

THE COMPTONS TOLLER AND WYNFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Thursday 12 November 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: Miss A Hart (AH) (Clerk)
Michele Harding (MH) (Clerk Support)
Dorset Councillor: Anthony Alford (AA)
Members of the Public: None

20/11-01 Welcome- Chairman Charles Sclater welcomed all to the Zoom meeting.

20/11-02 To consider the co-option of a Councillor to the vacant seat at Wynford Eagle. So far no one has come forward to take this seat but CS asked everyone to continue to look into the matter.

20/11-03 To receive apologies for absence- none

20/11-04 To receive any declarations of interest and grants of dispensation- none

20/11-05 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st July 2020. Resolved.

20/11-06 Matters arising for information only

- i) it was noted in the minutes by JW that there is a mistake on Page 2 with regard to consultations. It is JR – Jeremy Russell’s land.
- ii) The Chairman welcomed Councillor Alford and asked him if there was anything he wanted to mention from Dorset Council point of view. AA said Parish Councils are getting lots of info so AA not needed in the same capacity for delivering information. AA added that Dorset Council are in a transitional stage and the Parish Council gets a weekly update every Friday afternoon. In addition when there is a full council meeting 5 times a year, Council Leader Spencer Flower will draw up a briefing and AA will circulate to PC’s. From time to time AA will send over pertinent information to PC’s – like the planning consultation on this meeting. He had also sent a PowerPoint document a few weeks ago on the main highlights of the proposals in the White Paper.

AA wanted to highlight the **Climate Change Strategy Consultation**- a lot of work has gone into it and the Council need a good sense of the public view. He encourages the

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Councillors to have a look at it and respond to it. Consultation papers are limited now due to lockdown but can look at website and download. AA also mentioned the consultation about the **Shoppers Permit** – at the moment it's only West Dorset, inviting people throughout all Dorset to comment if they would like to see this everywhere or not at all.

20/11-07 Democratic Forum- CS asked if we need to make sure our parishioners are aware of forthcoming meetings. The PC need to put the agenda on the notice boards and on the CTWPC website. CS asks that all councillors put the agenda on their notice boards going forward.

20/11-08 Planning Consultations

- i. To consider any Planning Consultations in circulation -no objections to the Compton Valence application. The Clerk to reply to the Council to confirm this. The reply needs to be done by the 15th November 2020.
- ii. White Paper. Councillor Alford confirmed that the paper he circulated gives all the information needed. CS asked how far we have got with the Dorset Plan now we are in a new authority. AA confirmed that we have a time limit of April 2024 in order to get it done by 2023. The council is running late due to Covid-19 and had hoped to have a consultation process on Issues of Options by Autumn 2020, this will now happen after Christmas. CS asked if our 4 villages will need to have their long-term objectives ready with regard to this local plan. AA confirmed. CS said whether we do this through this forum or through the respective councillors for the villages to put something forward should be discussed at a later date. The Clerk to keep on the Agenda.

20/11-09 To consider any Highways or Rights of Way matters

CS asked AS about the speed bump issue that arose back in March. AS spoke to delivery drivers entering WC and made people generally aware that there was an issue. Council Highways team not arrived according to AS. CS asked AA that this might be raised again. AA agreed to revisit. NA said it still seems it would be sensible to have a 20 mile an hour speed limit, even if the police can't monitor it. In general traffic is well behaved but on entrance to WC there is Field Cottage with a blind entrance and Dairy Cottage has to reverse out. Warning needs to be given to keep speeds down. CS asked the Clerk to keep this matter on the agenda. CS said AS and NA need to be involved if this progresses and a meeting is arranged, and CS will attend too.

- i. Grit Bins – AS not aware these have been filled at West Compton. JR said a letter had been sent saying that they would be filled automatically but no show so far
- ii. Finger posts – CS said the Compton Valence sign is up again but does not have the Dorchester or Maiden Newton sign on. JW reported that Wynford is being done currently and the whole post is being worked on in JW's workshop. When ready it will be re-sited across the road on the green verge, so it is safe from potential lorry damage.

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JW happy to foot cost of extra refurb. CS wants two more signs for the Comptons. The Clerk will share a link about the Fingerposts coming out of Council spend

- iii. Potholes – no comments were made however JR brought up that Compton Valence has a steep hill and hairpin bend. Recent winters have seen water pouring down the hill and ripping up tarmac at the bottom. Proposed if all agreed that if JR got a digger and another man, dug in pipes and got rid of water out of the 11 grips, re-direct the water back on to land to stop it getting to the bottom. Estimate cost is £600 plus VAT. JR asked the Councillors if this can be charged against the PC Precept. MH advised as long as the work is of community benefit then the CTWPC can spend it as part of Precept. JR said all work will be done on their land so no need for Highways or Risk Assessment involvement. The Council resolved that JR can proceed with the repairs
- iv. Definitive map - CS asked if all landowners and farmers on the CTWPC are aware of the sites of all their footpaths. CS has experienced a lot of walkers not aware of signs or taking liberties and feels that signs need to be in the right place and that rights of way are established. AS added WC had an increase of 4 Wheel Drive vehicles using the byway from the end of his drive to the Roman Road. Signage says no motor vehicles but scramblers and 4x4's come through. NA has noticed these too – the leader has a map with routes marked up for 4 Wheel Drives. JW agreed – Toller Fratrum tried to get a BOAT (Byway Open to All Traffic) – they fought it and won. AS thinks that this has been investigated before and doesn't think you can stop them using the one at WC, for example FoDRoW (Friends of Dorset's Rights of Way) had been on David Solly's land. The Clerk will contact RoW Officer and ask for more signs. CS asks that this remain on the agenda to add on next time if problems occur.

20/11-010 Correspondence - All read and resolved.

20/11-011 Finance

- i. Receipts and Payments. Proposed CS Seconded ES.
- ii. Operation of Bank Account going forward. JR confirmed he has a Lloyds account and the Clerk does too. MH said you can do a two-party process with Lloyds. You have 3 people on the account, the Clerk and two Councillors minimum then Clerk sets up payments and one of the councillors approves the payment. Can use any bank – download bank mandate form and add them on.
- iii. Budget and Precept. The Clerk apologised that she had omitted this from the Agenda for tonight's meeting but the report had been circulated to all Councillors earlier. MH created the budget report and advised that CTWPC need to raise the Precept slightly so as not to be at a deficit. The council resolved that a Precept raise from £2474 to £2600 was necessary.
- iv. The Clerk asked JR if the Air Ambulance and Hall Hire bills had been paid. JS is sure they have been but will come back to confirm.

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- v. JR asked if CTWPC can reclaim VAT. MH confirmed as long as invoice states on there something to do with the CTW Parish Council then yes.

20/11-012 Welcome to the new Clerk. CS stated that they had agreed a contract and hourly rate. MH is very kindly giving us back up. CS needs to provide opportunity to pay to a pension to the Clerk and has asked her to look into this and report back.

20/11-013 Website. CS said that Minutes, Agendas etc are posted on there and suggested circulating a note and putting information on notice boards to let Parishioners know that the website is live and all documents can be viewed there.

20/11-014 The next meeting was agree for January 21st at 7 pm. All Councillors agreed except ES who will be working all January lambing, therefore sends apologies in advance.

The Meeting closed at 19.45