

COMPTONS TOLLER AND WYNFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Thursday 26th January 2023

7 pm at Compton Valence Village Hall

Present: Councillors:

Charles Sclater (Chairman)(CS)
Simon Simpson (SS)
Ashley Stewart (AS) (Vice Chair)
Vacancy (Wynford Eagle)

Vacancy (Toller Fratrum)
Officer: Mrs Michele Harding, (Clerk)
Dorset Councillor: Anthony Alford (AA)

Members of the Public: None

23/01-1. Welcome and Chairman's opening address- All welcomed to the meeting

23/01-2. To receive apologies for absence-, Jeremy Russell, John Wynford and Nick Amor- the meeting was still quorate with 3 Cllrs in attendance.

23/01-3. To receive any declarations of interest or grants of dispensation- None

23/01-4. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting held on 22nd September 2022.

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

Proposed AS

Seconded CS

23/01-5. Matters arising for information only- None.

23/01-6. Democratic Forum- none

23/01-7. Report from our Ward Councillor Tony Alford

Dorset Council is to receive around £4.5m over the next two years to continue several key programmes, as well as launch some new initiatives.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF), which matches and succeeds EU funding.

A new Investment Plan for Dorset, led by Dorset Council with input from a wide range of contributors, has been approved by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and will see the county benefit from £4.5m of UKSPF money.

Dorset's Investment Plan includes funding for: –

provision of energy efficiency advice through Low Carbon Dorset, the expansion of Healthy Homes Dorset energy efficiency scheme, development of affordable sustainable transport, especially for younger people, a new business support programme to support business growth and deliver business advice, basic and more advanced skills courses to help people enter the jobs market and secure better paid employment.

Dorset Council has published its proposals to deliver a balanced budget next financial year, 2023-24. The council's total net budget for 2023-24 will be £348 million.

The council proposes to increase council tax next year by just under 2% and to levy the adult social care precept of 2%. This is less than the maximum 5% increase outlined in the Government's Spending Review in December 2022. The increase would be equivalent to £1.41 extra per week for a Band D property.

Since becoming a unitary council in 2019, we have made efficiency savings of £76 million, and this money has been reinvested to protect frontline services.

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Five libraries (including Bridport) are offering the chance to borrow an iPad for up to six weeks free of charge. The pilot scheme is being offered by Dorset Council libraries, who are working with Citizen's Advice and the Department for Work and Pensions to help people search and apply for jobs online. They can also be used to access online training to gain skills and knowledge.

Dorset Council is inundated with flooding issues across Dorset. Information at Dorset Council - Live travel updates, with the current weather changes the issue of salting and gritting of roads is now the issue.

Car park charges are being rationalised, so they are uniform across the Dorset Council area.

23/01-8. To consider the Councillor Vacancies

Due to a technicality of meeting attendance Nicolas Amor ceases to be a Cllr for West Compton but can reapply when the vacancy notice period has been met so could be co-opted at the meeting in March. There is currently a vacancy for West Compton, Wynford Eagle and Toller Fratrum. Cllrs to encourage the filling of these vacancies, to note from 2024 following the Community Governance Review there will only be 1 Cllr for Toller Fratrum.

23/01-9. Finance

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

Payments		
Mrs M Harding	Salary/Exp Nov 22	246.92
HMRC	PAYE- Nov 22	34.20
DAPTC	Training	8.00
Mrs M Harding	Salary/Exp Jan 23	196.69
HMRC	PAYE- Jan 23	36.80
CVVH	Hall hire Jan 23	20.00
D & SAA	Annual Donation	100.00
Receipts		
None		

All payments were made in line with internal controls- Proposed CS Seconded SS

Bank balance as at 31st December 2022- £5643.74

ii. To consider the budget and precept since that last meeting

The budget was circulated to all prior to the meeting.

Budget	Budget 2023-24	comment
Income- Precept	2600	Income from Council tax paid in April/Sep
Staff costs	1102	
Heat, light and internet costs	180	
Office costs	350	Postage/website/mileage/Stationary
Hall hire	80	
Training	200	Clerk and Cllrs
Traffic calming/highways	300	Ditch clearance

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Village maintenance	300	Notice boards and finger posts
Prof fees/DAPTC	185	DAPTC, SLCC
Insurance	180	Annual fee
Grants & Donations	50	D & SAA
Total	2927	
Overspend to be taken from reserves	-327	

It was agreed to accept the budget and set the precept at £2600.

Specific reserves of £1000 for village maintenance and £500 towards election costs.

Proposed AS

Seconded CS

23/01-10. To consider any planning applications or planning matters.

- i. P/HOU/2022/07247 Proposal: Replace existing section of glazed vaulted roof with slate roof-1 Lower Dairy, Midsummer Barn, Compton Valence- *no objections*.
- ii. P/HOU/2022/07323 Proposal: Retain constructed timber decking over existing garden area and alterations to existing pond to form natural swim area- Lower Dairy House Toller Fratrum Road- *no objections, this has been withdrawn*.
- iii. P/HOU/2022/08003 Proposal: Erect single storey side extension Location: 4 Higher Wynford Cottages, West Compton To Manor Farm- *no objections*
- iv. Planning updates-From 1st December PC's will be notified of applications where felling is proposed (with the exception of regulation 14 applications for removal of dead and dangerous trees)

23/01-11. To consider any Highways matters

- i. **Update on Green Lane issues-** AS explained that the issues of green laning has escalated over the Christmas period, it has become anti-social tourism and issues of a noise nuisance and livestock worrying. This has been reported to Rights of Way and Dorset Council, it was explained that as the route concerned is an Unclassified Road then this is a highways matter, Dave Carey highways officer has been contacted to consider this matter further. AS explained that the route is not complete and the land ownership of the area is to be clarified. Further investigation is required, Clerk to follow up with highways.

23/01-12. To consider Rights of way matters-

- i. To consider any Rights of way matters - none
- ii. Update on finger posts- AS reported he is making progress and it is hoped to be completed and up in Feb. CS commented on the works carried out at the top of the hill at Compton Lane by CS and JR repairing fingerposts, with plastic letters but perfectly serviceable to find that another group had made changes to the finger posts and replaced the plastic with metal lettering. CS explained that as the finger posts are now Parish responsibility it would have been good if the Parish Council had been consulted on these repairs.

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23/01-13. To consider any correspondences received and previously circulated.

- i. Update on the Ammonite meeting- following the meeting where it was announced that the surgery is closing one day a week on a Thursday, the surgery provided the Parish reps with information on the closure to publicise in the villages. There is a real shortage of doctors in the country and the practice has had issues recruiting Doctors to cover all 3 of the surgeries covered by Ammonite.

- ii. Plans for Public Spaces- the PC received an email on information for village gateways no action at this stage.

23/01-14. Date and Items for next meeting – 23rd March 2023

Future meeting dates agreed:

25th May 2023- Annual PC meeting and Annual Parish Assembly

28th Sep 2023

23rd Nov 2023- Budget

21st March 2024

Meeting finished at 7.45pm