

**DRAFT Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting**  
**Held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at Cross Memorial Hall**

**Public Participation:**

There were four members of the public present, one addressed the Council.

Tess Gill reported on the 'Coffin Lane Campaign'. The SIS for a pedestrian refuge on the A38 has not been decided by SCC and no date has been given. After a successful meeting with the manager of Callow Quarry, aggregates for the Clements Corner path will be provided. Peter Harding of Axbridge Action Group suggested sending plans to Axbridge Partnership to gain their support. The application for the modification order for the path to the west of Cross Lane has been refused a reassessment of priority so an appeal will be sent to DEFRA. The campaign group requested to attend the AOPM in April.

**Present:** Cllr T Mason (Chairman), Cllr M Pritchard, Cllr D McCarthy, Cllr K Glimstead, Cllr E Parker  
Clerk (Temporary) Mr R Parker

The meeting commenced at 7.36 pm

**1. Apologies for absence**

1.1. There was none.

**2. Approval of minutes**

2.1. The minutes for the Parish Council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016, were **approved unanimously**.

**3. Matters arising**

There was none

**4. Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Glimstead declared a personal interest in item 6.1 and a disclosable pecuniary interest in both item 10.1, as the landowner, and 11.1 as a shareholder in National Grid PLC.

The meeting was closed at 7.39 as Mr J Glimstead (member of the public) considered that his request to speak had been overlooked.

Mr J Glimstead asked The Council to investigate the aggressive attitude of councillors towards the footpath issue (AX15/1).

The Chairman advised Mr J Glimstead, to submit a request which could then be discussed at the next meeting.

The meeting was re-opened at 7.42 pm.

**5. Casual Vacancy and Clerk Vacancy**

5.1. Casual vacancy - One application from Justin Cole had been received. It was **unanimously resolved** that Mr Cole be co-opted onto The Council.

5.2. Clerk vacancy - It was **unanimously resolved** to approve The Staffing Committee's recommendation to offer Ms Helen Brinton the position of Clerk and Responsible Officer, subject to satisfactory references.

**6. Complaint against Councillor**

6.1. No response from Cllr Glimstead had been received by the complainant. The complaint would now be passed to SDC Legal Services, as recommended by them. The Clerk reported that the Freedom of Information request, from the complainant, for all correspondence between The Clerk and Cllr Glimstead would be delivered by the expiration of the statutory period.

**7. Finance matters**

7.1. Approve Payments - There was none.

7.2. The Clerk presented a financial statement. (refer to Council Papers)

7.3. It was **unanimously resolved** to make a donation of £100 in response to a request from Mendip Community Transport


**8. Code of Conduct/Standing Orders**

8.1. It was **resolved** on a vote of four members for and one member against to adopt the SALC model standing order for recording Council Meetings.

8.2. The Clerk reported that The Code of Conduct was revised and adopted in May 2015 but had not been made available for publishing on the Parish Website. As no electronic version is available The Clerk will update the 2014 version.

**9. Planning Matters.**

9.1. Planning Applications - there was none.

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9.2. It was **resolved** on a vote of four members for and one member against to appoint Mr Rolfe as a Planning Advisory Officer.

#### 10. Highway Matters.

10.1. PROW AX15/1 - Somerset County Council has posted an 'unavailable' notice on PROW AX15/1 in view of the enforced closure of access from Barton Road to the boundary of the AONB. Access to AX15/1 is prevented by closure signs and fencing of the stile which provides access to PROW AX15/1 on the AONB. The proliferation of signs is confusing to the general public. Cllr McCarthy provided photographs, of the area in question, to councillors. Cllr Glimstead objected to Cllr McCarthy taking the photographs saying she had trespassed onto his private land. Cllr McCarthy denied the accusation and indicated that she had been on the shared access road.

The Clerk reported that Rob Coate (Senior Rights of Way Officer) will arrange a meeting of all parties to agree an acceptable diversion. Due to his commitments this cannot take place until May.

PROW AX15/14 - The Clerk reported that National Trust are clearing the southern part of AX15/11 which had become 'lost', a marker post has been erected.

10.2. **Cross Lane Footpath /Coffin Lane Campaign** - The report was presented during 'Public Participation'.

10.3. **Revocation request** for a 40mph limit on Webbington Road - Gary Warren (SCC) attended a site meeting and agreed to a speed check on Webbington Road. Cllr McCarthy will supply the co-ordinates of suitable locations for cameras.

10.4. **Repair of Village Signs**- Work is in progress by Mr McCarthy, a volunteer.

SCC have announced that the maintenance of Finger posts will stopped. Claire Faun has requested information on future maintenance responsibility which appears to be devolved to Parish Councils.

10.5. **Dog Bins** - A request for Dog bins in Compton Bishop was discussed. In view of the cost, it was considered appropriate to place notices in Compton Bishop and review the incidents of dog fouling to gauge the need.

#### 11. Environmental Matters

11.1. **Hinkley C Connection** - Mr Parker had previously submitted a report on the judicial review. The funds for the cost of the QC has been met with contributions from Nailsea TC, Mark PC, Wraxhall & Failand PC, Badgworth PC, private donations and SDC.

11.2. **Flower Troughs and Bulb Planting** - Cllrs Pritchard and McCarthy will review possible locations, design and possible sponsors. It was suggested that three locations would be sufficient.

#### 12. Communications

12.1. Parish Link - Cllr Pritchard reported that Cross Connections would join with the Parish Link

#### 13. Correspondence.

13.1. Cluster Group - In view of the dissatisfaction of all attendees with SCC Highways, the next meeting will be inviting Cllr Fothergill and other Highways personnel to attend this useful meeting of all SDC Parish and Town Councils.

13.2. Other items of correspondence - there was none.

#### 14. Celebration of The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday

14.1. Street Party- Cllr Parker reported that locating road signs for diversion is a problem. Cllr Glimstead offered four. There will be events for children and entertainment, an estimate of cost was requested.

14.2. Beacon on Crook Peak - Cllr Parker had received a positive response from National Trust and will submit a formal request for a brazier on Crook Peak, which is now being sought.

#### 15. Annual Open Parish Meeting

It was agreed by Councillors that the AOPM is to be less formal. Other groups will be invited to attend and refreshments provided. Although the date is 22<sup>nd</sup> April, there is confusion over the Hall booking. The Clerk is to co-ordinate the agenda with The Hall Committee and cost of refreshments.

#### 16. Next Meeting Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.16pm

