

Compton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

Held on Monday 4th March 2019 at 7:00pm in the Wilkins Centre, Compton

Councillors present: Councillors David Aldis (Chair), Mark Birtwistle, Linda Moss, Michael Pinfold, Rebecca Pinfold, Keith Simms, Alison Strong and Ian Tong.

Councillors not present: Councillor Patricia Burnett.

In attendance: Sarah Marshman (Clerk).

- 18/19-208** | **To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Councillor Patricia Burnett.
- 18/19-209** | **To receive any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk and to consider any requests for dispensation**
MB declared an interest in 18/19-217.
All councillors present declared a personal interest in discussion of the proposed 20mph speed limit, discussed under correspondence in 18/19-225.
- 18/19-210** | **To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public**
Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest
There were none.
- 18/19-211** | **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th February 2019**
It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record. They were then signed by the Chairman.
- 18/19-212** | **To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 4th February 2019**
There were none.
- 18/19-213** | **To receive a report from our District Councillor**
VvC sent her apologies.
- 18/19-214** | **To receive the Clerk's report**
The repairs to the plumbing in the football pavilion and to the leaking tap in School Road have been completed.
A response was sent to confirm the Parish Council's support to the consultation on the 20mph speed limit.
- 18/19-215** | **Planning Applications**
a) To review the minutes of any planning committee meeting occurring since the previous Full Council Meeting
There were none.
b) To consider the following new applications
There were none.

- c) **To consider whether to request our District Councillor call in any planning applications to the Western Area Planning Committee**
There were no applications requiring call in.
- d) **To consider whether to refer any planning applications for further response from our planning consultants**
There were no applications requiring referral.
- e) **To receive a report on West Berkshire Council recent planning decisions**

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Response from CPC	Decision
18/03237/ FUL	Compton Downs Gallops, Churn Road, Compton	Installation of a gallops for equestrian use. Change of use from agricultural land to 3m wide gallops and 965m in length.	Object	Withdrawn
19/00290/ PASSHE	10 Manor Crescent, Compton, RG20 6NR	Rear conservatory: Dimensions 4.25m from rear wall, 3.28m maximum height, 2.15m eaves height	Not consulted	Cannot be determined as PASSHE

- 18/19-216** | **To consider changes to the rental agreements for allotments at Newbury Lane**
MB will meet with the allotment manager to discuss the suggested alterations further. This item was deferred.
- 18/19-217** | **To consider setting the allotment fees for 2019/20**
The decision made in 18/19-197 was referred back to the council as the incorrect fees has been used in the decision for the increase to the allotment rent.
It was resolved to increase the allotment rent from £17 to £20 for a full plot.
- 18/19-218** | **To discuss vehicles driving over the Parish Council land at Gordon Crescent**
The Council has been approached by members of the public regarding this matter. The Clerk was requested to contact Highways for a site meeting to discuss potential methods to prevent this and the availability of any s106 funds available.
The Clerk was requested to write to all residents of Gordon Crescent to desist from driving over the land.
- 18/19-219** | **To consider quotes for the rental use of a storage facility**
The Council resolved not to rent a storage facility at this time.
- 18/19-220** | **To consider the adoption of the rules and regulations for the burial ground**
A draft document has been circulated for councillors to review. This item was deferred.
- 18/19-221** | **To consider installing a plaque on the Railway Bridge to recognise the significance of Churn Camp**
This item was deferred.
- 18/19-222** | **To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**
There had been no reports of ASB.

18/19-223

To receive reports on the following:

b) Football Pavilion

The Parish Assets and Management Working Party had met with the Football Club to further discuss the potential refurbishment and the need for the Parish Council to manage the facility and charge a fee for use in future.

c) Rights of Way

Signage is still down in Beeswax Dyson land. Greenhams Lane was not cut back and is now very narrow. The Clerk was requested to write formally to Beeswax Dyson to request reinstatement of the signage and improvements in the maintenance of Greenhams Lane.

f) Patient Representation

There have been some issues with the initial implementation of the hybrid pharmacy, however, these are being addressed and a new pharmacist will begin in April with a locum in charge in the meantime. The new practice manager is now in place. The new telephone in Compton surgery, giving a direct line to Chieveley, appears to be working well.

j) Neighbourhood Development Plan

The working groups are working behind the scenes. There will be another session with the consultant soon.

k) Burial Ground

The company carrying out the geophysical survey are checking the requirements with West Berkshire Council and aim to carry out the survey soon.

18/19-224

To receive the finance report and approve payments made/due

It was resolved to approve the payments listed on the Finance Report, which is at Attachment 1.

It was noted that the water bill for School Road allotments was high as an actual reading had been provided. It is suggested allotment managers should take monthly reading in future. The Clerk will contact them to request this.

18/19-225

To receive the correspondence report

- i. Notification of the consultation on the Council strategy consultation was received from West Berkshire Council.
- ii. An email was received from a resident regarding litter in the children's play area.
- iii. An Email inviting the Parish Council to join in the Great British Spring Clean from 22nd March – 23rd April from Keep Britain Tidy. The Clerk was requested to contact West Berkshire Council to see if their litter picking equipment was available to borrow on the weekend of 30th March or 6th April.
- iv. A request was received from the Friends of Compton Primary School for a helicopter to land in the Recreation Ground during their event on 8th June if it could be arranged. The Council were happy for this to go ahead providing the necessary insurance was in place, a full risk assessment was carried out and any damage to the Recreation Ground was made good.
- v. A request for a donation was received from the Sue Ryder Duchess of Kent Hospice. The council grants policy does not cater for donations to national charities and so this will not be placed on a future agenda.
- vi. An email providing legal advice supplied by West Berkshire Council's Legal Services Team concerning powers they believe can be used to fund salt bins was received from the District Councillor. The Clerk is seeking further advice from SLCC and BALC.

- vii. Various emails were received from a resident regarding their objections to the proposed 20mph speed limit.
- viii. A letter of support for the proposed 20mph was received from a resident.

The Council discussed the following points with regards to the proposed 20mph speed limit:

- Enforcement of the speed limit is not within the remit of the Council;
- Whilst the initial request was made by Compton Parish Council, West Berkshire Council designed the scheme to be appropriate to the situation. This was then taken through their internal speed limit review process. It is West Berkshire Council that will implement the scheme;
- As the average speed in the area along School Road is greater than 24mph, West Berkshire Council advise that traffic calming measures are required for the scheme to go ahead. In this instance, WBC have advised that speed cushions are the appropriate method for this;
- Points raised regarding potential pollution and noise caused by the speed cushions were noted.

The Clerk was requested to contact Chris Vidler at West Berkshire Council for further clarification of the process going forward from the responses to the consultation. Based on this response, the Council will decide whether a further meeting is required.

18/19-226

To discuss matters for future consideration and for information

The Council noted they had received many good comments about the memorial bench installed on the High Street and that it is well used.

The internal controller noted they had audited Quarter 2 of the accounts for the 2018/19 financial year.

A vehicle has been parking on the verge on the corner of Warnhams Lane and Ilsley Road. The Clerk was requested to write to Beeswax Dyson to enquire whether there are updated plans to resubmit a planning application to provide parking to the property affected.

For sale signs are being displayed on the railings at the entrance to Lowbury Gardens which are blocking the visibility of the junction. The Council were unsure as to who owns the railings.

One of the black bollards opposite the primary school has been displaced. The lit road traffic sign opposite has its casing off, and cabling displayed. The 40mph reactive sign by The Downs School is not working properly. The Clerk will report these to West Berkshire Council.

Dog fouling in the Recreation Ground is a significant problem. The Council requested the next article in Compilations should state they will consider their options including preventing dogs from using the Recreation Ground if this continues.

The Clerk was requested to look into the cost of a wheelchair friendly kissing gate for the Lowbury Gardens entrance to the Recreation Ground and at a replacement barrier for the entrance off the car park into the field.

The gate across the footpath that runs from opposite the Church to the sewage works has a piece of metal sticking out into the footpath. The Rights of Way Officer will report this to West Berkshire Council.

Meeting closed 8:55pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

Annual Parish Meeting: Monday 18th March 2019 at 7:30pm in the Wilkins Centre

Parish Council Meeting: Monday 1st April 2019 at 7pm in the Wilkins Centre

Chairman:

Date:

Attachment 1: Finance Report

Status at bank at last bank reconciliation 31st January 2019

Unity Trust	Current Account	£22,501.69
Unity Trust	Deposit Account	£121,901.99
HSBC	Current Account	£748.50
Pockit	Pre-paid Debit Card	£134.50
Total		£145,286.68

Income received 28th January - 25th February 2019

Unity Trust	Current Account	Compilations advertising	£166.50
Total			£166.50

Payments made on pre-paid debit card to be approved

Method	Payment Date	Voucher No	Payee	Payment Detail	Minute	Amount
-	-	-	-	-	-	£0.00
Total						£0.00

Payments to be approved

Method	Payment Date	Voucher No	Payee	Payment Detail	Minute	Amount
DD	20-Feb-19	140	Vodafone	Mobile phone fee		£20.00
DD	22-Feb-19	141	Castle Water	Water Newbury Lane allotments 01-31/01		£17.33
DD	04-Mar-19	142	Castle Water	Water School Rd Allots (actual reading)		£724.10
BACS	04-Mar-19	143	West Berks Council	Compilations Dec/Jan		£547.46
BACS	04-Mar-19	144	West Berks Council	Compilations Feb/Mar		£547.46
BACS	04-Mar-19	145	999 Plumber	Repairs to football pavilion and allotment tap	18/19-195 18/19-196	£630.00
BACS	06-Mar-19	146	Clerk	Salary/expenses Feb		£729.28
BACS	06-Mar-19	147	HMRC	PAYE		£23.40
BACS	19-Feb-19	148	LGPS	Pension contributions		£183.77
Total						£3,422.80

Transfers

Method	Payment Date	Voucher No	Payee	Payment Detail	Minute	Amount
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total						£0.00