

THE COMPTONS TOLLER AND WYNFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Incorporating the parishes of Compton Valence, Toller Fratrum, West Compton & Wynford Eagle

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Thursday 21st March 2024

7.00pm at Compton Valence Village Hall

Present: Councillors:

Charles Sclater (Chairman)(CS)(Compton Valence)

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

Jeremy Russell (JR) (Compton Valence)

Chris Bennet (CB)(Wynford Eagle)

24/03-1 Welcome and Chairmans opening remarks

CS thanked those for coming to the meeting. There were no members of the public.

34/03-2 To receive apologies for absence.

John Wynford and Simon Simpson.

24/03-3 To receive any declaration of personal or pecuniary interest or grants of dispensation.

None

24/03-4 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 23rd November 2023.

Proposed JR Seconded AS Approved

24/3-5 Matters arising from the minutes for information only.

None.

24/3-6 Democratic Forum

None

24/3-7 Dorset Council Report from Ward Councillor Tony Alford (AA)

AA was unable to attend in person. His written report was read out in full.

Cabinet has approved a revised approach to the drafting of Dorset Local Plan. The New plan making system will be introduced in November 2024 with a 30month production timetable.

The changes to the National Planning Policy Framework clarify the need for housing calculation and the preparation of the up to date local plans. There will be the opportunity to engage with the process over the next 3 years. the new local plan is expected to be adopted in May 2027.

With extra funding Dorset Council is being proactive in maintenance of its roads adding £6.03million for highway maintenance

Dorset Council has approved a Budget of £377million for 2024-5 and continues commitment to maintain front line services without the need for cuts to balance the budget.

24/3-8 To Discuss the Vacancy of Clerk

There had been no response to the adverts and general circulation for the post of clerk following Michele Hardings resignation. It was agreed that in the absence of this role being filled and the expense associated with it, consideration should be given as to the Dissolution of the Parish Group in favour of operating as four separate parishes on a Parish Meeting basis thereby obviating the need for a clerk.

No further effort would be made to fill the role of Clerk prior to the May elections.

24/3-9 To Discuss the election process and nomination forms

On the assumption that as for previous elections, there would not be enough candidates to trigger an election or fill all the seats on the Parish Council, it was agreed that future discussion should be had as to the Dissolution of the Parish Council.

Nomination papers were completed by those in attendance and these would be dropped in to the Council Offices by JR ensuring the Parish Council would continue after May elections.

John Wynford had expressed a wish not to stand but would be asked to propose CB to stand for Wynford. Simon Simpson would be asked to submit his Nomination Papers for the Toller Fratrum seat.

24/3-10 Finance

To approve payment and receipts

Payments

Lower Dairy management	Defib maint.	£110.40
Starboard Systems x 4 months	Accounting Software	£ 57.60
Hugo Fox x 4 months	Website	£ 47.96
Michele Harding	Accounting	£140.00
D&S Air Ambulance	Donation	£ 50.00
Compton Valence Village Hall	Hall Hire	£ 20.00

Receipt

Lloyds Interest	Dec, Jan, Feb, March	£13.74
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Proposed AS Seconded CB

Bank Balance as at 21st March 2024 £4352.74

24/3-11 Planning

a. To consider any planning applications in circulations

None

b. To consider any other planning matters

The work by Openreach to erect a new line of poles to carry fibreoptic cables from West Compton junction to the 3 Sisters on the Roaman Ran has currently be resisted. AS understood that they had been in contact with the landowner, Oliver Jerome and they will be putting the cable underground on a more direct route. No work had as yet started.

24/3-12 Highways Issues or reports

Finger posts

It was agreed by all, that a costing should be obtained to reinstate all the finger posts in the parishes to a traditional style with finials on their tops. AS to forward photographs and details of those on the Roman Road and West Compton which require work. It was agreed to include the signpost on the Crossroads leading to Kingston Russell/Roman Road. Once costings were received a priority list would be created.

24/3-13 Broadband

The provision of Full fibre to the property (FFTP) by Openreach from the Bride Valley to Compton Valence is progressing. New lines have been installed for underground cables to some properties. Some concern and delay has been caused by overhead high voltage lines.

24/3-14 Defibrillators

Simon Simpson had obtained a quote for a semi-automatic defibrillator for Toller Fratrum together with cabinet and ancillary kit for £1558.99. It was agreed the Parish Council would consider contributing 50% towards the cost depending on available funds.

24/3-15 Verge Trimming

It was agreed that for the 2024 growing season, the extent of any verge cutting to be paid by the parish council should be discussed and approved before be executed. In the first instance an approach to Dorset Highways should be made if specific areas are considered dangerous.

24/3-16 To consider any correspondence received

None

24/3-17 Date of Next Meeting

In accordance with the electoral regulations and to give due time for posting of notices the next meeting and Annual Parish Assembly will take place at

Compton Valence Village Hall at 7 pm on Thursday 16th May 2024

Meeting Closed at 8:45