

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Monday 3rd June, 2013 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

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

In attendance: The Parish Clerk and one member of the public.

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

2993 **Apologies for absence** were received from District Councillor Virginia von Celsing.

2994 **Any declarations of pecuniary interest by members or the Clerk**

MB declared an interest in item 3013: Planning application 13/00831/HOUSE.

KS and PS declared an interest in item 3015: To approve cheques for payment.

2995 **To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public**

Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest

Emma Hoyle from Compton Pre-School discussed the issues the pre-school are currently having in catering for the number of children that require places and some possible solutions.

2996 **To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 13th May, 2013**

On page 4, the allotment year was changed from 2012/14 to 2013/14.

Proposed by AS, seconded by LM and carried. They were then signed by the Chairman.

2997 **Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meetings on 13th May, 2013**

There were none.

2998 **To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing**

Apologies were received from VvC.

2999 **Clerk's report**

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

3000 **To consider alterations to the Terms of Reference and Delegated Responsibilities (v2 April 2009)**

AS proposed these are accepted with the addition of the following to clause i) of the Clerk's delegated powers:

Approval of 2 Councillors, one of which must be the Chair or Vice-Chair, is required for any expenditure over £1000.

Seconded by KS and carried.

3001 **To agree the updated asset register (v7 Nov 2012)**

MB proposed to accept the updated asset register, seconded by PW and carried. The updated asset register is at Attachment 2.

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- 3002 **To consider a policy that any street lights that require replacement be replaced by LED street lights**
DA proposed this policy by agreed, seconded by PS and carried. A replacement plan will be discussed once further information has been received from SSE.
- 3003 **To agree a budget for the volunteer day materials (paint for railings etc)**
DA proposed a budget of £350 be set, seconded by AS and carried.
- 3004 **To consider a request for a donation from the Community First Responders group**
This was agreed in the budget (minute 2949) and the donation will therefore be made.
- 3005 **To review the rent for the grazing land around Newbury Allotments**
MB will circulate the previous agreement and this will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 3006 **To approve the cost of the tree work required in the Recreation Ground**
As proposed the quote for £1400 was accepted, seconded by LM and carried.
- 3007 **To consider carrying out repairs to the football pitch**
Currently awaiting a quote for this work.
- 3008 **To discuss potential s.106 highway improvements and agree priorities**
The PC is still awaiting a copy of the report from Sovereign.
- 3009 **To receive an update on the purchase of the shelter for the Recreation Ground**
The Clerk is researching possible grants.
- 3010 **To receive an update on the Churchyard**
A recent dig to ascertain the water levels during a period of high groundwater was successful. DA will contact William Stone with the results.
- 3011 **To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**
The PCSO is monitoring the recreation ground and checking the parking outside the school.
- 3012 **To receive an update on Superfast Broadband**
They are currently waiting for the contract to be awarded.

3013 **Planning Applications**

a) **To consider the following new applications:**

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
13/00858/HOUSE	1 Sidcot Villas, Church Road, Compton, RG20 6PP	Two storey side extension and addition of a front porch. (Amended plans)	OBJECT
Comments: 1. Insufficient information to make a decision based on its proximity to the neighbouring properties. 2. It goes against the Compton Village Design Statement. Design guideline 7 states: "The pleasant visual character of the street scene should be maintained by new development by avoiding overbearing extensions and inappropriate in-filling which can have a terracing effect. Design guideline 9 states: "New developments, however small, should respect neighbouring properties in scale, siting, style and the use of materials." 3. This development will create a terracing effect.			

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13/00831/HOUSE	35 Shepherds Mount, Compton, RG20 6QY	Rebuild existing sunroom and externally insulate house.	NO OBJECTIONS
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The Clerk was requested to contact Derek Carnegie at West Berkshire Council to highlight the need for dimensions and the use of plain scale for applications.

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Compton PC Recommendation	WBC Decision
13/00699/HOUSE	6 Yew Tree Stables, Compton, RG20 6NG	Conversion of double garage into living space.	NO OBJECTIONS	Granted

3014 To receive reports on the following:

a) Recreation Ground

An extra cut may be required prior to the village fete. MB proposed that, as per the budget meeting discussion, should this be required, the recreation ground rep. can request one. Seconded by KS and carried.

There is a gap at the end of the access road. It was discussed that it may be necessary to put some posts in place to block this off.

c) Rights of Way

Footpath 4 is overgrown – this has been reported to the Farm Manager.

Byway 2 – Elaine Cox is in contact with the IAH. They will continue the maintenance agreement where West Berkshire Council supplies the materials and the Farm Manager will lay them.

The path along the waterworks needs to be checked in case any maintenance is required.

g) Parish Council Web Site

The hosting has been renewed.

3015 To approve cheques due for payment

Invoice Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Description
8 Apr	102328	1st Compton Guides	£200.00	S137 donation (from budget agreed in minute 2949)
13 May	102329	P. Shanks	£26.50	Replacement padlock/keys for play area (minute 2989)
30 Apr	102330	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	£31.44	Rental/emptying of bin at Daycare Centre for April
21 May	102331	K. Simms	£66.99	Domain renewal for website (minute 2989)
21 May	102332	F.C. Cummins & Sons	£492.00	JCB and driver hire for test holes at Churchyard site
31 May	102333	S. Marshman	£439.26	Clerk's salary and expenses for 5 weeks to 2nd June
19 May	102334	BALC	£24.00	Fee for Clerk to attend planning course (half cost shared with EIPC)
31 May	102335	D. Moss	£55.00	Litterpicking June

3016 Correspondence

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 2.

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3017 Matters for consideration and information

PS – The view of the junction of Manor Crescent and the High Street is currently obscured by a tree. Clerk to report to WBC.

AS – Highlighted that Roots Garden Centre repeatedly attach signs to the Parish Council owned lampposts. Clerk to report to WBC Highways.

PB – Buses are still following a temporary route. The affected roads have now been repaired so temporary route is no longer required. Clerk to contact the company.

KS – Discussions are taking place about the purchase of a community minibus for use by the youth groups and the primary school. To be added to the next agenda.

Meeting closed at 8:25pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Council Meeting:** Monday 1st July, 2013 at 7pm in the Daycare Centre

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