

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 5th June, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Wilkins Centre, Burrell Road.

Those present: Councillors M. Birtwistle (Chair), P. Burnett, L. Moss, M. Pinfold, R. Pinfold, K. Simms, and A. Strong.

In attendance: The Parish Clerk.

4179 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors D. Aldis and I. Tong and District Councillor Virginia von Celsing.

4180 Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk

There were none.

**4181 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public
Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**

There were none.

4182 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 17th May, 2017

It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record and they were signed by the Chairman.

4183 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 17th May, 2017

There were none.

4184 To receive a report from our District Councillor

VvC sent her apologies.

4185 Clerk's report

The Clerk went through her report, which is at Attachment 1.

4186 Planning Applications

a) To consider the following new applications:

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
17/01143/ HOUSE	Downside, Wallingford Road, Compton, RG20 6PS	Erection of single storey extension to front elevation and an extension to create a first floor.	NO OBJECTIONS
17/01288/ HOUSE	1 School Road, Compton, RG20 6QU	Removal of existing shed and construction of garden room with attached shed	NO OBJECTIONS
17/01293/F ULD	Bray Cottage, Cheap Street, Compton, RG20 6QH	Construction of new dwelling with associated curtilage and car parking with modifications to boundary wall (dismantle and reconstruct) and	NO OBJECTIONS

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		removal of boundary outbuildings.	
Comments: We have made comments previously on the inappropriateness of this development in the Conservation Area. With regards to this subsequent application, with reduction of roof height and changes to boundary wall, we have no further objections.			
17/01383/ HOUSE	3 Roden Down Mews, Compton, RG20 6QP	Proposed rear conservatory	OBJECT
Comments: This is overdevelopment of the site. The closeness to the boundary creates an overbearing effect. The colours are not in harmony with the existing building. The development is detrimental to the Conservation Area and the AONB.			

b) To consider whether to request our District Councillor call in any planning applications to the Western Area Planning Committee

It was resolved to request VvC call in the application if it is recommended for approval. If the application is referred to committee it was resolved to contact our planning consultant for further advice.

c) To receive a report on West Berkshire Council recent planning decisions

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Response from CPC	Decision
17/00934/ AGRIC	Land at Badgergate Farm, Coombe Road, Compton	Timber barn for lambing, storage and animal housing	No objections	Does not fall under permitted development – a full application is required.
17/00989/ HOUSE	Winx, Newbury Lane, Compton, RG20 6PB	Two storey rear extension	No objections	Approved

4187 To approve and sign the 2016/17 audit accounting and annual governance statements

It was resolved to approve the accounting and annual governance statements. These were signed by MB as Chairman.

4188 To review the feedback from our internal auditors on the 2016/17 accounts

Two recommendations had been received with regards to a minor revision to the figures on the accounting statement, which has been made, and a revision to the standing orders which will be resolved under minute 4189.

4189 To consider adopting revised standing orders

It was resolved to adopt the revised standing orders.

4190 To consider requesting the West Berkshire Speed Limit Review considers implementation of a 20mph speed limit from the Surgery on the High Street to the Railway Bridge on School Road

WBC have advised that it would not be possible to get two separate 20mph speed limits on School Road outside the Primary School and on the High Street around the area of the shops and therefore it was suggested the PC look at one 20mph speed limit running from the Surgery to the Railway Bridge.

It was resolved to request WBC consider this speed limit at their next Speed Limit Review Task Group.

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4191 To consider adopting a revised grant policy

It was resolved to adopt the revised grant policy.

4192 To consider quotes to reprint the footpaths leaflet

It was resolved to accept a quote from Keeps Printing.

4193 To consider paying the costs for the digitisation of old films of Compton

MB advised that he had the necessary equipment to digitise VHS and would be willing to digitise the VHS that Alison currently has. If any other formats are found the Parish Council will consider this again at a future meeting.

4194 To consider quotes for additional items of play equipment in the Recreation Ground and applying for funding under the Member’s Bid process

RP has met with AMV who install gym equipment which they believe they will be able to source funding for. The Clerk will complete the application form for AMV to begin searching for funding. The Clerk and RP are to liaise on which equipment should be selected for the package. The parish council agreed they wish to install a wooden 20m zip wire. The Clerk and RP will seek quotes.

4195 To consider quotes for the street lighting maintenance contract

It was agreed that further information was required so this item was deferred.

4196 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village

There was nothing to report.

4197 To receive reports on the following:

b) Football Pavilion

The heaters have been installed to dry out the pavilion.

c) Rights of Way

The surface of byway 2 has been significantly improved.

There is a problem with signage on the Ridgeway, resulting in people going the wrong way. AS will photograph and report.

The condition of the handrail on the steps leading from Old Station has previously been queried. A member of the council had inspected it and determined it was very stable. However, it was highlighted that the gap underneath it would be easy for a child to fall through. AS will inspect this.

A query was made as it was stated there used to be a memorial trough with a tap alongside byway 2. The site owners will be contacted to discuss if this could be reinstated.

e) Allotments

There have been complaints regarding the noise from cockerels at Newbury Lane. MB and the allotment manager are trying to resolve this.

f) Patient Representation

An email had been received earlier in the day from the Practice Manager showing that there is no doctor at Compton surgery on Monday or Wednesday. Figures for unfilled and ‘did not attend’ appointments were given for all appointments but it was noted that the total number of appointments was not given in order to see the percentages of appointments affected.

g) Communications

The new website is now live and the domain name is being hosted locally at cost, along with a new domain name for the Neighbourhood Development Plan website. There is some additional documentation still to be put on the site.

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i) Parish Assets & Management

The working party now needs to identify all land the PC owns and set a policy to put licences in place for use of the land. The working party will identify the land affected and this will be put on the agenda for a future meeting.

j) Neighbourhood Development Plan

The launch event was thought to have been successful. The PC requested a note of thanks was recorded to DA, IT and the Clerk for their work on putting together the event and to PB for providing refreshments.

The PC agreed to arrange a stall at the summer fete to display the boards from the launch event.

4198 To receive the finance report and approve payments due

It was resolved to approve the payments listed on the finance report, which is at Attachment 2. It was noted that the payment to GS Weller (Building Services) for work on the Football Pavilion would be reimbursed by the insurance company.

4199 Correspondence

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 3.

4200 Matters for future consideration and information

It was noted the patch of grass on Manor Crescent that is now owned by the PC is being mown by a resident. It was not thought to be an issue. This area is mown by WBC on a regular basis.

The Clerk was requested to send a thank you to Rose Somerset for her talk on the AONB at the APM.

We are awaiting further information from the planning officer with regards to the planning application for the burial ground.

Meeting closed 9pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Parish Council Meeting:** Monday 3rd July, 2017 at 7pm in the Wilkins Centre

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