

# Compton Bishop Parish Council

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## Extraordinary Parish Council meeting to be held on 24<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.30 pm

**Members of the Public** : There were approximately 33 members of the public

Present : Councillors T Mason, A Lane, M Pritchard, E Parker

1. **Apologies for absence** : Councillor D McCarthy
2. **Declarations of interest** : There were none
3. **The meeting was closed for public open forum at 7.31 pm**
  - a) There were apologies received from seven parishioners who could not attend but had submitted statements which were read out. Questions and statements were raised by sixteen members of the public.
  - b) Somerset Councillor Filmer gave a summary of the proposals for the project funded from a 'Small Infrastructure Submission' to provide a footpath on Cross Lane, pedestrian refuges on the A38/Cross Lane, road markings and required safety lighting and mitigation.
  - c) Tess Gill, Chair of the 'Cross to Axbridge Safe Path Campaign' Project, gave a brief summary of the project and the current status and emphasised that the lighting proposals are now a requirement for the scheme and, if not accepted the whole project for the footpath would be cancelled. With the current financial situation, there would be no likelihood of another opportunity for a safe footpath on Cross Lane. This was endorsed by Cllr Filmer.
  - d) The predominant issues of concern raised were that of :
    - The size of the lighting posts, the light spillage and reflection which would have a detrimental impact on business, residents and the dark skies in this countryside location.
    - The Cross Lane footpath proposal was fully supported by all residents but the now mandatory 'excessive' lighting plan has reduced support.
    - The use of the footpath is very low during the dark and lighting is not justified.

#### 4. **Public forum was closed and Parish Council Extraordinary meeting re-opened at 8 31 pm**

#### 5. **Response to Somerset County Council's proposal for the construction of a footpath on Cross Lane and pedestrian safety improvements on the A38 and A371**

The Chairman proposed that :

- a. This Council accepts Somerset Country Councils current proposals as it stands, for the footpath on Cross Lane, the pedestrian crossings, road safety improvements and lighting.
- b. To further request that Somerset Highways do all that is feasible to minimise the impact of lighting on houses and the environment.

The motion was seconded by Cllr Parker and was carried by a vote of three for and one against.

**The meeting was closed at 8.50pm**

Chairman's Signature

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