

# COMPTONS TOLLER AND WYNFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024

7.00pm at Compton Valance Village Hall

Following the Annual Parish Assembly

### Present: Councillors:

Charles Sclater (Chairman)(Compton  
Valance)(CS)

Jeremy Russell (JR) (Compton Valance)

Chris Bennett (Wynford Eagle)

Ashley Stewart (AS)(West Compton) (Vice  
Chair)

Vacancy (West Compton)

Vacancy (Wynford Eagle)

Officer: Mrs Michele Harding, (Clerk)

Dorset Council Ward Cllr- Cllr Neil Eysenck

Members of the Public: 1

**24/06-1. Election of Chair and sign of acceptance of office 2024-25.** CS accepted the position of  
Chairman. Proposed CB Seconded AS

**24/06-2. Election of Vice Chair and sign acceptance of office 2024-25.** AS accepted the position  
of Vice Chairman. Proposed CB Seconded JR

**24/06-3. To receive apologies for absence.** Simon Simpson (Toller Fratrum)

**24/06-4. To receive any declarations of interest or grants of dispensation-** None

**24/06-5. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 21st March 2024.**

The minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed JR

Seconded AS

**24/06-6. Matters arising for information only-** none.

**24/06-7. Democratic Forum-** none

**24/06-8. To consider the dissolution of the Group Parish Council**

CS noted that we have two routes we could take. Continue as we are but we need a regular  
Clerk to operate or each of the 4 parishes dissolves to become parish meetings.

However, as noted at the Annual Parish Assembly, there is no significant interest in the  
parish council. It is uncertain if everyone is checking the website. The PC faced issues  
where councillors did not stand for election, resulting in a delayed election of councillors,  
and consequently, our Annual Parish Council Meeting is being held in June rather than May.  
There are actions we can take to spend the funds in reserves, such as maintaining our finger  
posts and notice boards, but the Parish Council currently has no other assets.

CS noted that within Compton Valance, there are various meetings in the village involving  
the churches, the lower dairy, and the village hall. These groups meet regularly to address  
issues within the village.

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West Compton currently has only one councillor and faces difficulties in finding new councillors. Issues over the last few years, such as greenlaning, transport and traffic calming, have not all been resolved.

Toller Fratrum has very few residents, leaving it with only one councillor following the Community Governance review.

Wyndford Eagle has 1 Councillor CB who resides in Compton Valence.

Each of the four parishes that make up the group council do not have strong connections with their surrounding parishes of Toller Porcorum, Maiden Newton, Frome Vauchurch, Winterbourne Abbas etc. The village hall in Compton Valence is the only public building within the parishes.

The DAPTC would guide the PC through a dissolution of the group Council, but Cllrs are not all in agreement that this is the best answer.

It was suggested that Cllrs look at Askerswell, which is a parish meeting, to see how they manage moving forward. CS will speak to the Parish Chair.

**24/06-9. To consider the vacancy of the Clerk-** the Clerk Mrs Harding will continue for now defer until a decision is made on the future of the PC.

**24/06-10. To consider the Councillor Vacancies**

There are vacancies in Wynford Eagle and West Compton but no interest to date.

**24/06-11. Finance**

- i. To approve the Annual Insurance 2024-25**  
The clerk had gathered 2 quotes it was agreed to the quote from Community action Suffolk with a premium of £149.93 Proposed CS                      Seconded AS
- ii. To receive the Internal Audit report 2023-24**  
Proposed CB                      Seconded AS
- iii. To approve the certificate of exemption 2023-24**  
Proposed JR                      Seconded AS
- iv. To approve the Annual Return Section 1 2023-24**  
Proposed CS                      Seconded JR
- v. To approve the Annual Return Section 2 2023-24**  
Proposed JR                      Seconded CS
- vi. To approve the Parish Council does not give a conflict of Interest with BDO LLP**  
Agreed.

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- vii. **To confirm dates of the NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS AND PUBLICATION OF ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (EXEMPT AUTHORITY) 24<sup>th</sup> June to 2<sup>nd</sup> August-** Agreed and placed on noticeboard and website
- viii. **To approve all payments and receipts**

<b>Payments</b>		
Admin costs		120.00
Accounting software	April to June	43.20
DAPTC	Annual Subs	60.45
Hugo Fox	Website	35.97
CVVH	Hall hire	20.00
Business Services	Annual Insurance	149.93
<b>Receipts</b>		
Dorset Council	Precept	£1300
Interest		6.74

All payments were made in line with internal controls.

Proposed CS                      Seconded AS. Bank balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024- £5376.25

- 24/06-12. To reaffirm the standing orders, financial regulations, and other policies of the Council**  
Policies were reaffirmed
- 24/06-13. To confirm the roles and responsibilities of Cllrs**  
RoW- CS and SS, DAPTC rep CS, Bank signatory JR, AS
- 24/06-14. To confirm the meeting dates for the coming year**  
28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 was agreed when more info will be available to consider the position of the Council.
- 24/06-15. To consider any planning applications or planning matters** -It was noted that the application for the Solar farm at Cruyton was refused following appeal.
- 24/06-16. To consider any Highways or rights of way matters**  
Potholes have been filled but not all, it is hoped that the ward Cllr can assist with the outstanding highways issues.  
Regarding the greenlaning, the CLA could assist, but a senior lawyer needs to look at this case, AS will pursue this but the PC will not do anything further at this stage until the landowners have more information, have contacted the Trailriders association and been able to gather advice from a solicitor.
- 24/06-17. To consider any correspondences received and previously circulated.** none
- 24/06-18. Date and Items for next meeting** – 28<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at Compton Valance Village Hall unless a meeting is required prior to this date. To continue to pursue the decision to continue as a Grouped Council or dissolve to become 4 separate parish meetings with no precept.

**Meeting finished at 8.10pm**

Chairman.....

Date