

Compton Bishop Parish Council

Minutes of the **Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting** that was held in the Cross Memorial Hall Cross on Wednesday 11th October 2017 commencing 7.30 pm

There was one member of the public present : Cllr Bob Filmer, Somerset County Council (SCC)

PRESENT Cllr T Mason (Chairman), Cllr Gooby, Cllr K Glimstead, Cllr E Parker, Cllr Pritchard, Cllr D McCarthy (arrived 7.40pm)

1. **To receive any apologies for absence** – There were none
2. **Approval of Minutes** - The minutes of the meeting held on 13th September 2017 were approved unanimously.
3. **Declarations of Interest** - Cllr Glimstead declared an interest in the item 8a in respect of PROW AX15/1
4. **Matters arising** – There were none
5. **Staffing Committee Report**
 - a. **Casual Vacancy** : The application period expires on 12th October and currently there is one applicant.
 - b. **Clerk Vacancy** : The Chairman proposed that a Staffing Committee meeting is held to consider the employment of the temporary clerk. The proposal was approved with one abstention.
6. **Finance Matters**
 - a. The finance report was received by Councillors and approved.
 - b. With the resignation of Cllr Cole, a replacement for the third signatory is required. It was agreed to consider this at the next (November) meeting.
 - c. Payments the following payments were unanimously approved :
 - Cllr Pritchard – grass seed for Bow Bridge area : £10
 - Cllr Pritchard – Stationery : £3.99
 - Calico - Domain name for 3 years : £64.80
 - d. Draft Budget and precept – The Temporary Clerk presented a draft of the current year finance, the out turn for this financial year and consider requirements and proposals for items in the next (2018 to 2019) current financial year. Where possible, details, projects and their costs are to be identified. These will be reviewed at the next Council meeting.
7. **Planning Matters**
 - a. Planning Applications – there were none.
 - b. An invitation was received from Sedgemoor District Council for their Annual Planning Seminar on October 18th. Cllr Parker, Planning Liaison Officer and Clerk have volunteered to attend and have been registered.
8. **Highways and Environment Matters.**
 - a. Footpath PROW AX15/1 – The Clerk was instructed to write to SCC Rights of Way for a progress report on their investigation.
 - b. Cross Lane- Cllr Parker reported on the positive meeting she had with Cllr Myerson from Axbridge Town Council regarding the concerns for the accessibility of footpaths AX15/14 and AX1/22.

Regarding the Small Improvement Scheme (SIS), Cllr Filmer reported that SCC is currently preparing a safety audit which should be completed by the end of October when they will formally give an update on the project.

There were two successful events in the past two months. The village duck race was a very popular with many residents participating and there was also a 'Pub Walk' to Axbridge.

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- c. Village marker stone and cycle racks – Cllr McCarthy has received two quotations to transport and position the stone donated by Callow Quarry. The quotations were for £800 and £350. It was agreed to accept the lower quotation. The road works licence of £90 for the installation to be sent to Liam Gill via the contractor.
There is not sufficient space to erect the cycle racks near The New Inn and alternate locations are to be considered.
 - d. Poor Visibility at Bourton Lane as a result of a heavy growth of, in particular, brambles. It was agreed that this is a road safety issue and the Clerk was instructed to contact the farmer to have the brambles cut back/removed. The verge could then be enhanced with a planting of wild flower seed.
 - e. Webbington road safety – Cllr McCarthy described the large numbers of visiting cyclists using the Webbington Road and the lack of warning signs for motorists. It was agreed to approach Somerset Highways to have a sign erected warning of cyclists on the road, this could be included on the existing 'Horses' sign post. The Clerk was instructed to contact Highways to progress the proposal. Cllr Filmer provided the names of Jeff Bunting and Katherine Tyson as contacts.
 - f. Parking and congestion Old Coach Road – Cllr Pritchard reported on her meeting with residents who are directly affected and a number of initiatives were put forward including obtaining photographic evidence, installing traffic calming measures, establishing a speed watch team and introducing a 20mph zone. The Clerk was instructed to investigate the criteria for the above and to contact Somerset Highways for a site visit.
 - g. Obstruction of paths in Cross – The Council will identify those properties with hedges shrubs and trees which overhang the footpath causing an obstruction. The clerk was requested to write to those households.
 - h. Weight restriction on roads – The clerk was instructed to research the criteria for weight restrictions on country roads.
9. **Phone Boxes** - Cllr Parker reported that she had cleaned both Kiosks and contacted resident artists. Mr Buckler has volunteered to develop the Box opposite Church Lane and Mrs Watson has commenced the design for the box opposite The White Hart.
10. **Community volunteer Group**
Cllr Pritchard reported on the successful response from parishioners who are willing to volunteer for a variety of work in the parish including maintenance of sign/finger post, shelters and creating a wild flower area by Rackley Lane. Approval was given for mileage claims for travel to Malborough, Wiltshire, to research wild flower planting.
11. **Correspondence and other Communication**
- a. The RLT 2/3 funding, not relevant to Compton Bishop Parish, has been gratefully received by Axbridge Town Council.
 - b. Cllr Mason reported on the initiative of two ladies in Compton Bishop who will be raising funds for three defibrillators to be located at The Webbington Hotel, Compton Bishop and Cross. The cost will be met by the funds raised.
 - c. It was noted that Wedmore has successfully installed solar panel for their village hall. It was agreed that the hall committee should be informed of the benefit of a similar installation.
 - d. It was reported that vehicles continue to illegally use the PROW AX15/18 Drove Road.

12. **Date of Next Meeting – Next Meeting – 13th December 2017**

The Meeting Closed at 8.45pm

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