

Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting
Held on January 8th 2014 at Cross Memorial Hall

Public Participation: *There were seven members of the public present. Mr K Glimstead, Mr J Glimstead Mr & Mrs McCarthy, Mrs Milton and Mr & Mrs Peel.*

Mr Peel spoke on the subject of agenda item 5 referring to item 9.1 in the previous minutes; Mrs McCarthy spoke on the subject on item in 9.3 of the agenda.

Present: Parish Councillors; Cllr S.M. Passmore (Chairman), Cllrs A. Campbell (Vice-Chairman), Mrs C. Woolley, R. Woolley, M. Rolfe, R. Parker (acting Clerk) and K. Mace.

1. **Apologies for absence:** There were none.

2. **Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the meeting held on December 11th 2013 were approved by those present at that meeting and signed as a true record by the Chairman.

(The Chairman closed the meeting at 19.37 to allow Mr Peel to address Council on item 5 and Mrs McCarthy to address Council on item 9. The meeting was re-opened at 19.42.)

3. **Declarations of Interest:** There were none.

4. **To note any changes to the Resolution List:** The resolutions list had been circulated before the meeting. The acting Clerk gave an update that all resolutions had been actioned except for item 2013/12/11/7.4 as no contact had been made with Mr Martin Hodgson.

5. **To consider matters arising from previous minutes:**

Item 9.1 Highways matters: The Chairman made the following statement: *"In view of a number of items of correspondence associated with a perceived anti-horse campaign in the village which is allegedly supported by this parish Council, I repeat what I said in the public session of our December meeting. I wish to make it perfectly clear that:-*

1. *The Parish Council has and never had any objection to horses being ridden in the parish;*
2. *The Council has never made a statement voicing any such objection;*
3. *The Council has never filmed riders and feels that unsupported allegations are not helpful;*
4. *Horse riding has been discussed solely in the wider context of the safety of all road users.*

On a personal note, a facetious remark I made about dogs, at last month's meeting, was inappropriate and I apologise unreservedly if my remark caused offence to members of the public present at the meeting including Mrs Carole Negus."

The Chairman clarified that only the Chairman and Clerk can make statements, concerning the Parish Council, to the public. Councillors may express personal views but they remain personal until brought to Council and are endorsed or rejected.

(Note: It was resolved to take agenda items 8.1 and 9.3 at this point as members of the public had specific interest in these items.)

8.1 Ref. No. 21/13/00014 Proposal to erect five Lodges on Land behind the Webbington Hotel. It was unanimously RESOLVED to object to this application citing the same grounds as application 21/13/00008. .

9.3 The unrestricted section of the Webbington Road and the safety of all road users is an ongoing issue. Evidence is required, by SCC and the police, when considering restrictions or warning signs. SCC is unable to locate a SID on unrestricted roads to gather evidence and we are looking at other ways of collecting acceptable information. Consideration is being given to a mobile safety camera for Webbington Road (east) and Old Coach Road and the police would now be contacted.

6. **Finance Matters:**

6.1 Cllr Passmore (acting RFO) had previously circulated the reconciliations for November 2013 and December 2013. These were noted and approved by Council.

6.2 It was RESOLVED to pay Tim Baker the sum of £40.00 against his Invoice No.1079 dated 30 November 2013.

6.3 It was noted that there are missing pages of HSBC statements: page 202 for acct 01080970, sheet 17 for acct 11462571 and sheet 286 for acct 51056565. Clerk and F&GP AG to investigate.

7. **Reports or recommendations from Finance and General Purposes Advisory Group:**

7.1 The Clerk, Mr Passey is on leave to 9th March. The Temporary Clerk, Mrs Broadbent suffered illness on 24th December and as a result is unable to continue; she resigned on 27th December. It was RESOLVED that Cllr Passmore would undertake the duties of the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO) and Cllr Parker would undertake the duties of Clerk and Proper Officer until Mr Passey returns from leave. The Chairman requested that Advisory Group leaders ensure that only relevant correspondence and emails are forwarded to the acting RFO and the acting Clerk in order to control workloads. Advice is being sought from SALC, SDC and Parish Clerks of nearby Parishes.

7.2 Cllr Passmore confirmed the precept bid of £6,280, plus the small Support Grant, had been submitted and has been received by SDC. This would result in an increase of 0.42p for Band D properties in the parish.

7.3 Cllr Passmore had circulated a draft contract, based on the SALC model, to all Councillors for comments which are required before the February Council meeting. SALC, SDC and an experienced Clerk have also been asked for any comments.

7.4 Advisory Group leaders were requested to review and update contents on the Parish Council section of the Parish Website. Exclusions will be Standing Orders and other PC policy documents which will be reviewed in May. Cllr Parker advised the references for contacting the Clerk have been temporarily changed on CBP and SDC websites.

SIGNED

Alice Campbell
CHAIRMAN

DATE:

12/2/14

