council, this was seconded by Cllr Lower, and all Councillors were in favour.

RESOLVED to set the precept for 2023-2024 at £15,000.00 (22/27a Budget)

Update on Church Hall – It has been confirmed that the Church Hall is not up for sale and that the Committee are happy to meet with the Parish Council to discuss it future. It was also confirmed that the Church Hall Committee will be having a meeting with the Arch Deacon to obtain conformation of what conditions are on the Church Hall for its use or renovation. Once this meeting has taken place members of the Parish Council will meet with the Church Hall committee.

Information on quote for works at Watery Lane – this agenda item was moved to agenda item 7 – planning.

22/28. Report from Dorset Council Councillor Jane Somper.

Cllr Somper circulated her report, which can be found on the Parish Council website, or a copy can be obtained from the Clerk. Cllr Somper added the following information to her report. Due to wildlife survey’s needing to be completed throughout 2023, works to Dinas Hollow look not to take place until mid to end of 2024. It was also noted that as most of the works at Gore Clump can be competed without road closures, it is hoped these works will be done before the works to Dinas Hollow commences.

22/29. Finance - To agree: Payment Schedule.

The Clerk had circulated payments each month since the meeting held on the 29th of September 2023. The payment schedules were agreed via email for payment.

The Payment Schedule for November 2022 for the total of £513.28 was tabled. This was proposed by Cllr and seconded by Cllr Low, all agreed for the payments on the payment schedule be paid, the schedule was duly signed Chairman.



RESOLVED: to pay the payment on the schedule to the total sum of £513.28 (22/29 current account)

22/30. Planning: Review of applications received and responded to via email (DC=Dorset Council)

• P/ADV/2022/05433 – National Trust – siting or orientation and welcome board – duly noted

• P/HOU/2022/06164 – The Clock House – erection of open sided log store - approved

• P/HOU/2022/06173 – The Clock House – erect timber garage – approved

• P/CLE/2022/06776 – Old Church Farm – certificate of lawfulness – duly noted

• P/HOU/2022/06543 – The Clock House – Erect single storey bathhouse and decking – approved

The Chairman reported that works taken place at the Clock House had caused some damage to Watery Lane and the owners of the Clock House have sent a detailed quote for some works to improve watery lane, which will be covered by the owner of the Clock House. Details will be sent to Dorset Council to obtain permission for these works to take place and feedback the response to the owners of the Clock House. The Parish Council agreed the proposal.

22/31. Chairmans report

We are sad to say goodbye to Cllr Matt Briars and Cllr S Warren. The Chairman thanked both Councillors for their commitment and work whilst serving on the Parish Council.

The Chairman asked the Clerk to contact the new owners of Compton Abbas airfield, to open communications between the Parish Council and themselves. Action - Clerk

22/32. Officers’ Reports

Play Area – the Chairman confirmed that works have been completed to the existing play area equipment to ensure it follows the guidelines given from the recent external play inspection. It was also noted that there is a new seating area in the play area. The Chairman also reported that he has received positive feedback from the Jubilee Celebration held earlier in the year.

Environment - nothing to report.

Footpaths – Cllr Lower reported that the footpath behind old church farm, east to west of Compton has been blocked by branches and signs have been removed. The Clerk will report his matter to Graham Stanley, rights of way officer for Dorset Council. Action - Clerk

Roads/village furniture and monuments – Dorset Council will announce in the new year, whether it has been agreed that the A350 will still be the main North South route.

DAPTC – relevant information has been circulated, nothing further to report.

22/33. Items for next agenda and date of next meeting. Grants

The Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 19th April 2023, Compton Abbas Church Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.00

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