

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 3rd July, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Wilkins Centre, Burrell Road.

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

In attendance: The Parish Clerk and District Councillor Virginia von Celsing.
2 members of the public.

4207 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillor I. Tong.

4208 Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk

There were none.

4209 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public

Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest

There were none.

4210 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 19th June, 2017

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

4211 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 19th June, 2017

A request had been received from the Flood Warden for the Parish Council to be the holders of grants funds being applied for in order to demonstrate the West Berkshire Groundwater Scheme. It was agreed that the council would be willing to hold this grant should it be approved.

4212 To receive a report from our District Councillor

In light of the Grenfell Tower disaster, West Berkshire Council have held several sessions regarding how they would cope with a major disaster.

The barn in Greens Yard was discussed as the council has received correspondence regarding concerns that the barn could be demolished. VvC will contact the planning officer.

Concerns were raised as a result of the recent Patient Rep meeting about the additional hours that the practice must meet. To meet these requirement, the practice will need to work with another practice or reduce the coverage during the week. Due to the size of the practice it is likely they will need to work with a practice based near Lambourn or Hungerford. Due to the lack of public transport to carry residents from Compton to this area, there are concerns about this. VvC will speak to Cllr. Graham Jones who is the relevant portfolio holder.

4213 Clerk's report

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

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4214 Planning Applications

a) To consider the following new applications:

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
17/01445/ FUL	The Lodge, High Elms, Aldworth Road, Compton, RG20 6RD	Retention of The Lodge to provide ancillary accommodation to Walnut House including conversion to provide garaging and access	OBJECT
Further information: The Parish Council agreed the application should be referred to their planning consultant, who would write a full letter of objection to the application.			
17/01674/ FUL	10-12 Old Station Business Park Compton	Section 73A: Variation of Condition 1 - 'Plans approved' of previously approved application 00/00964/FUL - Construction of three two storey light industrial units in one block of three units	Deferred response
Further information: The Parish Council raised several concerns about this application but agreed to defer their response until they had received advice for their planning consultant.			

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

VvC was requested to call in planning application 17/01445/FUL if it was recommended for approval.

c) To consider whether to refer any planning applications for further response from our planning consultants

As agreed above, applications 17/01445/FUL and 17/0674/FUL were to be referred to the planning consultant.

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Response from CPC	Decision
17/01383/ HOUSE	3 Roden Down Mews, Compton, RG20 6QP	Proposed rear conservatory.	Object	Withdrawn
17/01288/ HOUSE	1 School Road, Compton, RG20 6QU	Removal of existing shed and construction of garden room with attached shed	No objections	Approved

4215 To consider a request from the Archery club to purchase equipment for the club

A request was received for the council to purchase three large archery butts for the archery club. The club wishes to hold an annual tournament in memory of Bill Evans. It was resolved to set a budget of £500 to purchase the three archery butts and a trophy for the tournament. This was agreed on the proviso that the parish council remains the owners of the butts and provides them to the archery club on the condition they run the tournament annually.

4216 To consider whether to make any nominations to the Local List of Heritage Assets

It was suggested that the stones outside the Swan, the Institute gates, the railway bridge, the war memorial and a signpost at the junction of Coombe Road and Newbury Road should be considered. A working party will need to be set up for this, with an assessor nominated; this will be considered at the next meeting.

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4217 To consider ratifying the order to reprint the footpaths leaflet due to a change in supplier

Due to Keeps Printing going in to administration, Apple Print & Creative who provided the next best quote, were instead requested to carry out the printing of the leaflets. It was resolved to ratify this decision.

4218 To consider quotes for the street lighting maintenance contract

Further information was required to make the decision so this was deferred.

4219 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village

The statistics show that there were only two crimes reported in Compton in April. Older children climbing up in to the Football Pavilion is a regular occurrence. It was agreed that, on health and safety grounds, this opening should be boarded up quickly.

There has also been an incident of an elderly person being taken advantage of with regards to embezzlement.

A burglary occurred on Shepherds Mount and the attempted break in of a vehicle occurred at Roden Down Mews.

A lady had been knocked off her moped between East Ilsley and Compton.

4220 To receive reports on the following:

c) Rights of Way

Some signage stating 'private property' have been put up on the footpath from Hockham Road to Churn Road. This appears to be deterring people from using the footpath. AS will speak to the owners.

e) Allotments

There are rats at Newbury Lane allotments, however, it is thought this is a problem throughout the village and not just on the allotment site. It is thought the allotment agreement needs updating to address concerns around chickens and cockerel and ensuring food is not left out overnight. MB will look at alternative agreements.

A tree at School Road allotments needs removing, along with a tree in the alleyway leading from Burrell Road to the High Street. It was agreed that on health and safety grounds these should be removed now and the decision should be ratified at the next meeting.

f) Patient Representation

The recent survey on the future 7 day a week service received a good response, particularly from Compton.

g) Groundwater

The Flood Warden had provided a document on the West Berkshire Groundwater Scheme.

i) Parish Assets & Management

A working party meeting is required. The Clerk was requested to find information on the use of some allotment land. It is believed it was leased to the primary school around 25 years ago.

j) Neighbourhood Development Plan

DA and Aaron Smith attended the fete. A initial meeting of interested people was held and the aim is to hold an initial meeting of the steering group within a month.

4221 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 a figure on the finance report at the meeting on the 5th June was incorrect and that the payment to HMRC should have read £80.20 rather than £77.

4222 Correspondence

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 3.

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4223 **Matters for future consideration and information**

The use of the Recreation Ground on three consecutive weekends for fundraisers for the Primary School, the Pre-School and the Village Hall was discussed. It was suggested the PC look at whether this should happen in future in case it is diluting the success of the events and whether there was any possibility of combining these events in future.

Meeting closed 8:55pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Parish Council Meeting:** **Monday 4th September, 2017 at 7pm** in the Wilkins Centre

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