

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Monday 3rd September, 2012 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

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

In attendance: The Parish Clerk and two members of the public.

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

2778 **Apologies for absence** were received from Virginia von Celsing.

2779 **Any declarations of pecuniary interest by members or the Clerk**
There were none.

2780 **To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public**
Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest
There were none.

2781 **To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24th July, 2012**
Proposed by KS, seconded by MP and carried. They were then signed by the Chairman.

2782 **Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 24th July, 2012**
There were none.

2783 **To receive a presentation from Ian Tong and agree a site or sites for a mobile food outlet.**
Ian Tong and Jean-Marc discussed their proposal for 'Le Bistro Mobile', a mobile deli. West Berks Planning has recommended they discuss possible sites for the van with the Parish Council before requesting planning permission. The possible locations agreed between IT, JM and the Council were agreed as: outside the village hall; the recreation ground car park; Shepherd's Rise; the bus lay-by by the Downs School; Fairfield and outside the Surgery.

2784 **Clerk's report**
The Clerk went through her report, which is at Attachment 1.

2785 **To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing**
VvC had sent her apologies to the meeting. No report was presented.

2786 **To consider the latest Asset Register (v6) and agree how to revalue the assets as recommended by the Internal Auditor**
This was deferred to the next meeting. The Clerk and DA to discuss.

2787 **To consider whether to investigate opportunities under the 'Fields in Trust' initiative**
The idea is to identify a piece of public or private land to be held in trust for 99 years. The Clerk is to look at this and see if it can be progressed.

2788 **To discuss the results of the traffic task force meeting**

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AS, PS and VvC met to discuss this prior to the meeting. AS attended the meeting on behalf of the PC. The request to extend the 30mph speed limit at the east end of Compton to just past the Church has been granted. Increased signage will be located at the top of Apple Pie Hill. To the west end of Compton there will be no change to the speed limit. A concealed entrance sign will be installed near to Thorndown, along with a mirror opposite and bend markers on the road. Some trees outside the property will also be removed.

The Parish Council wish to thank AS, PS and PW for their work on this.

2789 To consider providing a shelter for teenagers to use at the Recreation Ground

Will need to see what funds were ringfenced for the Millennium Fund to use in this project. LM will contact the PCSO to discuss and will invite the teenagers to discuss this with the PC at the next meeting. DA or the Clerk will discuss with WBC planning.

2790 To consider the siting of a notice or notices in the driveway and car park at the Recreation Ground

It was agreed to paint the words 'Keep Clear' in front of the access gate and 'Slow' close to the corner of the village hall. The Clerk to ask WBC to carry this out.

2791 To approve spending £340 for the construction of two seats

A quote of £340 has been received to produce two seats using some cast iron seat ends previously donated by Graham Childs. KS proposed the quote be accepted, MP seconded, carried. Clerk to ask Jonathan Evans to proceed.

2792 Discuss and approve actions relating to fly tipping in the Recreation Ground

LM will contact the PCSO to discuss and request he contacts the neighbours to the site. Some trees in this area are overhanging neighbouring properties so some maintenance is required for which a quote has been received. This will be added to the next agenda.

2793 To receive an update on the costing for Compilations

Two quotes have been received at higher costs than that quoted by WBC. It was proposed to go with the cheapest quote in order that a proposal can be made to East Ilsley Parish Council. Proposed by LM, seconded by PB, carried.

It was thought the PC should look at reducing the cost of production by using cheaper paper/card. The Clerk to discuss with WBC.

2794 Planning Applications

a) To consider the following new application:

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
12/01760/XFULD	Former Bank, High Street, Compton	Renewal of planning permission 07/02654/FULD – Conversion of former (now derelict) bank to one dwelling unit.	NO OBJECTIONS
12/02015/FUL	Baxter Healthcare Ltd, Wallingford Road, Compton	Erection of portacabin for B1 use for temporary period of 18 months.	NO OBJECTIONS

The following condition was requested:
That no contractor vehicles associated with the work be permitted to park on the roads surrounding the site.

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

There were none.

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2795 **To receive reports on the following:**

a) Recreation Ground

The cradle swings have now been replaced at a cost considerably cheaper than the expenditure limit agreed at the previous meeting.

b) Football Pavilion

Although extra money was allocated to purchase all the tile stock available as spares, only approximately 30 were available. MB has purchased these and stored them in the pavilion.

c) Rights of Way

VvC has been discussing the fencing across the RoW by the Church without the knowledge of the PC.

d) Village Hall

A request was made as to whether the PC could receive a copy of the Village Hall Committee minutes in future. MP to ask at the next meeting.

e) Allotments

The Clerk to contact Sovereign to request the hedge in Wilson Close bordering the allotments be cut.

Richard Eynon is resigning at the end of October and is currently looking for a replacement.

f) Patient Representation

As Dr. Dyson is retiring and Drs. Cave and Lowenthal are reducing their hours, the PC need to monitor the presence of Doctors in Compton.

g) Parish Council Web Site

A disclaimer about cookies has been added to the website.

2796 **To approve cheques due for payment**

Invoice Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Description
26 Jul	102263	SSE Contracting	£18.73	Street lighting repairs
31 Jul	102264	R. M. Weavers	£781.94	Grounds maintenance
03 Aug	102265	Wicksteed Leisure Ltd.	£268.21	Two cradle swing seats (minute 2769)
16 Aug	102266	S. Marshman	£505.10	Clerk's salary and expenses for 5 weeks to 2 Sept
9 Aug	102267	Came & Company	£1,431.52	Parish Council insurance renewal
3 Sep	102268	D. Moss	£120.00	Litter picking

2797 **Correspondence**

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 2.

2798 **Matters for consideration and information**

PW – Visited nursery to discuss tree purchase and will collect in Oct.

MP – Hockham Road verges need attention. Clerk to contact WBC again to request that verges in Compton be cut and to look at the verges and soak ways on Church Road.

KS – The Scout Group have permission to clear and litter pick the wooded area with the permitted path above Downs School. They shall be using the branches and sticks for firewood. The PC extended their thanks to the Scout Group for this.

A flyer about Superfast Broadband will go out with the next issue of Compilations.

MB – The 'Road with no Name' has apparently now been named but the name is not yet known. This may remove the Police objections to decreasing the speed limit outside the Downs

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School entrance.

LM – The litter has increased in the Recreation Ground during the holidays. The bin is still missing.

The question of whether the Village Hall could increase their bin size at cost to the Parish Council was raised. MP will discuss at the next meeting.

LM has contacted the PCSO several times with regard to anti-social behaviour.

AS – The top of Apple Pie Hill is badly flooded. AS will discuss with Andrew Garrett.

DA – Need to investigate the proposed site for the Churchyard.

The meeting closed at 9:25pm.

Dates and times of next meetings:

Planning meeting	Monday 10th September at 7pm	In the Wellstead Room, Village Hall
Council Meeting	Monday 1st October at 7pm	In the Wellstead Room, Village Hall

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