

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Monday 1st December, 2014 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

Those present: Councillors D. Aldis (Chair), M. Pinfold, K. Simms, P. Burnett, A. Strong, R. Pinfold, M. Birtwistle, I. Tong and L. Moss (from 7:45pm).

In attendance: The Parish Clerk

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

3404 Apologies for absence

There were none.

3405 Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk

I. Tong declared an interest in item 3388 and M. Birtwistle and A. Strong declared an interest in item 3394.

3406 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public

Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest

There were none.

3407 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd November, 2014

It was resolved that the minutes were correct. They were then signed by the Chairman.

3408 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 3rd November, 2014

There were none.

3409 To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing

VvC was unable to attend the meeting.

3410 Clerk's report

The Clerk went through her report, which is at Attachment 1.

3411 To consider writing a letter of complaint to West Berkshire Council

AS will write a draft letter for approval at the next meeting.

3412 To consider employing a litter picker

The two applicants were unable to attend the interview. The Clerk was requested to rearrange the interviews at a time convenient to the applicants.

3413 To consider making a donation to the Scouts for carrying out voluntary litter picking

It was resolved to make a donation of £300 to the Scouts for the work they have done litter picking within the village.

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3414 To consider quotes for the cleaning of the war memorial

A quote had been received; however the council discussed arranging a yearly maintenance agreement. The Clerk was requested to contact to find out if this was possible.

3415 To discuss improving the quality and availability of information to walkers, cycle and horse riders

The information available was discussed and it was felt that the footpaths leaflet and walks leaflet may need updating and that a subcommittee should be formed to carry this out. The formation of a subcommittee will be placed on the next agenda.

3416 To consider the draft budget and precept for 2015/16

The draft budget was discussed and some alterations were requested. The draft budget and precept will be finalised at the next meeting.

3417 To consider a proposal for s137 payments

It was resolved to adopt the suggested policy document, which is at Attachment 2.

3418 To consider activities commemorating World War I

There were no updates.

3419 To consider suggestions for the enhancement programme

The Clerk was requested to contact Hilliers Garden Centre to request a donation of bulbs for planting around the parish. It was resolved that DA should purchase some bulbs for planting if this was not successful.

3420 To receive an update on the Cemetery

The pre-application has been sent to West Berks Council.

3421 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village

Recently an oil tank has been stolen, cars have been damaged or broken in to and a break-in occurred at Fairfields.

3422 Planning Applications

a) To consider the following new applications:

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
14/02945/ HOUSE	8 Lowbury Gardens, Compton, RG20 6NN	Rear Conservatory.	No objections
Comments: We would like to highlight that the resident must take note of the current light levels and the heights of the surrounding trees as the Parish Council will not carry out any modifications to the trees to account for this development.			

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation	WBC Decision
14/00006/ FUL	Uplands Stables, Downs Road, Compton, RG20 6RE	Retrospective application for the retention of 3 of 4 approved mobile homes for site workers for a further temporary period of time.	NO OBJECTIONS	Granted

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14/00871/ FULD	Hamilton Stables, Hockham Road, Compton, RG20 6QJ	Temporary siting of a mobile home for staff accommodation.	OBJECT	Granted
14/02298/ HOUSE	Applepie Farm, Aldworth Road, Compton, RG20 6RD	Removal of shrubbery. Construction of a detached carport. Oak framed with brickwork up to 450mm above DPC. Softwood Featheredge to exterior with a clay tile roof.	NO OBJECTIONS	Granted

3423 **To receive reports on the following:**

There were no updates.

3424 **To approve cheques due for payment**

Invoice Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Description
31 Oct	102470	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	£40.80	Duty of Care (annual charge)
30 Oct	102471	Scofell Landscapes Ltd	£573.74	Monthly grounds maintenance Oct
25 Nov	102472	S. Marshman	£489.42	Clerk's salary and expenses for Nov
1 Dec	102473	Compton Parish Council	£50,000.00	Transfer of funds from HSBC account to Unity Trust Account
31 Oct	102474	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	£47.88	Bin at Wilkins Centre Oct
6 Oct	102475	Royal British Legion	£86.00	Purchase of 2 poppy wreaths plus £50 donation (minute 3365)
1 Dec	000096	Compton Parish Council	£61,203.47	Transfer of funds from Bank of Ireland account to Unity Trust Deposit Account

3425 **Correspondence**

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 3.

A letter of thanks was received from Revd Luci Heyn for the donation of the old notice board.

3426 **Matters for consideration and information**

The Autumn Group are holding a meal at the Wilkins Centre on Christmas day.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Parish Council Meeting:** Monday 5th January, 2014 at 7pm in the Village Hall

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