

Compton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

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

Councillors present: Councillors David Aldis (Chair), Mark Birtwistle, Patricia Burnett, Peter McGeehin, Linda Moss, Dan Neate (co-opted in Minute 19/20-157), Rebecca Pinfold, Alison Strong and Ian Tong.

Councillors not present: None

In attendance: Sarah Marshman (Clerk).
3 members of the public.

- 19/20-149** | **To receive apologies for absence from members of the Council**
There were none.
- 19/20-150** | **To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests or non-registerable interests by members or the Clerk and to consider any requests for dispensation**
There were none.
- 19/20-151** | **To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public**
Representations from any member who has declared a personal interest
A summary of the decisions taken regarding salt bins at the previous meeting was given to a member of the public.
- 19/20-152** | **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th October 2019**
It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record. They were then signed by the Chairman.
- 19/20-153** | **To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 7th October 2019**
There were none.
- 19/20-154** | **To receive a report from the District Councillor, Carolyne Culver**
CC sent her apologies.
- 19/20-155** | **To receive the Clerk's report**
The Neighbourhood Development Plan Interim Statement has been provided to West Berkshire Council and Homes England as well as being publicised on the Council and NDP websites and Facebook pages.
A proposal was received regarding the Berkshire Youth Service. The proposal is not financially viable for the Council at this time.
- 19/20-156** | **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
19/02433/ HOUSE	20 Manor Crescent, Compton, RG20 6NR	Composite cladding to existing single storey section of house. Render to existing two storey area of the house.	-	Cannot be determined

- 19/20-157** **To consider co-opting a new member to the Parish Council**
It was resolved to co-opt Dan Neate to the Council. Dan took part in the discussion of the following agenda items but could not vote until the next meeting.
- 19/20-158** **To consider approving an overspend of £659 on the cost of the removal of the garages from the Recreation Ground**
It was resolved to approve the overspend caused by the removal of additional garages than originally required.
MB will seek to obtain the waste disposal certificate from the contractor.
- 19/20-159** **To reflect on the Homes England Pirbright Site presentation and to consider follow up actions for the Council on:**
 - a) **The economic justification of the proposal for 250 dwellings;**
The Council expressed disappointment that the community is expected to pay for the clean-up of the site by accepting extra homes on the site and that the Government should be expected to cover these costs under the ‘polluter pays’ principle. The Clerk was requested to write to Homes England, copied to West Berkshire Council, to express this view.
The Clerk was requested to make a Freedom of Information request to Homes England and to the Pirbright Institute for information on the contamination present on the site.
 - b) **The adoption of ground source district heating;**
A report provided to West Berks Council was circulated regarding this subject. It was suggested it may be possible for the Council to create a Community Interest Company. The Council agreed to continue looking at this idea.
 - c) **Other topics identified by Councillors.**
Traffic: There does not appear to be enough understanding of the effect of the traffic entering and leaving the site from one junction with the High Street, nor about the impact on the surrounding villages, in particular East Ilsley.
Housing density: Concerns housing could be built on the intended buffer zone at the northern end of the site, encroaching further into the AONB.
Industry: Concerns regarding the lack of new industry on the site when there is believed to be a demand within the village.
Village Design Statement: The full draft of the NDP needs to include elements of the VDS.

- 19/20-160 To receive an update on the West Berkshire Council Climate Conference**
A verbal update was given. West Berkshire Council will issue a strategy in November.
- 19/20-161 To consider quotes for an independent traffic consultant to advise on the proposed 20mph speed limit and associated traffic calming on School Road/High Street**
A draft specification has been created to send out for quotes. The Council are to review the draft. This item was deferred.
- 19/20-162 To consider setting up a working party to investigate whether to extend the scope of the works to be carried out on the current Football Pavilion**
It was resolved to set up a working group short term, consisting of DA, AS, RP and DN, to obtain three quotes for the refurbishment work, review the alternatives and report to the next meeting.
- 19/20-163 To consider adopting a new Grant Allocation Policy**
It was resolved to adopt the new Grant Allocation Policy.
- 19/20-164 To consider allowing a second round of grant applications for the 2019/20 financial year**
It was resolved to allow a second round of grant applications for the 2019/20 financial year.
- 19/20-165 To consider a request for funding under the Grant Allocation Policy**
It was resolved to provide a grant of £225 to the person organising the provision of salt in the salt bins on Shepherds Mount.
- 19/20-166 To consider revising the fees for advertising in Compilations for 2020**
It was resolved to increase the cost for a full-page advert from £27 to £30 per issue.
- 19/20-167 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**
The padlock from the Recreation Ground barrier has been taken. As the barrier had already been damaged by individuals sitting on it, it was replaced under health and safety with a chain and coded padlock.
Youths have been observed sitting on the Football Pavilion and throwing cones from it.
A Police Alert has been received regarding cars driving round the fields off Warnham Lane.
There was an attempted break in at Mayfields.
- 19/20-168 To receive reports on the following:**
- c) Rights of Way**
It was noted the footpath at the end of Cheseridge has been blocked by concrete blocks.
 - e) Allotments**
A quote is required to remove a eucalyptus tree from the School Road allotments.
 - f) Groundwater**
The Flood Warden recently attended 2 PVFF meetings. The groundwater is just starting to rise. A grant has been received for planting miscanthus and the Flood Warden is currently seeking a land owner willing to participate.
 - j) Neighbourhood Development Plan**

The NDP group are currently focusing on providing information on the interim statement to the community.

k) Burial Ground

DA, MB, PM and the Clerk need to meet prior to the next meeting to consolidate closing down the conditions.

19/20-169

Finance:

a) 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.

b) To note the bank reconciliations to 31st September 2019

The bank reconciliation to 31st September 2019 was noted.

c) To receive any reports from the Internal Controller

The internal controller had completed the audit for June and July.

d) To note the quarterly budget report where applicable

The quarterly budget report for Q2 was noted.

19/20-170

To receive the correspondence report

It was noted that the Government will not set 'referendum principles' for parish councils in England for 2020/21.

The Council has received notification it will be receiving £17,915.18 in CIL funds related to the planning application 18/01293/FULMAJ Roden Farm.

19/20-171

To discuss matters for future consideration and for information

The Christmas events are scheduled as follows: lighting up the tree 29th Nov, children's evening 14th Dec, carols around the tree 19th Dec.

The Church has chosen to continue their support for Reverend Clive's fundraising for motor neurone disease in memory of Jonathan and will be fundraising for the MND Association.

Meeting closed 9:00pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

Parish Council Meeting: Monday 2nd December 2019 at 7pm in the Wilkins Centre

Chairman:

Date:

Attachment 1: Finance Report

Status at bank at last bank reconciliation 30th September 2019

Unity Trust	Current Account	£30,422.82
Unity Trust	Deposit Account	£122,267.06
HSBC	Current Account	£748.50
Pockit	Pre-paid Debit Card	£130.70
Total		£153,569.08

Income received 27th September - 27th October 2019

Unity Trust	Current Account	Precept (2nd half)	£22,925.00
Unity Trust	Deposit Account	Interest	£123.15
Total			£23,048.15

Payments made on pre-paid debit card to be approved

Method	Payment Date	Voucher No	Payee	Payment Detail	Minute	Amount
POCKIT	16-Oct-19	086	Pockit	Monthly fee		£0.99
Total						£0.99

Payments to be approved

Method	Payment Date	Voucher No	Payee	Payment Detail	Minute	Amount
DD	18-Oct-19	087	Vodafone	Mobile phone Oct		£15.37
DD	21-Oct-19	088	Castle Water	Water School Road allotments Aug		£19.70
DD	21-Oct-19	089	Castle Water	Water Newbury Lane allotments Aug		£17.79
CHQ	04-Nov-19	090	Southern Electric	Electricity Sports Pavilion		£16.96
BACS	04-Nov-19	091	Compton Archery	Grant	19/20-131	£211.00
BACS	04-Nov-19	092	1st Compton Scout Group	Grant	19/20-131	£225.00
BACS	04-Nov-19	093	Compton Scout and Guide Hut	Grant	19/20-131	£225.00
BACS	04-Nov-19	094	IJ Agricultural and Equestrian Fencing	Install three bollards in Recreation Ground		£204.00
BACS	04-Nov-19	095	Andrews Handyman Service	Removal of garages from Recreation Ground	19/20-110 + agenda 10	£2,659.95
BACS	04-Nov-19	096	Heelis & Lodge	Internal audit 2018/19	18/19-155	£245.00
BACS	06-Nov-19	097	Clerk	Salary/expenses Oct		£850.32
BACS	06-Nov-19	098	HMRC	PAYE		£97.30
BACS	19-Nov-19	099	Berks Pension Fund	Pension contributions		£250.23
Total						£4,984.76

Transfers

Method	Payment Date	Voucher No	From Account	To Account	Minute	Amount
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Total						£0.00