

Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting
held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14 October 2015 at Cross Memorial Hall

Public Participation: Mr P Martin, Mr M Amesbury, Mr & Mrs Parr, Mr & Mrs Jarrett, Mr Lasso and 2 other residents

Present: Cllr K Mace (Chair), Cllr T Mason, Cllr M Pritchard, Cllr D McCarthy, Cllr K Glimstead, Cllr E Parker, and Mr R Pring (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence:** There were no apologies.
2. **Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 9th September 2015 were previously circulated to all Councillors. The Clerk had misspelt Cllr Mason's name and this had been amended. These were approved by those present and signed as a true record of the meeting by the Chairman.
3. **Matters arising.** Nil.
4. **Declarations of Interest:** Nil.
5. **Finance Matters.**
5.1 **RESOLVED** the following invoices be paid:-

Cheque no.	Payee	Reason for Payment	Amount
100750	Grant Thornton	Audit Fee	£48.00
100751	R Pring	Clerk's expenses	£22.68
100752	Calico UK	Domain name fee	£18.00

6. Planning Matters:

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow Mr Paul Martin to address the meeting.
The meeting then resumed.

6.1 The members considered planning application 21/15/00017. The Kennels, Webbington. Change of use, conversion and extension into 3 dwellings with garages and car ports and a paddock converted to gardens. Proposed by Cllr Pritchard and seconded by Cllr Parker that the application be supported. **RESOLVED:** This application will be supported.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting to allow Mrs Parr to address the meeting.
The meeting then resumed.

6.2 The members considered planning application 2/15/00019, erection of a solar panel farm at Townend Farm, Axbridge. It was noted that this was an Axbridge planning application and neighbouring parishes had been invited to comment. Mrs Parr had given an eloquent address citing various reasons why the application should be opposed and this was received with applause by the local residents present. After a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Cllr Mason, seconded by Cllr Pritchard that the application be opposed. **RESOLVED:** the application would be opposed by this Council.

6.3 The members considered planning application 21/15/00015, conversion of garage to living accommodation at The Granary, Webbington Road. Proposed by Cllr Pritchard, seconded by Cllr Mason that no further development be permitted on this site. **RESOLVED:** to ask for a condition that no further development be permitted within the confines of this site.

6.4 The members considered application 21/15/00016, erection of two-storey extension east of "Alcasta", Old Coach Road. Members were concerned that the entrance to the site did not show sufficient visibility splay to match neighbouring properties and this could have road safety implications. Comments from Mendip Hills AONB concerning possible glare from glass balconies may also be an issue. Proposed by Cllr Glimstead and seconded by Cllr Parker that the application should have conditions concerning non-reflective glass and the entrance splay imposed before it was granted. A vote was taken and was approved by a majority of 4 to 2. **RESOLVED:** SDC be asked to impose conditions concerning the site entrance and the use of non-reflective glass as appropriate.

7. Highway Matters

7.1 Coffin Lane. Cllr Parker reported on a very successful recent opening ceremony attended by James Heappey MP and local councillors. Members agreed that a letter of thanks be sent to the MP for his support with this project and that a letter be sent to Cllr Fothergill at County Hall asking that the Cross junction and safe crossing proposal be progressed with all speed.

7.2 Quotes to replace the bench on the river bank in Old Coach Road had been received and varied from £170-190. It was agreed to defer this matter until the next financial year.

7.3 Cllr McCarthy reported that she had written a letter of complaint to SCC concerning the suggested 30mph limit on Webbington Road and if necessary would refer the matter to the Ombudsman. It was stressed that she had written in a private capacity, not as a Councillor.

7.4 Members discussed additional safety signage along Webbington Road particularly as the area was frequently used by walkers and riders with no pavements etc. The Clerk was asked to write to Highways and ask for pedestrian and wild animal signs to be considered along this stretch of road.

7.5 It was noted that village "name signs" were needed at various locations and Cllr Pritchard agreed to carry out a survey and identify the various locations and details required before an approach to supply the signs be made to SDC.

8. Environmental Matters

8.1 Environmental Advisory Group. Report from Richard Parker had been circulated recently.

8.2 Cllr Parker read out an update from Mr Parker on recent parliamentary issues

10.3 Cllr Parker reported that her husband had volunteered to undergo "strimmer training" from SCC and was waiting for further information. There would be a cost to the Council of £60.00 for the training.

9 Communications

12.1 Cllr Pritchard reported good progress on Parish News Link, hence the increased number of residents present this evening.

10. Correspondence. The Clerk gave details of SCC's winter programme and that 10 bags of gritting material was available at Dunball for collection. Cllr Mace to make further enquiries. Cllr Parker offered to attend the next Cluster Group meeting at Mark on 21st October.

11. Representation. The Chairman reported that he had not been required to attend the installation of the new Vicar but felt that a letter of welcome should be sent from the Council. This was agreed.

13 Date of next meeting Wednesday 11 November at 7.30pm in Cross Memorial Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm.