**Minutes of the AGM of the Queen Thorne Parish Council held on Monday 8th May 2017 at Trent Memorial Hall**

**Present:** Cllrs McBeath, Allcard, Biddiscombe, Brewer, Chick, Harris, Hayton, Street, Yendole, WDDC Cllr Gould, and two members of the public

**1. Apologies** Cllrs Andrews, Harris, Kipling, Lowe

**2.** **Election of Chairman** Cllr McBeath was re-elected as Chairman of the Council, proposed by Cllr Street, seconded by Cllr Chick and unanimously agreed by all present. (Cllr McBeath absented himself for the vote). Following the county council elections, the Chairman paid tribute to the excellent work done by the former DCC Cllr Matt Hall in Sherborne Rural. The rest of the Council joined him in asking the Clerk to write and express their gratitude and good wishes to Mr Hall. The newly elected, but not yet sworn in, DCC Cllr for Sherborne Rural, Mary Penfold hopes to attend the next meeting.

**3. Election of Vice Chairman** Cllr Dodd was re-elected as Vice Chairman of the Council in his absence, proposed by Cllr Street, seconded by Cllr Chick and unanimously agreed by all present.

**4. Declarations of Interests and Acceptance of Office** Cllr McBeath signed an acceptance of office. Cllr Dodd will do so at the next meeting. Cllr Brewer declared an interest in item 9a, as he is a trustee of the Poor Ground.

**5.** **Planning Representatives** - Cllrs Brewer and Yendole for Nether Compton, Cllr Harris with Cllr Street for Trent, Cllr Allcard for Sandford Orcas and Cllr Chick for Over Compton; agreed by all present.

**6. Village Hall Representatives** – Cllr Hayton (Trent), Cllr McBeath (Sandford Orcas), Cllr Dodd (Nether Compton), Cllr Chick (Over Compton) agreed to act as representatives of the Parish Council.

**7. Representatives on other organisations** – Cllr Yendole to continue as Nether Compton Recreation Ground representative. Cllr Yendole will also be on the Play Group committee.

**8. The Minutes** The minutesof a meeting held on 6 March 2017 were accepted as a true record and signed

**9. Business Items arising from Meeting of 6 March 2017**

**a.** **Nether Compton Recreational Ground** Cllr Yendole told the Council that work on the new fencing had been delayed due to the contactor having had equipment stolen. Work is now due to start on June 5th. The Council agreed to a notice in the Queen Thorne Magazine advertising for parents to organise sports teams to use the facilities.

**b. Allotments**. Cllr Kipling sent word via the Clerk to say that the brambles have been cleared and sprayed, and the land is due to be rotavated. There is only one out of eight allotments now vacant

**c. Problem of 4x4 motorbikes and quad bikes on parish lanes in Nether Compton** The problem has got worse lately and Cllr Biddiscombe is still trying to get authorisation from DCC to allow bollards or other measures to prevent inappropriate use.

**d.** **Campaign to challenge Mudford Development**  Cllr Hayton told the Council that SSDC has informed the developer that the application will not be heard until September. FOMAG is still waiting for the environmental report.

**e. Update on Superfast Broadband** The Council was told that Ms Lynn Carter has agreed to be the “Superfast Champion” for Over Compton.

**f.**  **Trent highways and road signs** Cllr Street has been in contact with the Post Office who are very supportive of his proposal to put up street name signs in Trent. The Council approved the idea in principle. Cllr Street will get some quotes and make sure that the street names are accurate. Some residents in Trent are unhappy about unofficial business signs that have been put up around the village. Cllr Street will send the Clerk a list and she will write to the Planning Department.

**g**. **HGV signs in Sandford Orcas and Over Compton** There has been no progress on the new sign in Sandford Orcas. Cllr Allcard is pursuing the matter. Cllr Chick told the Council that the temporary Unsuitable for HGVs sign at the roundabout is working well. It was agreed that he should ask Highways if it can be made permanent. Cllr McBeath will consult with the Chairman of Bradford Abbas PC.

**h**. **Trent Hall new lease** The lease has been approved by Cllr Hayton and the Village Hall Committee but has not yet been returned by the Ernest Cook Trust.

**i.** **Neighbourhood Plans** The Ernest Cook Trust have expressed support for the proposed plan in Trent and arranged for a meeting with an architect.

**j.** **Yeovil Roadworks and effects on villages** The meeting agreed that the current roadworks had been very badly organised by SCC with very poor liaison with DCC. As a result of this, road users and local businesses have suffered, as have the parishes through which traffic has sought to avoid the roadworks. WDDC Cllr Gould will work with DCC Cllr Penfold to ensure that in future, proper cross border dialogue takes place before any work, in particular the closure of the A30, commences.

**Open Forum** No comments

**k. Proposal to extend the Conservation Area in Nether Compton** The Clerk told the meeting that the original application in March had not been accepted by the Conservation Office due to staff shortages. The Council agreed that it would reapply in June as had been requested by WDDC.

**11 New Business**

**a Training**  The Clerk reminded Councillors of training dates later in the year. Cllr Allcard who took part in planning training in April agreed to attend a further course in the autumn.

**b Highways Working Together** Highways work by the Parish Council may need to be covered by an Agency Agreement with Highways.

**c. Rights of Way Liaison Officers and Local Access Forum** The Clerk told the Council of a letter from the LAF with information regarding the process for adding RsOW that are currently missing from the definitive map, and the cut off date that has been announced. This should be looked at by individual parish Rights of Way Liaison Officers. Cllr Biddiscombe agreed to be the officer for Nether Compton and it was confirmed that Mr Ian James is still the officer for Trent. Sandford Orcas are due to discuss this at their upcoming parish meeting.

**12 Financial Matters:**

**a.** **Risk Assessment** The risk assessment was reviewed and approved

**b. The Annual Governance Statement** was reviewed and approved by the Council, and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

**c. The Annual Accounting Statement 2016-17** was reviewed and approved by the Council and signed by the Chairman and Clerk

**Payment of Invoices** Clerk salary (Apr/May) £646.47, KM Dike £456, Trent Hall £20, EC Trust £200.24, Zurich Insurance £649.32 Payments were approved by the Council. **Receipts** £10,500 precept, £412 duck race

**13 Correspondence:**  None

**14 Planning Matters**

WDDC Planning Applications – For approval or decision by Parish Council

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| Name | Reference/Details | Status |
| Horns Hill, Nether Compton | WD/D/17/000361 Replace greenhouse and shed | No objection, |
| Glebe, House, Trent | WD/D/17/000707 Erect detached garage | No objection |
| Pretty Hayes, Adber | WD/D/17/000507 Change hipped roof to gable end and erect garage | No objection, |
| Sevengates, Over Compton | WD/D/17/001001 Erection of Agricultural dwelling (reserved matters) | Decision deferred. Councillors will report comments by email to Clerk, who will compile comments for email approval. |
| Lower Farm, Over Compton | WD/D/17/000658 Roof repairs to agricultural building – Certificate of lawfulness | No comment |
| 4 Meadow View, Compton Road | WD/D/17/000568 Extension – Certificate of lawfulness | No comment |

WDDC Planning Applications – Awaiting decision by WDDC

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| The Gate Barn, Sandford Orcas | WD/D/16/001902 Change of use from ancillary to holiday let | No objection, Approved |
| Ratleigh Wood Poultry Unit, Nether Compton | WD/D/17/000107 Variation to allow retention of existing log cabin | Objection |

Applications Determined by WDDC

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| Rock Cottage, Nether Compton | WD/D/17/000207 Curtilage extension -certificate of lawfulness | No objection  Approved 15.03.17 |
| Rowbarrow Cottage, Adber | WD/D/17/000543 Non material amendment to planning permission | Approved 27.03.17 |
| Pretty Hayes, Adber | WD/D/17/000505 Extension – Prior Approval request | Approved 28.03.17 |

Tree Applications

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| Coombe Cottage, Sandford Orcas\* | WD/CA/17/000029 | Support, Granted |

Other Planning Matters

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| 1 Farm Cottage, Sandford Orcas | WD/D/16/002259 Extensions | Objection, Refused 21.12  Appeal made April 17 |
| Gore Farm, Trent | WD/D/17/001070 Compliance request |  |
| Meadow View Barn, Over Compton | WD/ENF/16/00284 Allegation of wrongful use. | Resolved 11.04.17 Enforcement Officer is now satisfied the use is for holiday accommodation. Case closed |

**15 Dates of Future Meetings**

3 July (Nether Compton)

4 September (Trent)

6 November (Sandford Orcas)

**16 Items for next Meeting:** Village meetings, Folly Lane

**The meeting closed at 8.50` pm**