



FULL COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of the Full Council meeting held Online via Zoom on Tuesday 16th March 2021.
Commencing at 7:01pm.

Members Present: Councillor Dave Aldis, Chairman Councillor Jude Cunningham
Councillor Linda Moss Councillor Dan Neate
Councillor Rebecca Pinfold Councillor Keith Simms
Councillor Alison Strong

Members Absent: Councillor Ian Tong

Officers Present: Sarah Marshman, Clerk/RFO

In Attendance: Laura Farris, MP
Carolyne Culver, District Councillor

Minutes

20/21-258 To receive, and consider for acceptance, apologies for absence from Members of the Council

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Ian Tong.

20/21-259 To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests or non-registerable interests by members or the Clerk and to consider any requests for dispensation

Councillor Neate declared a pecuniary interest in item 20/21-263 planning application 21/00315/HOUSE.

Councillor Simms declared an interest in item 20/21-264.

**20/21-260 To receive:
Questions or comments from members of the public regarding items on the agenda
Representations from any member who has declared a personal interest**

The Council discussed the following with Laura Farris, MP:

- The Institute site including the quantity of housing, the pressure on the Downland Practice and the schools, the increase in traffic, the history of flooding

in the village and the area assigned in the Supplementary Planning Document to be a barrier between the housing and the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

- The possible resumption of face-to-face council meetings from 7th May.
- The planning permission for the burial ground.

20/21-261 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st March 2021

Resolved: Members agreed the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true record. The minutes will be signed at the first opportunity the Council has to meet face to face.

20/21-262 To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 1st March 2021

There were no matters arising.

20/21-263 Planning Applications

20/21- 263.1 To consider the following new planning applications:

[21/00284/FORMB Land North West Of Roden Farm Compton](#) - Section 37 of the Electricity Act 1989 to install and keep installed above ground an electric line of nominal voltage of less than 132

Resolved: To submit a response of 'no objections'.

Councillor Neate left the meeting

[21/00315/HOUSE Lyndhurst, Ilsley Road, Compton, RG20 7PG](#) - Proposed single storey rear extension and front canopy with internal alterations.

Resolved: To submit a response of 'no objections'.

Councillor Neate rejoined the meeting.

[21/00545/HOUSE 27 Lowbury Gardens, Compton, RG20 6NN](#) - Partial conversion of existing garage into home office/study

Resolved: To object to the application and submit the following comments:

The original planning conditions for Lowbury Gardens state that garages must not be turned into part of the dwelling as they are essential for parking vehicles.

20/21-263.2 To consider whether to request the District Councillor calls in any planning applications to the Western Area Planning Committee

No applications were requested to be referred to the Western Area Planning Committee.

20/21-263.3 To consider whether to refer any planning applications for further response from the Council's planning consultants

No applications were referred to the planning consultant.

20/21-263.4 To receive a report on recent planning decisions taken by West Berkshire Council

- 21/00424/CERTP 16 Meadow Close Compton Newbury RG20 6QQ - Single storey brick extension with tiled roof to the rear of the property. Materials to match that of the existing dwelling. The Parish Council was not consulted on this application. West Berkshire Council approved the certificate of lawfulness.

Notification has been received from West Berkshire Council that the Council has recently received a section 31(6) Highways Act 1980 Statement and plan for the Compton Estate, in the parishes of Compton and East Ilsley.

20/21-264 Finance:

20/21-264.1 To consider approving the payments listed on the finance report

The value of the donation to West Berkshire Council towards the mobile library service that had been included in the budget for the current financial year was discussed.

Resolved: To make a donation of £150 to the mobile library service.

Resolved: To approve payments to be made and payments made between meetings.

The list of payments is on the Finance Report in Appendix 1.

20/21-265 To consider purchasing additional bins

Resolved: To defer this to the April meeting

20/21-266 To consider purchase of Office 365 licenses for all Council members and officers linked by the Parish Council domain/organisation

Resolved: To use Nexus Open Systems to assist in setting up Office 365 subscriptions for all Members of the Council.

20/21-267 To consider a request to create an exercise arena on the larger grazing land plot

Resolved: To agree in principle to the creation of an exercise arena on the larger grazing land plot provided that a licence is put in place, the Council's solicitors costs are met by the other party, that no commercial use is permitted and that the Council can ask the applicants to reinstate the land to its current condition should this be required.

20/21-268 To consider the costs for the Council's solicitor to complete the transfer of land for the burial ground

Resolved: To agree to the expected costs of £1,000-£1,200 for the completion of the transfer of land for the burial ground.

20/21-269 To resolve under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act 1960) that as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the Confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the Public and Press be temporarily excluded from this meeting and they are herewith instructed to withdraw

Resolved: To exclude the Public and Press from Minute 20/21-270 due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

20/21-270 To consider the covenants required for the transfer of land for the burial ground

Resolved: To agree to the covenants requested provided the Council's solicitor advises that this is possible based on the Council's planning application.

20/21-271 The Council became aware that works were being carried out at 31 Burrell Road that had involved the damage to the Council owned verge adjacent to the property. The Clerk was requested to write to the property owners giving permission for them to continue with the works proposed but highlighting that the Council will seek to instate a licence.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9:30pm.

Appendix 1: Finance Report

Status at last bank reconciliation 28th February 2021

Account	Amount
Unity Trust Current Account	£48,462.52
Unity Trust Deposit Account	£122,634.57
Lloyds Multipay Corporate Card	-£693.25
Total	£170,403.84

Income received 22nd February – 14th March 2021

Account	Income Detail	Amount
None		£0.00
Total		£0.00

Payments made on Lloyds Corporate Card to be approved

Method	Payment Date	Voucher No	Payee	Payment Detail	Amount
CC	02-Mar-21	170	Lloyds Bank	Monthly fee for corporate card	£3.00
Total					£3.00

Payments to be approved

Method	Payment Date	Voucher No	Payee	Payment Detail	Amount
BACS	05-Mar-21	171	Gardner Leader	Fees related to burial ground land transfer	£1,800.00
BACS	16-Mar-21	172	A Councillor	Purchase of PC logo files	£37.81
BACS	16-Mar-21	173	Castle House Joinery	2 picnic bench sets	£5,220.00
BACS	16-Mar-21	174	West Berkshire Council	Donation to mobile library (Budgeted)	£150.00
BACS	30-Mar-21	175	Unity Trust Bank	Bank charges Q4	£18.00
Total					£7,225.81

Transfers

Method	Payment Date	Voucher No	From Account	To Account	Amount
DD	16-Mar-21	176	Unity Current	Lloyds Corporate Card	£696.25
Total					£696.25