

## **Compton Parish Council**

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

### **MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2013 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

Those present: Councillors D. Aldis (Chair), M. Pinfold, P. Whitworth, P. Shanks, L. Moss, K. Simms and P. Burnett and M. Birtwistle (from 7:40pm).

In attendance: District Councillor Virginia von Celsing and the Parish Clerk.

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

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3100 **Apologies for absence** were received from Councillor A. Strong.

3101 **Any declarations of pecuniary interest by members or the Clerk**  
There were none.

3102 **To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public**  
**Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**  
There were none.

3103 **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2013**  
Proposed by KS, seconded by PS and carried. They were then signed by the Chairman.

3104 **Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2013**  
There were none.

3105 **To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing**  
There will be an update meeting on the Superfast Broadband on 11<sup>th</sup> Nov. VvC urged the Chairman to write to Richard Benyon to express the disappointment of the Parish Council. KS is look at alternative options.

3106 **Clerk's report**  
The Clerk went through her report, which is at Attachment 1.  
Item 2: The lamp post has still not been installed.

3107 **To consider the purchase of a wreath and for a donation to the RBL for Remembrance Sunday**  
The budget previously agreed for 2013/14 included £20 for a wreath and £50 for a donation.

3108 **To consider a request for £25 voluntary subscription to the Berkshire Local Heritage Forum**  
This was deferred to the budget discussion.

3109 **To consider quotes to apply selective weed killer to the Recreation Ground**  
Three quotes had not been received in time. This shall be placed on the next agenda.

3110 **To consider quotes for cutting the trees in the pre-school grounds**  
PS propped to accept the quote from Almond Arborists, seconded by LM and carried.

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3111 **To agree the reimbursement of the cost of key cutting**  
 KS proposed AS should be reimbursed £21 for key cutting, seconded by MP and carried.

3112 **To consider the grounds maintenance contract details for 2014**  
 Some alterations were made to the current specifications. The Clerk will send this to the current contractor for further comment.

MB arrived.

3113 **To receive an update on the Churchyard**  
 DA has a meeting scheduled with West Berks Council.

3114 **To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**  
 Some wood has been stolen from the Recreation Ground.

3115 **To receive an update on Superfast Broadband**  
 See the update in item 3105.

3116 **Planning Applications**

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
13/02500/ HOUSE	8 School Road, Compton, RG20 6QU	Construction of a conservatory to the side of the property.	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>

b) **To receive a report on West Berkshire Council recent planning decisions**  
 There were none.

3117 To receive reports on the following:

e) **Allotments**

MB declared an interest in this item.

MB has investigated recent water meter readings and has found a significant difference between last year and this year, partially attributed to it being a wet summer last year and a dry summer this year. MB suggested a limiter should be placed on the taps, restricting water use to watering cans rather than hoses.

f) **Patient Representation**

The Parish Council will discuss the current situation with VvC at the next meeting.

3118 **To approve cheques due for payment**  
 Proposed by PS, seconded by PW and carried.

Invoice Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Description
8 Oct	102370	Scofell Landscapes Ltd	£960.00	Cutting of hedge at Newbury Lane allotments (minute 2939)
30 Sep	102371	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	£30.60	Emptying of bin at Daycare Centre for Sept
3 Oct	102372	APC Environmental Services	£66.00	Wasp nest treatment at Newbury Lane allotments
2 Nov	102373	S. Marshman	£427.11	Clerk's salary and expenses for 4 weeks to 3rd Nov
2 Nov	102374	D. Moss	£55.00	Litterpicking Oct

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3119 **Correspondence**

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 2.

3120 **Matters for consideration and information**

PW – Carried out an inspection of the trees in the recreation ground as recommended by the insurance company after the recent high winds.

Meeting closed 8:20pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Council Meeting:**            Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2013 at 7pm in the Village Hall

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