

# THE COMPTONS TOLLER AND WYNFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020

7pm via Zoom

### Present: Councillors:

Charles Sclater (Chairman)(CS)  
Jeremy Russell (JR)  
John Wynford (JW)  
Ashley Stewart (AS)  
Emma Shelton (ES)

Simon Simpson (SS)  
Nicolas Amor (NA)  
Vacancy (Wynford Eagle)  
**Officer:** Mrs M Harding (Acting Clerk)  
**Dorset Councillor:** Anthony Alford (AA)  
**Members of the Public:** None

**2020/07/01** Welcome- Chairman Charles Sclater welcomed all to the first meeting via Zoom.

**2020/07/02** To consider the co-option of Councillors to the vacant seats- Following the resignation of Roger Simpson and Adrian Cooper the Council had vacancies to fill, it was also noted that some of the Councillors from the elections in 2019 had not been recorded. Dorset Council electoral services had been informed and supported the PC with this process.

The notices for election had been put up in the Parishes on 1<sup>st</sup> July, following the 14-day consultation period there were no calls for another election so co-option could take place.

3 residents came forward to be co-opted onto the PC- Simon Simpson for Toller Fratrum, Nicolas Amor for West Compton, Emma Shelton for Toller Fratrum (*although living in Compton Valence*).

The following Councillors were also confirmed for the record- Charles Sclater- Compton Valence, Jeremy Russell- Compton Valence, Ashley Stewart- West Compton and John Wynford- Wynford Eagle. It was noted that there is interest for the vacant seat in Wynford Eagle this will be confirmed in due course.

Proposed JR

Seconded JW

All Councillors will complete the Acceptance of office and Register of interests within 28 days, the Clerk and Chair will arrange for the collection of the forms. The Clerk will scan and send these to the electoral office and place on the PC website.

**2020/07/03** To receive apologies for absence- none

**2020/07/04** To receive any declarations of interest and grants of dispensation- CS explained that approval has been received for his application which was noted at the January meeting

**2020/07/05** To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020.

The minutes were accepted as a record of the meeting

Proposed JW

Seconded JR

**2020/07/06** Matters arising for information only- CS explained that the meeting held was in fact quorate but the Clerk was late so the minutes didn't quite reflect the meeting, but as so much has changed since that meeting, the minutes should be approved as a record of that meeting.

The Comptons Toller & Wynford PC

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**2020/07/07** Democratic Forum- Cllr Alford spoke on the information now being sent to Parish & Town Councils directly from Dorset Council. The Clerk and Chair are now receiving these updates. AA also spoke on the DMMO (definitive RoW request) that was raised by the Chair regarding the issue with the footpath from the Church at Compton Valence to the Roman Road into a bridleway, the application was not classed as a priority case and unlikely to be considered for possibly some years, the Council asked what these priorities were, AA will supply the list but in short they are Urgency, witnesses, evidence and an issue with a property sale. CS asked if there were any other applications still in abeyance. AA will look into this at Dorset Council. Discussions continued on the previous issues with BOAT applications. JR spoke on the Government announcement some time ago that BOATS could be applied for, and 1000's of applications were sent in, but this was stopped by a local MP and other avenues were being sought. The PC at the time fought against this. AS spoke about the group "Friends of Dorset Rights of Way" who were campaigning for RoW's to be upgraded, AA had not heard of this group.

AA also reported on the financial situation as this be will be problematic for Councils' the budget next year, a lot of reserves will be used for the costs incurred during Covid-19.

## **2020/07/08** Planning Consultations

- i. To consider any Planning Consultations in circulation- none in circulation- CS reported that an application in Compton Valence for a single storey extension had slipped through the net but was sympathetic to the area and couldn't see any reason to object. The natural burial ground on JW land has been approved
- ii. Any other planning issues – none

**2020/07/09** To consider any Highways or Rights of Way matters-CS explained that potholes had been filled in Compton Valence, AS reported on an email/letter sent by a resident in West Compton to the Dorset Council raising concerns at speed issues in the village, requesting speed bumps and traffic calming measures. AS explained that during lockdown any courier drivers had personally been asked to slow down. NA commented that the courier van situation has improved a lot even with more couriers through the villages due to the crisis and residents requiring more home deliveries. NA asked if there could be a speed limit, but had been advised this may not be possible. JW explained that speed bumps would create noise pollution and a speed limit has to be policed to be effective. There is no great answer to this problem. NA had previously raised a point on the works on the A35, as there are 2 lots of utility works happening at present, Wessex Water are carrying out works at Kingston Russell, and the works at Winterbourne Abbas is placing electric cables underground. Utilities do not need require that same planning permissions as private applications. NA raised concerns about the water table as many are on bore holes or natural water supplied and this could affect them.

**2020/07/010** To consider any correspondence received and previously circulated- The Clerk had circulated a list for information.

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Cllr Anthony Alford left the meeting at 7.30pm

**2020/07/011** Finance – the clerk had circulated copies of all reports and these are also on the website

- i. To approve the certificate of exemption 2019-20

Proposed SS                                      Secoded JW

- ii. To consider the Annual Return section 1 2019-20

Proposed CS                                      Secoded ES

- iii. To approve the Annual Return section 2 2019-20

Proposed CS                                      Secoded SS

- iv. To approve all payments and receipts-

A report of the finance and payments so far for 2020-21 had been circulated, the first precept payment has been received and the Annual Insurance, DAPTC subs and Internal Audit have been paid.

The payments pending were approved and these will be made online by JR, CS will counter sign the payments and invoices. The finance report can be found on the website.

JW thanked MH for her work and commented on the excellent value for money in bringing the PC back to a reasonable order again.

Proposed CS                                      Secoded AS

**2020/07/012** Other Parish issues- JW commented on the website and that the Parish Plan being inaccurate on the number of residents in Wynford eagle, MH explained that the document was dated 2012 and only updated to the website for information.

Finger posts- The Compton Valence finger arm needs repair, also one in Wynford Eagle is still waiting for works following Covid-19. CS will process this.

**2020/07/013** Date and time of the next meeting -Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020 7pm. JR commented on the ease of using Zoom especially on winter evenings and being a good alternative, but aware that some Cllrs do have concerns. CS suggested that the PC should hold the annual meeting in person and when papers require signing.

CS commented that the PC now has a fully functioning website again and the PC records are being updated since losing the Clerk in March 20, MH had agreed to act as Clerk following the internal audit until the new Clerk has started. MH will act as a consultant to assist the new Clerk in preparation for the next PC meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.45pm