

Minutes of Compton Bishop Parish Council Meeting
held at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9 September 2015 at Cross Memorial Hall

Public Participation: Mrs C Wooley

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)

Prior to the meeting the Chairman announced that it had been brought to his attention that at a previous meeting he had allowed public participation to take place during members' discussions and this was contrary to standing orders and procedure. He apologised for allowing this to happen

1. **Apologies for absence:** There were no apologies.
2. **Approval of minutes:** The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 12 August 2015 were previously circulated to all Councillors. 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:** Cllr Glimstead declared an interest in item 8.1
5. **To consider a Freedom of Information request from Cllr Grimstead.** Cllr Glimstead reported that he had obtained the required information from Sedgemoor DC and asked that the item be removed from future agendas.
6. **Permanent appointment of Parish Clerk.** The Chairman reported that it had been agreed in June that the position of Rod Pring as Clerk be reviewed after three months. The Clerk confirmed that he was happy to continue as long as he had the full support of all the members. **RESOLVED:** Rod Pring's appointment as Clerk be confirmed.
7. **Finance Matters.**
 7.1 **RESOLVED** the following invoices be paid:-

Cheque no.	Payee	Reason for Payment	Amount
100745	Sedgemoor C.A.B.	Grant for running costs	£50.00 (Paid)
100746	St Andrew's Church	Grant towards grasscutting	£375.00 (Paid)
100747	Cross Memorial Hall	Hire charges Apr – Sept	£135.00
100748	R Pring	Clerk's expenses	£26.82
100749	M Pritchard	Paint for bus shelters etc	£77.80
100750	R Parker	Laminating signs	£3.00

8. Planning Matters:

8.1 Cllr Glimstead withdrew from the meeting. Cllr Mason outlined the present situation concerning planning application 21/14/00001 submitted by Mr J Glimstead at Barton Road, Webbington. Permission had been granted despite objections from the Parish Council and a complaint had been made against Sedgemoor DC over their handling of the matter. The next part of the procedure would be to appeal to the Ombudsman for consideration. From advice he and the Chairman had been given he was recommending that members did not follow that course at present but reserved the right to do so in the future. The Chairman read out comments received from a local resident. It was noted that the site was being monitored regularly by SDC enforcement officers. Members agreed with the proposal but wanted a letter sent to SDC asking that the site continued to be monitored and that the development proceeds in accordance with the approved plans. **RESOLVED:** Letter be sent to SDC as detailed above and the members reserved the right to further action if necessary. Cllr Glimstead returned to the meeting and was informed of the decision.

8.2 The Clerk had previously circulated a document explaining procedures for obtaining a Certificate of Lawfulness. Cllr Mace had expressed concerns about Honeysuckle Cottage but it appeared that the Parish Council were powerless to object to these certificates. The Clerk would check if members could make observations and comments such as the type of materials being used etc.

8.3 Planning application 21/15/00014 had been circulated. **RESOLVED:** to make no observations on the application.

8.4 New application 21/15/090015 The Granary, Compton Bishop had been circulated and would be deferred for comment until the next meeting.

9. Highway Matters

9.1 Coffin Lane. Cllr McCarthy reported that a committee meeting was being held next week. Cllr Parker advised members that they were invited to the official opening on September 19th and the Clerk had received correspondence from solicitors concerning the depositing of the agreement with SCC Records Office and action to be taken with regard to footpath notification to Ordnance Survey once the project was completed.

9.2 Cllr Pritchard reported that she had recently painted shelters in Cross but another at Compton Bishop needed to be done. Materials were available.

9.3 Still awaiting costs for replacing the bench alongside the river.

9.4 Cllr McCarthy was still trying to progress the request for an extension of the 30m.p.h. speed limit at Webbington Road despite opposition from Highways Department and Police. It was suggested she prepare a draft letter of complaint for consideration by members at next meeting.

9.5 Cllr Pritchard reported that dog fouling notices were in the process of being displayed

9.6 Cllr McCarthy had reported some overhanging hedges and signs obstructed by hedges to Highways Department and had received a positive response. It was agreed not to prepare a draft letter to residents at this stage but to progress any further issues with Highways direct.

9.7 Cllr McCarthy asked if it was possible to place traffic signs warning of pedestrians in Webbington Road. Clerk to enquire with Highways Dept.

9.8 Cllr McCarthy asked if the AONB signs could be moved to more appropriate locations. She was asked to research whose responsibility the signs were and who had authorised their use in the first place.

9.9 Cllr Glimstead reported that the village sign at Barton Road was missing. Clerk to check who was responsible for replacement.

9.10 Cllr Glimstead asked why the bus shelters were being redecorated when no buses passed through the village. It was explained the shelters were used by schoolchildren waiting for school transport to local schools.

10. Environmental Matters

10.1 There was nothing to report from Environment Advisory Group

10.2 The Chairman read out an update from Mr Parker on Hinkley C and National Grid proposals

10.3 Cllr Parker would make further enquiries about "volunteer strimming". Cost to Council £60.

11 Communications

12.1 No further update on Parish News Link.

12. Correspondence. The Clerk gave details of new Chief Operating Officer on Hinkley project and notification of phasing out of Community Support Grant.

13 Date of next meeting Wednesday 14 September at 7.30pm in Cross Memorial Hall

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.42pm.