

Minutes of the Meeting of the Queen Thorne Parish Council held on Monday 1st July 2024 at 7.30pm in Trent Memorial Hall.

Present: Cllrs Livingstone, Carter, Chick, Hart, Lowe, McBeath, Phillipson and Stoddart

1. **Apologies:** Cllrs Negus and Gordon
2. **Declarations of Interests:** Cllr Hart declared an interest in the planning application at Wisteria Lodge.
3. **Co-option of new members for Nether Compton:** Two vacancies exist but no one came forward at this meeting.
4. **Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting on May 13th were agreed as a true record and signed
5. **Business Items arising from meeting on May 13th 2024**
 - a. **Nether Compton Recreation Ground:** Cllr Hart reported that in response to issues identified in the play equipment annual inspection, some items are being replaced. Quotes had been obtained and agreed and the council approved payment of £330 to be made from the play committee ring fenced funds. It was agreed later in the meeting that £117 CIL money will be used towards this.
 - b. **Allotments:** Cllr Negus who was absent had sent a report via the clerk. All plots in Trent are now taken. Cllr Negus had reminded plot holders that they must use watering cans rather than hose pipes. Questions had been asked about the water supply which the clerk will answer. The council decided against the idea of supplying water butts for individual plots on the grounds of cost.
 - c. **Neighbourhood Plan:** No report.
 - d. **Highways Issues:**
 1. **Water on the road/flooding:**
 - i. **Top of Western Street** Dorset Highways have completed work here and In Trent by the railway bridge. It is hoped that this will solve flooding in both places.
 - ii. **Over Compton Triangle** Dorset Council said that water around the broadband cabinet was the responsibility of BT Openreach. An engineer has visited and cleaned out the piping.
 - iii. **Stallen:** Dorset Highways have completed works to solve the issue of water on the road and subsequently resurfaced the road.
 - iv. **Folly Lane, Nether Compton** This has been added to the Working Together programme of drain and gully clearance to be done later in the year.
 - v. **Sandford Orcas** Justin Neely from the Dorset Flood Management Team has advised that the bed of the stream should be left intact for ecological reasons. Currently, there is no obvious solution to the periodic flooding of the road next to the Mitre Inn. Councillors have also met with Andrew Proberts from the flood management team, and residents, concerning water on Dark Lane. Suggested solutions are being considered.
 2. **A30 road safety at the Marl Lane junction and unauthorized coach park:** It was agreed that the clerk should write to Cllr Legg and Dorset Council to press for an update.
 3. **Street sign replacement in St Michael's Close, Over Compton:** The sign has been collected and Cllr Chick will install it shortly.
 4. **Unsuitable for HGVs sign for Compton Road & Penmore Lane/Marston Road:** Dorset Highways have passed this to the road safety officer. The clerk will write again to ask for an update.
 5. **Hummer Bridge, road repairs:** Awaiting works.
 6. **Shillers Lane, tree and retaining wall:** Dorset Council have cordoned off the wall. Still awaiting works. This was included on a list of issues sent to Highways after the last meeting. The clerk will send a reminder.
 7. **Over Compton Triangle:** Following some damage to the bank caused by a traffic accident, Dorset Council has said they are responsible for repairs.
 8. **Fingerposts:** After the meeting Cllr McBeath reported that the sign at the junction of Dark Lane and Penmore Road has been knocked out of position.

- e. **Environment:** No report
- f. **Wessex Internet Fibre broadband connection:** Cllr Stoddart had spoken to Mr Llewellyn who is encouraging residents, at village fetes and via a notice in the Queen Thorne Magazine, to register interest with Wessex Internet.
- g. **The Swale, Sandford Orcas:** Dorset Council has agreed to maintain the drainage ditch as a one off event. After this, maintenance will be the responsibility of the landowner.
- h. **Drain clearing and side verging contract:** Cllr Lowe had obtained a quote from Dorset Highways for works in Sandford Orcas, Trent and Nether Compton. After some discussion it was decided that Cllrs Lowe, Stoddart and Hart should review the areas to be included, with the aim of getting best value for money and reducing costs as far as possible. The council will make a final decision at the September meeting.
- i. **Training:** The clerk will send details of new councillor training to Cllr Stoddart.

Open Forum: None

6. New Business

- a. **CIL money held by the parish council:** It was agreed that £117.47 remaining from a CIL award to Nether Compton in 2019 should be put towards the new play equipment. This will leave £347.23 available for Trent and £1121.76 for Nether Compton. Councillors will consider possible uses including item 6. C.
- b. **Tree growing in the stream in Sandford Orcas:** This was flagged up by Cllr Philipson and the village flood warden. Cllr Lowe is liaising with the land owner to have the tree sufficiently cut back to allow the stream a clearer flow.
- c. **Exposed well at Stallen:** The well was discovered during works to solve the issue of water on the road. Dorset Council organized a meeting with parish councillors to discuss the possibility of renovating it. The costs, as yet unknown, are likely to be borne jointly by Dorset Council and the parish council. It may be a suitable project for CIL money. The clerk will contact Highways.

7. Financial Matters

- a. **Reappointment of the internal auditor:** The council approved the reappointment of Mr Daniel Baker as the internal auditor for the financial year 2024-25.
- b. **Financial Report and Payment of Invoices** The Council reviewed expenditure against budget year to date. Invoices approved for payment: Clerk salary £922.67, HMRC PAYE £0, KM Dike £ 300.00, Trent Hall £43, Clerk petty cash £50, Clerk expenses £21.60, Dorset Council £257.76.
Payments made since last meeting approved at the meeting: Rospa Playsafety £211.20, Clear Insurance Management £877.63, Home Front £330
Receipts since last meeting: None (Duck race money expected)
- c. **Financial Regulations:** Cllrs Livingstone, Phillipson and the clerk will meet before the next meeting to agree a draft of revised regulations.

8. Planning Matters

a. DC Planning Applications – Approved or decided by Parish Council

| Name | Reference/Details | Status |
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| Sevengates Over Compton | P/FUL/2024/03269 Retain 1 No. agricultural dwelling with integral garage and 3 No. parking spaces | No further comments |
| Wisteria Lodge, Bucklers Farm The Folly Nether Compton | P/PABA/2024/03229 Erect timber frame agricultural barn for storing fodder and a small tractor for maintaining the land | Applied for permitted development prior approval. PC not notified. Planning officer has recommended refusal. |
| Yafford New Road Nether Compton | P/HOU/2024/02399 Demolish rear lean-to and rear flat roof extension. Erect single storey rear extension with solar panels and roof lights | No objection Granted 17.06.24 |

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| The Chantry Gore Farm Junction To Road Junction Below Church Farm Trent | P/LBC/2024/02958 Proposed Internal alterations | Listed building consent No comments |
| Dairy House Gore Farm Junction To Road Junction Below Church Farm Trent | P/NMA/2024/0281 Non-material amendment - Addition of three conservation roof lights in byre to planning permission no. P/HOU/2024/00457 6 | Information only for the PC Refused 17.06.24 |
| Trent Memorial Hall | P/PASO/2024/02577 Installation of 21 No. 415W photovoltaic panels mounted on the south-facing side of the secondary roof of the hall. | Prior approval not required |

Applications Determined by Dorset Council or awaiting decision

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| Agricultural Building North of The Folly Nether Compton | P/FUL/2024/01680 Demolition of existing agricultural building and erection of dwelling with associated landscaping | Objection on grounds of the risk of flooding at the property. Pending decision. |
| 1 Meadow View Compton Road Over Compton | P/HOU/2024/01607 Demolish existing rear extensions, erect side and rear extensions with rooflights | No objection Granted 16.05.24 |
| Patson Hill Farm Patson Hill Lane Trent Dorset DT9 4SY | P/FUL/2023/03662 Demolish 3 No. agricultural barns and erect 3 No. agricultural buildings: a Straw Barn, Cow Barn, Machinery Shed and 1 No. Dirty Straw Bunker. | Support Pending decision |
| Higher Farm Compton Road Over Compton | P/FUL/2022/03668 Change of use and conversion of barns to form 3 no. dwellings. Erect agricultural building and form access (demolish existing barns) | No objection, but recommendation that careful consideration is given to the access. Pending decision Natural England report re phosphorus offsetting. |

Somerset Council: Primrose Lane, Mudford, 14/02554/OUT, Outline application for development of Sustainable Urban Extension to comprise up to 765 dwellings, 65 bed care home, employment land (Use Class B1), retail units (Use Classes A1, A2, A3, A5), primary school, community building, health care facility, landscaping, open space and drainage infrastructure, access and associated highway works (GR 357198/118268)

Objection posted 16.03.24, now listed as a consultee.

9. Dates of Future Meetings 2024: 2 September in Sandford Orcas, 4 November in Nether Compton.

10. Items for next Meeting: To be sent to the clerk. Noticeboard repair for Sandford Orcas.

11. The meeting closed at 9.30 pm