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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
held on 12th September 2018 at 7.30 pm

Prior to this meeting, National Grid provided members of the council an update on the Hinkley C Connection Project and its impact on Compton Bishop Parish. There will be an open meeting for the parish prior to the commencement in the second quarter 2019.

Members of the Public : Cllr R Filmer (SCC)

Cllr Filmer reported that SCC Highways have a new machine to repair paths and roads. SCC are looking into using re-cycled plastic for road repairs, a cheaper and much faster method. Also the budget for SCC looks to have a £12M overspend. Savings are being investigated and lobbying Government being considered. There is a £20M overspend on Children's services.

The meeting commenced at 7.40pm

Present : Cllrs A Lane(chair), D McCarthy, M Pritchard, E Parker

Not Present : Cllr A Gooby

1. **To receive apologies for absence** : Cllr T Mason
2. **Approve the minutes** of the meeting held on 11th July 2018 were unanimously approved
3. **Declarations of interest** : There were none
4. **Matters arising** from the previous minutes : There were none
5. **Clerk's Report**
 - a. Casual Vacancy – No applications had been received. It was agreed that DM would draft leaflets which would be distributed to encourage applicants for the vacancy.
6. **Finance Matters**
 - a. The financial Statement was unanimously approved
 - b. The Clerk reported that finance is being sought from Lottery funding for repair and refurbishing finger posts for an estimated cost of £2,500-£3,000. The annual Lottery allowance is £10,000, the defibrillator project used £6,747 of the allowance. The remaining allowance would be sufficient for the finger post project refurbishing.
 - c. All Payments were unanimously approved.
 - i. A 2 year discounted Kapersky anti-virus licence, from £69 to £34.99, for on the Council's Laptop was obtained. The repayment to the clerk for the on-line purchase of £34.99 was unanimously approved.
 - ii. Cllr Pritchard reported that a recommended ergonomically superior Stihl Strimmer, Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) and fuel can + 2 stroke petrol was purchased. The payment of £380 was unanimously approved.
 - iii. Clerks Fee for August 2018 of £223.94 was unanimously approved.
 - iv. The Clerk advised The Council that VAT reclaims can be made for periods of up to 3 years and will be due this financial year. Any claim must have a purchase order issued by the Council and payed for with the council's own funds.
7. **Planning Matters**
 - a. Planning Application :21-18-00012 - Construction of service road : It was unanimously agreed that there was no objection to this application
 - b. Planning Application: 21-18-00013 - Erection of an agricultural livestock building and concrete yard : The Clerk reported that there had been no response to queries raised with the planning officer. It was unanimously agreed to object to this application as it would appear that the applicant is living in a caravan on-site and the Council was not aware that an application for a residential caravan had been approved and therefore



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questioned the legality of the application. The extent of the barns and concrete area, in a flood zone 3, appears excessive for the land being farmed. The Clerk was instructed to seek advice from Stuart Houlet the Sedgemoor Planning Service Manager.

- c. Planning Application 17-18-00073 : Proposed Yeo Valley development - The Council unanimously objected to this large development because of 1) It is a development which would have a significant negative impact within this AONB. 2) The impact of the additional vehicles that would use Axbridge Road significantly adding to the congestion and safety issues on this busy route which is already increasing because of the current and planned housing developments in Cheddar. 3) It would also impact the congested and dangerous A371/A38 junction at Cross. No plans are provided regarding traffic flow and impacts on the environment in the Countryside. This Application to be contrary to Core Strategy D5 and D14 and P6 and emerging Policy D20. Cllr Lane also commented on reports from the Cheddar Bloor Homes development that garage sized do not accommodate the newer cars (eg. SUV's) so that cars are parked on the roads causing congestion.
- d. Sedgemoor Local Plan (2011-2032): Proposed Main Modifications Consultation -The Planning Advisor was requested to prepare and circulate a response to the consultation for comment from all councillors. It was unanimously approved that The Chairman would authorise the final response to be submitted to SDC. The closing date is the 10th October.
- e. North Somerset Local Plan 2023 - end date 10th Dec 2018 The Planning Advisor was requested to prepare and circulate a response to the consultation with particular consideration for the impact on roads, environment and the AONB.

8. Highways and Environment Matters

- a. PROW AX15/1 The SCC PROW department has issued an order to contractors and has requested a completion date.
- b. Foot path issues Coffin Lane update – The lighting audit recommendations are being reviewed by a senior officer who has the authority to sign off the project. Cllr Filmer is liaising with Alyn Jones and will advise when or whether CBPC should meet with senior officers. CBPC strongly objects to the proposal for the numbers of lights and the massive posts which are more suited to large towns and cities.
- c. TRO (Traffic Regulations Order) for Keep Clear marking/yellow lines outside the New Inn at A38 junction has been submitted by SCC.
- d. Wells Road Closure (Draycott) from 1st October 2018 : was noted.
- e. Webbington Road Lay-by Litter signs - Signs have been received and the cost of £45.60 was unanimously approved. DM is researching possible tree planting.
- f. Bristol Airport expansion plan – The Chairman of the Bristol Airport Consultative Committee is involving CBPC and providing updates. The Clerk was requested to ensure CBPC attends any relevant meetings relevant to the impact of traffic volumes at the A38/Cross Lane junction.
- g. Dog Bin at Compton Bishop : EP has met with a local resident and agreed a location for a 40ltr post mounted bin. The cost of £140 for the bin and weekly emptying of £2.68 was unanimously approved and will be reviewed after one year.
- h. Rubbish Bin at Church Lane. The current bin at the Church Lane bus shelter is beyond repair. It was unanimously approved to purchase the smaller post mounted 'super-trimline' bin to be fitted to the left wall of the bus shelter at a cost of £179.49 and the weekly emptying charge of £2.68 remains unchanged.

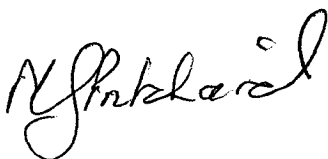

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- i. AONB grant –Councillors were requested to bring proposals to the next meeting. The grants of up to £2,000 are for supporting initiatives for enhancing community facilities, awareness and enhancing landscape.
- 9. Community Volunteer Village maintenance Group report**
- a. Strimmer – Five people have been trained.
 - b. Report on works performed last month : Grass Cutting, planting and maintenance of pots Compton Bishop road sign at Newtown cleared. The verge and hedging at Bourton Lane junction is overgrown and restricts visibility. The Clerk was instructed to contact the tenant farmer to request hedge/grass cutting.
 - c. Plant box at Compton Bishop road sign There was unanimous approval to purchase and install a Plant box at Compton Bishop road sign at Newtown at a cost of £65
 - d. Consider cost for plants, bulbs etc. for winter planting – Proposals to be to be considered at the next Council Meeting. SDC are offering free bulbs of 'Woodland Mix' daffodil bulbs. The Clerk was requested to apply for a bag which would be delivered.
- 10. Correspondence + other communications**
- a. NALC – SSSI consultation : as forwarded by SALC. As their Officer was on holiday this was sent out after the deadline.
 - b. Axbridge Sorting Office and Post Office : A formal request to close the Axbridge Sorting office had been submitted to the Network Manager. The Post Master was concerned that this move will make the running of a post office not viable. A letter was sent from this Council to oppose the request and maintain the Axbridge Sorting Office. A response from the Network Manager received today (12th Sept) states that he has rejected the request and the sorting office will remain in Axbridge.
 - c. A request from the Mendip Hills AONB unit to make comments on the AONB Management Plan has been received. This can be filled in by individuals although it is aimed at organisations such as the Parish Council. References in the questionnaire relate to the use of the Management Plan by the organisation.
- 11. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 10th October 2018**

The meeting closed at 9.20pm



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