Compton Abbas Parish Council

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF

COMPTON ABBAS PARISH COUNCIL on the 16th of August 2023

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

Present: Cllr T Clements – Chairman, Cllr R Lower, Cllr S Myall and Cllr F Keene

In attendance: Mrs N Phillips (Parish Clerk) - There were no members of the public

23/19. Apologies for absence – Cllr Z Ellison-wright, Cllr J Crocker and Dorset Council Councillor J Somper

23/20. Declarations of Interest and dispensations – there were none.

23/21. To agree the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting dated Wednesday the 15th of June 2023.

Cllr R Lower proposed that the Minutes were a true and accurate record, this was seconded by Cllr S Myall, all in favour. The Chairman duly signed the minutes.

Matters arising.

Power supply to Fanners Field – The Chairman reported that the process for obtaining prices to supply power to Fanners Field is underway. Action - Chairman

The Grass Cutting Contract – The Councillors ratified the decision that was made via email (due to the urgency of getting the grass cut in Fanners Field) to award a 5 year grass cutting and hedge cutting contract to Mr Alfie Burt. He has completed two cuts and will be cutting the hedge in the very near future.

RESOLVED: to award Mr Alfie Burt the 5 year grass cutting and hedge cutting contract at Fanners Field. (23/21- grass cutting)

Update on Church Hall – it was reported that Mat & Kate and other volunteers have helped to clean up the Church Hall and are looking at holding coffee morning and other events. The Clerk suggested that the PCC look at Heritage Grants that are given to listed building and building of interest to keep them in good working order. Cllr Keene will forward this on to the PCC. Action – Cllr Keene

To agree officers roles – the following roles were agreed:

* Church Hall representative Cllr F Keene
* Play Area Cllr J Crocker
* Footpaths Cllr R Lower
* Planning Full Council
* Air Field representative Cllr R Lower
* Fanners Field Cllr F Keene
* Trees Cllr Z Ellison-wright
* DAPTC Cllr H Myall and Clerk
* Village Furniture Cllr T Clements
* Dark Skys Cllr J Crocker

23/22. Report from Dorset Council Councillor Jane Somper

There was no report received.

23/23. Finance - to agree Payment schedule for July 2023

The Clerk had tabled the Payment Schedule for July for the sum of £967.01. This was proposed by Cllr Clements and seconded by Cllr Lower, 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 £967.01 (23/23 current account)

23/24. Planning: Review of applications received and responded to via email (DC=Dorset Council)

• P/HOU/2023/03838 - The Clock House - Erect extension and alterations to dwelling – No objection

23/25. Chairman’s Report – the Chairman reported the following that had not already been discussed:

• The router in the telephone box has been replaced and a new fibre cable supplied which means the evening lighting and 24/7 wifi is once more operational.

• The damaged piece of equipment in the playground has been repaired by the carpenter.

• A date has been fixed for a liaison meeting with the airfield with Cllr J Lower.

23/26. Officers’ Reports

Play Area - The Parish Council have been allocating funds for updating the play area. After debate it was agreed for the Clerk to obtain information on new surfacing, replacement equipment and removing the large raised mound next to the slide. Action – Clerk

The rubbish bin in Fanner Filed is broken. The Clerk will contact Dorset Waste Partnership to find out why they do not empty this bin and look at getting it replaced. Action - Clerk

Environment - Concerns were raised over some residents having bright lights that are not keeping in with the conditions of the dark sky’s guidance. After debate it was agreed to look at ways to ensure that all residents in the village are aware that the village is within a dark sky’s area and need to ensure lights on buildings are kept pointing downwards.

Footpaths – Cllr Keene reported that the arrow signs along the permissive rights of way footpath from the village to Fontmell have been removed. The Clerk will obtain more arrow signs for Cllr F Keene to replace those missing. Action – Clerk

Roads/village furniture and monuments – The Chairman looking into getting the phone box and bus shelter cleaned inside. Action – Chairman

DAPTC- Nothing further to report

23/27. Clerk’s Report – Correspondence. All correspondence has been circulated.

Cllr B Lower had reported that the post box outside Horders have been removed. The Clerk has contract Royal Mail asking for reasoning behind the removal of the post box. The Clerk will update the Councillors once Royal Mail have responded.

Cllr B Lower reported that there are still some trees along Watery Lane that need attention. The Clerk will chase Dorset Council up regarding this matter. Action - Clerk

23/28. Items for next agenda and date of next meeting. Budget.

The Parish Council meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th November 2023 venue to be agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 19.15.

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