

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Monday 8th April, 2013 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

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

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

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

2940 **Apologies for absence** were received from K. Simms.

2941 **Any declarations of pecuniary interest by members or the Clerk**

There were none.

2942 **To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public
Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**

There were none.

2943 **To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4th March, 2013**

Proposed by MB, seconded by PS and carried. They were then signed by the Chairman.

2944 **To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th March, 2013**

Proposed by MP, seconded by PB and carried. They were then signed by the Chairman.

2945 **Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meetings on 4th and 18th March, 2013**

PS proposed to agree the comments submitted to West Berkshire Council for the IAH SPD, seconded by PW and carried. The submission is at Attachment 1.

2946 **To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing**

The water table is now receding slowly. Thames Water is currently carrying out reconstruction work to the sewers in Lambourn. Compton will be dealt with next. Richard Benyon has visited Compton to see the effects.

2947 **Clerk's report**

The Clerk went through her report, which is at Attachment 2.

Item 5: A response has now been received. Clerk to circulate the agreement and ensure goal posts are returned before sending, to include costs of £5/use for smaller children, £10/use for the older children.

Item 6: Elaine Cox from WBC has responded that she will be contacting IAH for help in restoring and maintaining Byway 2. Clerk to acknowledge response and inform Elaine of the complaints received from most of the residents of Superity Cottages about the dust being raised on that section of the road.

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- 2948 **To discuss the Council's representation to the Planning Inspectorate with regards to the appeal for planning application 12/02420/FULD 20 Manor Crescent**
A response prepared by AS was discussed.
- 2949 **To consider a request from 1st Compton Guides for a £200 donation**
Proposed by MB, seconded by PS and carried
- 2950 **To discuss potential s.106 highway improvements and agree priorities**
CPC are waiting for a report from Sovereign and WBC.
- 2951 **To consider the replacement of the gate at Newbury Lane Allotments**
MB proposed to accept a quote for £397.50+VAT, DA seconded and carried.
- 2952 **To agree the expenditure for purchasing a sign showing the location of the car park by the village hall**
DA proposed a quote from Kingdom Signs be accepted, PS seconded and carried.
- 2953 **To consider providing a shelter for teenagers to use at the Recreation Ground**
The Clerk is continuing to source three quotes for the shelter.
- 2954 **To receive an update on the Churchyard**
The required test pits are currently being arranged.
- 2955 **To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**
There have recently been some burglaries and thefts. The telephone box has been vandalised.
- 2956 **Planning Applications**

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

There were none.

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

| App. Ref. | Location | Proposed Work | Compton PC Recommendation | WBC Decision |
|---------------|---|--|---------------------------|--------------|
| 12/03103/LBC2 | 1 Horn Street Compton RG20 6QS | Flooring proposals | No objections. | Granted |
| 13/00217/FUL | Hamilton Cottages Hockham Road Compton RG20 6QL | Demolition of existing cottages; construction of 2 replacement dwellings | No objections. | Granted |

2957 **To receive reports on the following:**

d) **Village Hall**

Baby changing facilities are going to be installed.

g) **Parish Council Web Site**

The SPD response will be put on the website.

2958 **To approve cheques due for payment**

Proposed by PW, seconded by MP and carried.

| Invoice Date | Cheque No. | Payee | Amount | Description |
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| 18 Mar | 102311 | 1 st Compton Scout Group | £200.00 | S137 donation (from budget agreed in minute 2574) |

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| 07 Mar | 102312 | Thames Water | £7.60 | School Road Allotments 13 Dec 12 – 5 Mar 13 |
| 30 Mar | 102313 | S. Marshman | £423.38 | Clerk's salary and expenses for 4 weeks to 3 rd April |
| 31 Mar | 102314 | D. Moss | £55.00 | Litter picking March |
| 19 Dec | 102315 | West Berkshire Citizen's Advice Bureau | £30.00 | £137 donation (from budget agreed in minute 2883) |
| 27 Mar | 102316 | Southern Electric | £733.29 | Electricity supply charges 22 Dec 12 – 26 Mar 13 |
| 25 Mar | 102317 | SSE Contracting | £807.20 | Street lighting maintenance charge for Mar quarter |
| 27 Mar | 102318 | SSE Contracting | £283.44 | Street lighting rechargeable repairs for Mar quarter |

2959 **Correspondence**

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 3.

2960 **Matters for consideration and information**

PS – Trees in Recreation Ground now overhanging. Clerk to check on progress of quote.

PB – Dog fouling is occurring near the Scout Hut. Clerk to contact WBC for signs.

AS – The bank on Aldworth Road has given out.

DA – Met with Seamus Logue to follow up on improvements previously agreed with WBC.

The consultation event for the IAH SPD was well attended.

Need to consider producing a neighbourhood plan.

There is a volunteer for the role of Flood Warden.

Meeting closed at 8:30pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

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| Annual Parish Council Meeting | Monday 13th May, 2013 at 7pm | In the Wellstead Room, Village Hall |
| Annual Parish Meeting | Monday 20th May, 2013 at 7pm | In the Dining Room, The Downs School |

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