

THE COMPTONS TOLLER AND WYNFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Incorporating the parishes of Compton Valence, Toller Fratrum, West Compton & Wynford Eagle

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Monday 31st March 2025

7.00pm at Compton Valence Village Hall

Present: Councillors:

Charles Sclater (Chairman)(CS)(Compton Valence)

Ashley Stewart (Vice Chair) (AS) (West Compton)

Jeremy Russell (JR) (Compton Valence)

Simon Simpson (SS) (TollerFratrum)

25/03-1 Welcome and Chairmans opening remarks

CS thanked those for coming to the meeting. There were no members of the public.

25/03-2 To receive apologies for absence.

Chris Bennet (CB) (Wynford Eagle)

25/03-3 To receive any declaration of personal or pecuniary interest or grants of dispensation.

None

25/03-4 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Thursday 16th January 2025.

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

Proposed JR Seconded AS Approved

25/3-5 Matters arising from the minutes for information only.

None.

25/3-6 Democratic Forum

None

25/3-7 Dorset Council Report from Ward Councillor Tony Alford (AA)

Councillor Neil Eysenck had sent his apologies but had been taken ill.

25/3-8 To Discuss the Vacancy of Clerk

The approach to Frome Valley Parish Council regarding the possibility of the two team parishes forming a single entity was declined by Frome Valley Councillors following their meeting in January.

As part of this process, and in her role as temporary Clerk, Michele Harding facilitated communication between the councils. Subsequently, comments from some members of

Frome Valley Parish Council led Michele to feel it was appropriate to step back from her role as Clerk to CWTPC.

The meeting recorded its sincere thanks to Michele for her considerable efforts and conveyed regret that the situation had placed her in a difficult position.

25/3-9 To discuss the workings of the Council – without a clerk.

Following the clerks resignation and given that no replacement clerk had been found to fill the role, it was agreed unanimously by the meeting that no new clerk should be sought, reducing the costs involved in maintaining the CTWPC.

It was further unanimously agreed that in the absence of a clerk, rather than the chairman undertaking all the roles of clerk in addition to acting as contact point for the council the roles of the clerk would be divided amongst the councillors.

Going forward the division of work would be as follows:
(subject to acceptance by CB who was absent):

Agenda Preparation	CS
Writing Minutes	CS
Maintaining and preparation of accounts	JR/CB
Maintaining and monitoring of Bank account	JR/AS
Management of Website	SS
Monitoring correspondence	all

To facilitate this CS to approach Michele Harding to obtain passwords for the laptop programmes and domain names.

25/3-10 Finance

To approve payment and receipts

Payment and Receipts for the period 1st January to 31st March 2025 were as follows:

Payments

Starboard Systems x 3 months	Accounting Software	£ 43.20
Hugo Fox x 3 months	Website	£ 35.97
Michele Harding	Accounting	£420.00
Compton Valence Village Hall	Hall Hire	£ 20.00
Bank Service Charges		£ 4.25

Receipt

Precept (13/1/25)	£1,000.00
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Bank Balances as at 25th March 2025 were as follows:

Lloyds Current Account	£1,446.03
Lloyds Savings Account	<u>£3,579.18</u>
Total	£5,025.21

The accounting package on the Laptop would need to be assessed and updated.

25/3-11 Planning

a. To consider proposal for Tree Preservation Order at Wynford Eagle Parish

The Dorset Tree Officer had advised that a provisional TPO has been made at High Hill Wynford Eagle as from 24th February 2025. The Chairman had contacted John Wynford as former councillor and resident of Wynford Eagle who had expressed no surprise or dismay.

b. To consider any other planning matters

There were no other planning issues.

25/3-12 Highways Issues or reports

Highway works

The Council had completed works to the road edge adjacent to the stream in Compton Valence to prevent the surface and edge being eroded.

Finger posts

Correspondence was ongoing with Roger bond at Normtech to refurbish and reinstate the various finger posts along the Roman Road.

Once costings were received a priority list would be created.

25/3-13 Broadband

The provision of Full fibre to the property (FFTP) by Openreach from the Bride Valley to Compton Valence has experienced further delays due to Open Reach's overstretched resources but is still progressing.

25/3-14 Defibrillators

Simon Simpson had obtained a quote for a semi-automatic defibrillator for Toller Fratrum together with cabinet and ancillary kit for £1558.99. It was agreed the Parish Council would consider contributing 50% towards the cost depending on available funds.

25/3-16 To consider any correspondence received

None

25/3-17 Any other business

It was agreed to discover the restrictions of holding Parish Council meetings via Zoom.

All agreed that Michele Harding should be paid for any time spent in answering any queries raised.

25/3-18 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting and Annual Parish Assembly will take place at:

Compton Valence Village Hall at 7 pm on Monday 19th May 2025

Meeting Closed at 8:06