

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Ron Palmer

MINUTES of the EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Monday 23rd April 2012 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

Those present: Councillors D Aldis (chair), P Whitworth, P Shanks, P Burnett, M Birtwistle, K Simms and L Moss. Cllr A Strong arrived at 7.20pm

In attendance: The Parish Clerk and 1 member of the public

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

2668 **Apologies for absence** had been received from Parish Councillor M Pinfold and from District Councillor V von Celsing

2669 **Any declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by members or the Clerk**

KS declared a personal interest in both planning applications (agenda item 2674), as one was near his home and he knew the residents of the other, 33 Manor Crescent

2670 **To receive:**

- **Questions or comments from members of the public**
- **Representations from any member who has declared a prejudicial interest**

There were none

2671 **To discuss the procedures for parking in the car park between the Village Hall and the Recreation Ground**

This item was deferred to the next meeting

2672 **To discuss overgrown brambles at Newbury Lane allotments and agree a course of action**

The Clerk said that no proposal had been received from the resident. The chairman proposed that the Clerk be asked to obtain quotes for a) cutting back the brambles to allow a fence to be erected by the resident b) Removing the roots completely. This was seconded by PS and was carried.

2673 **To confirm the opposition of the Parish Council to any future installation of solar panels at the Compton Pumping Station**

Following discussion, KS proposed that the Clerk should send a reply to the email from Thames Water advising that the installation of solar panels at the Compton Pumping Station would not be going ahead at present, requesting Thames Water to contact Compton Parish Council if they wished to proceed with such an installation in the future. This was seconded by MB and was carried.

Cllr Strong arrived at the meeting at 7.20pm.

2674 **Planning Applications**

- a) **To consider the following planning applications and agree that recommendations should be sent to West Berkshire Council:**

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
12/00632/FUL	Unit 5, Old Station Business Park Compton RG20 6NE	Erection of 2 external flues	NO OBJECTION Proposer: DA Seconder: PW Carried

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12/00642/HOUSE	33 Manor Crescent, Compton RG20 6NU	Proposed conversion of loft space to bedrooms, with 2 dormer windows to the rear elevation.	NO OBJECTION Proposer: DA Seconder: LM Carried
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b) To receive a report on West Berkshire Council recent planning decisions

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Compton PC Recommendation	WBC Decision
11/02754/COMIND	The Downs School, Manor Crescent, RG20 6NU	Parking for up to 25 cars on ground to the north east of the existing tennis courts	NO OBJECTION	GRANTED

2675 To receive reports on the following:

- a) **Recreation Ground:** PS said that the state of the grass was good. He also said that 2 registration numbers of offending vehicles had been passed to the police.
- e) **Allotments:** MB had been asked by a School Road tenant if a ferret could be kept at the allotments. Members decided that this should not be allowed.
- f) **Patient Representation:** AS said there had still not been any meetings.
- g) **Parish Council Web Site:** KS said that 47 children had been signed up for Jubilee mugs via the web site.

2676 To approve cheques due for payment

DA proposed that the following cheques be approved. This was seconded by LM and was carried.

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Description
15-Mar	102226	Berkshire Association of Local Councils	£231.81	BALC subscription for 2012/13
29-Mar	102227	West Berkshire Council	£1,975.00	Printing last 5 editions of Compilations: June'11 to Feb'12
02-Apr	102228	Richard Weavers	£92.16	Grounds maintenance - March 2012
10-Apr	102229	CPRE	£30.00	CPRE subscription for 2012/13
23-Apr	102230	Compton Parish Council (B of I A/C)	£38,070.00	Transfer of earmarked funds to Bank of Ireland account

2677 Matters for consideration and information

- The Clerk was asked to advise The Downs School that a complaint had been received about inconsiderate parking on double yellow lines outside the school.
- PB said that East Ilsley PC did not currently pay anything for Compilations to be printed and distributed in their parish.
- PB said that tractors were using Mayfield, against the existing agreement. The chairman said he would speak to the appropriate people.
- LM said that gas containers had recently been stolen from The Downs School.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Dates and times of next meetings:

Annual General Meeting	Monday 14th May at 7pm	In the Welstead Room, Village Hall
Annual Parish Meeting	Monday 21st May at 7.30pm	In the Downs School Dining Room

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