

THE COMPTONS TOLLER AND WYNFORD PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Thursday 28th September 2023

7.00pm at Compton Valance Village Hall

Present: Councillors:

Charles Sclater (Chairman)(CS)

Ashley Stewart (AS) (Vice Chair)

John Wynford (JW)

Chris Bennett (CB)

No Members of the Public

Simon Simpson (SS)

Vacancy (Toller Fratrum)

Vacancy (West Compton)

Officer: Mrs Michele Harding, (Clerk)

Dorset Council Ward Councillor Anthony Alford

23/09-1. Welcome and Chairman's opening remarks.

CS welcomed Cllrs to the meeting and CB's first full meeting.

23/09-2. To receive apologies for absence- JR who was unwell.

23/09-3. To receive any declarations of personal or pecuniary interest or grants of dispensation- none

23/09-4. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 25th May

23- Proposed JW Seconded AS- Approved

23/09-5. Matters arising from the minutes for information only. JW was asked if the 3 new grit bins could be sited ready for the filling due in October.

23/09-6. Democratic Forum - none

23/09-7. To discuss the Cllr Vacancy for West Compton- ongoing

23/09-8. Dorset Council Report from Ward Councillor Tony Alford

AA reported on an event on Saturday 14th October at 2pm the Dorset History Centre with two short talks on the derivation of English place names.

Following a reassignment of roles, we will have a new Community Highways Officer who is James Stone, replacing David Carey. CS asked if a site meeting could be arranged with the new highways officer.

Round 4 of the Household Support Fund (HSF) will reopen for applications at 10am on Thursday 7 September 2023 for low-income households in the Dorset Council area.

The Housing Strategy consultation closes on 2nd October.

The Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme is a discount that helps working aged people on low incomes pay their council tax bill. A consultation has opened on proposed changes to the scheme. from Wednesday 13 September 2023 until Wednesday 25 October 2023.

The regulations for temporary recreational campsites or 'pop up' camping sites have changed with the introduction of new permitted development rights. Land can still be used for up to 28 days per calendar year as a campsite with unlimited number of tents only without formal planning permission. This right applies until 25 July 2024. The new rights also allow land to be used for up to 60 days in any calendar year as a campsite. This latest change permits up to 50 pitches of either tents or campervans. With this usage Dorset Council needs to be notified in writing first. There may also be the need for a site licence. Permitted development rights come from a general planning permission granted by Government rather than local councils. These rights mean that certain types

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of work can be carried out without needing to apply for formal planning permission. All the rights are subject to limitations and conditions.

Plans have been unveiled which will make a difference to the lives of children, young people and families in Dorset over the next ten years. A partnership of local agencies from across Dorset has published its ambitious Children Young People and Families Plan which details the work that it will carry out to create a bright future for Dorset's children and young people.

RAAC - As part of the Council's pan-County compliance review of its assets, an extensive programme of surveys has been commissioned of all our schools. The Chartered Surveyors reports have been received and include a statement that "we have not identified RAAC within the subject property". Finally, you will be aware that the use of RAAC is not confined to just schools and the survey programme is being extended to other Council assets deemed to be at risk. This includes buildings such as care homes, libraries and offices etc.

23/09-9. Finance

i. To consider the costs of the current website £11.99 per month incl. vat

The website up to now had been free but with increased costs there is now a small charge per month to host the site. Proposed CS Seconded CB All agreed.

ii. To consider the costs of basic accounting software specific to Parish Council's £12 per month plus vat.

The Clerk uses Scribe accounting software in all the PC she clerk's which presents accounts in a format ready for audit, this was agreed.

Proposed AS Seconded CS All agreed.

iii. To consider the costs for verge cutting from Tollerford to Eggardon Hill - £825 and future verge cutting for the parishes where DC do not cut often enough.

JW declared and interest in this item.

It was explained that the hedge had been cut by Wynford Eagle Farms on this route for the safety of the community, especially as the grips are hidden when the verge is overgrown and this causes an issue for traffic when passing. Following comments regarding the PC reserves and funds for community benefit the PC agreed to the payment of the invoice but the PC needs to plan ahead for future years. Dorset Council should do the first cut, so this needs reporting as soon as it becomes an issue for the village. Also, any work done by Cllrs needs to be approved by the full council prior to being carried out.

It was also suggested that the local contractor who uses the route for their business activity could be asked to cut the verges in the area for the benefit of the community. JW will contact the contractor to enquire.

iv. To approve all payments and receipts since the last meeting

Payments	Detail	Amount
C Sclater	APA refreshments	£20.00
Admin	June & July	£213.60
Admin	Aug & Sept	£226.94

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CVVH	Hall Hire	£20.00
Wynford Eagle Farms	Verge cutting	£825.00
Receipts		
Lloyds	Interest	£5.02

Proposed CS Seconded AS Agreed

Bank Balance as at 31st July 2023 £5045.85

23/09-10. Planning

a. To consider any planning applications in circulation

- i. **P/FUL/2023/05135 Proposal: Erect 38 panel roof mounted solar array on existing agricultural building Location: Compton Valance House, Church Hill Lane Compton Valance.** No objections raised.

- b. **To consider any other planning matters-** CS reported on the Openreach installation of fibre, 65% of residents have signed up in Little Bredy and it is hoped residents of Compton Valance will also sign up.

Cllrs raised concerned at the proposal to install telegraph poles through West Compton for a private supply. Cllrs do not want overhead cables especially considering the recent National VIP where the pylons had been removed and cables placed underground, it was agreed to lobby Openreach and gather support from MP Chris Loder to register with the pole objection team.

23/09-11. Highways Issues or reports

- a. **Update on the Green Lane issues and road classification-** AS reported on the situation, which is getting worse with green laners, AS will be gathering legal advice, it was suggested that he contacts the tourist organisations who send the green laners on this route. AS explained that he and his neighbouring landowner will have to foot the bill in order to try to stop this continuing via a stopping up order. CS reassured AS that the PC will support where it can.

CB asked about the rules for verge cutting, this is only carried out once or maybe twice a year unless it is at a dangerous junction.

The Roman Road edge has dropped away, this will be reported.

CS asked for a site meeting with the new highways officer to discuss the road edges in Compton Valance, this will be requested.

23/09-12. Rights of Way

a. To consider any Rights of Way matters

- i. **Public Consultation: T390 - Upgrade Bridleway S54/1 to a Byway Open to All Traffic (Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981) (Definitive Map and Statement)**

It was suggested that Winterbourne Abbas PC is contacted regarding this application for their comments.

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b. Update on Finger post repairs- awaiting list of posts to be maintained.

CS reminded Cllrs to take pictures of any fingerposts in the parishes so these can be logged and monitored for repair. AS assured the PC that he was making progress and expects the costs to be in the region of £350 for the new roundel and materials, the invoices for materials will be forwarded to the Council. A new fingerpost has been installed at Tollerford by Frome Vauchurch Parish.

23/09-13. To consider any correspondence received- noted.

23/09-14. To consider items for the next PC meeting 23rd November- Budget, Fingerposts, verge cutting costs, grit bin filling.

Meeting closed at 8.06pm