

# **Compton Parish Council**

**Chairman: Dave Aldis**

**Clerk: Ron Palmer**

## **MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

Those present: Councillors D Aldis (Chair), B Evans, M Pinfold, L Moss, K Simms, P Shanks, M Birtwistle and P Whitworth

In attendance: District Councillor B Alexander, R Palmer (Clerk) and 7 members of the public

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2143 **Apologies for absence** had been received from Parish Councillor A Strong

2144 **Any declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by members or the Clerk**

There were none

2145 **To receive:**

➤ **Questions or comments from members of the public**

➤ **Representations from any member who has declared a prejudicial interest**

Members of the public commented on agenda item 2149 re Sovereign Housing developments and these are noted in the minute of that item.

2146 **To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 July 2010**

Proposed by MB, seconded by KS and carried

2147 **Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 19 July 2010**

There were none

2148 **To provide feedback to David Wilson Homes on their performance during the development of Lowbury Gardens**

This item was postponed to the next meeting as a Director of David Wilson Homes had been rushed into hospital for an operation and so could not attend this meeting.

2149 **To consider the latest information from Sovereign Housing on the changes proposed to their Fairfield site in Compton**

The Chairman welcomed the following Sovereign Housing personnel - Mr D Ingram, Group Estates Director and Mr M Hensby, Neighbourhood Services Manager, Western Area – and thanked them for attending the meeting.

Mr Ingram gave an introduction to the proposed redevelopment, including the rationale behind it. Questions were asked about bringing people in from outside Compton, the provision of parking spaces, the possibility of another public meeting etc. Mr Ingram mentioned the local lettings policy whereby the Parish Council could be given the 1<sup>st</sup> option on tenants. The Chairman asked for a copy of the policy to be forwarded to himself and the Clerk and for this to be an agenda item at the next Council meeting.

Sovereign Housing promised to:

- Carry out a parking survey
- Deal with the concerns over the ‘new road to the allotments’
- Convene a final ‘wash-up’ meeting in the Village Hall
- Discuss with the Parish Council etc how the project will be managed
- To discuss what provisions are being made with those who are being displaced from the garages.

Mr Ingram said the development would be carried out in 2 phases. He hoped the development would start by the end of March 2011 and be completed within 13 months.

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**2150 Clerk's report**

The Clerk went through his report, which is at Attachment 1. He was asked to:

- 2. Write to David Wilson to ask them to remove the concrete posts outside the Day Care Centre
- 3. Get a quote from SEC to replace the 2 floodlights by the Recreation Ground, put 4 individual programmable time switches on the floodlights and check that they are on a separate metre.
- 5. Order 2 new dog waste bins + posts through WBC and ask them to install them

**2151 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**

LM presented a report on what was discussed at the last NAG meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> August. She said the police were aware of potentially problem families moving into the village and that parishioners should report ALL instances of anti-social behaviour. The Clerk was asked to make Sovereign Housing aware of a couple of recent incidents.

The Neighbourhood Team are looking at using the Community Payback Scheme to tackle some local problems. Members believed tidying up the Station Road area in Compton was a suitable project.

**2152 To consider IAH closure issues to be discussed with a BBSRC representative at a future meeting**

The Clerk was asked to convene an IAH Liaison Meeting in October. Possible discussion topics could include Mayfield Dairy, planters, the future of recreational facilities including the badminton club, the Scout Hut, footpath 4a etc.

**2153 To consider the partition dividing footpath 4a and agree whether action is required to enable the footpath to continue to be maintained satisfactorily**

Jon Clatworthy had kindly arranged for the footpath to be cut. MB will look through his old files in an attempt to find documentary evidence concerning the change from the old cinder track, including the Diversion Order around 2002.

**2154 To consider which trees to plant on the Recreation Ground to replace the 16 conifers / spruce trees that have been felled and agree actions and a budget**

PW gave an update on the investigation he had done so far. He will provide to members before the next meeting a plan showing his recommendations of what trees should be planted and where, together with costs, for approval by Councillors.

**2155 To receive an update on the results of the public enquiry into the proposed diversion of footpath 16a across The Downs School playing fields**

The order – ref: FPS/W0340/4/9, with the modified footpath route shown at Attachment 2 - had been provisionally approved. District Councillor BA said that, when the re-routing has taken place, she will ask West Berkshire Council for a new footpath to be constructed from the southwest end of the new footpath 16a (point “Z” on the map) northwards along the Hampstead Norreys road to connect with the existing footpath.

**2156 To receive an update on the plan to locate planters by the new bus shelter and request the Scouts to maintain them**

DA said he had received permission from IAH for the Council to have 2 large concrete cylinders to be used as planters. He would ask Jon Clatworthy at the next IAH Liaison meeting to assist in moving them into position either side of the new bus shelter. MB said he will then fill them with topsoil.

**2157 To consider a proposal to purchase and put mesh in the gateways of the children's play area**

PS said that Playground Services should be contacted to obtain prices for the complete job i.e. purchasing and laying grass protection matting at the gates. The Clerk said he would obtain a quote if PS would let him have the sizes.

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2158 **Planning Applications**

- a) To consider the following new applications and agree that the recommendations be forwarded to West Berkshire Council

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
10/01978/FULD	Uplands Stables, Coombe Road, Compton RG20 6RQ	Retrospective in part – Temporary siting of 4 mobile homes (3 years)	<b>OBJECTION (Note 1 below)</b> Proposed: MB Seconded: MP Carried
10/02011/CERTE	Uplands Stables, Coombe Road, Compton RG20 6RQ	Application for a certificate of lawful use relating to the use of an agricultural building as a single residential unit	<b>No Observations</b> Proposed: BE Seconded: DA Carried

**Note 1:** Council objects because the reasons for refusing permission previously i.e. road junction problems, have still not been addressed.

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Compton PC Recommendation	WBC Decision
10/01249/HOUSE	Church Farm House, Aldworth Road	Erection of stable building.	NO OBJECTION	<b>GRANTED</b>
10/01306/HOUSE	2 Warnham Cottages, Warnham Lane	Demolish existing garage and replace with wooden garage on existing hard standing.	NO OBJECTION	<b>GRANTED</b>
10/01344/HOUSE	1 Queensborough Cottages, Wallingford Road	Vary approved drawings of planning permission reference 08/02082/HOUSE.	NO OBJECTION	<b>GRANTED</b>
10/01630/NONMAT	Church Farm Barns, Aldworth Road	Application for non-material amendment - To install two skylights in barn 2	NOT ASKED TO COMMENT	<b>GRANTED</b>
10/01637/CERTP	Woodrush, Newbury Lane	Certificate of proposed use for a conservatory	NOT ASKED TO COMMENT	<b>REFUSED</b>
10/01796/NONMAT	2 Whitewalls Close	Application for non-material amendment to 09/00663/HOUSE. Various revisions	NOT ASKED TO COMMENT	<b>GRANTED</b>

2159 **To receive a report from District Councillor Barbara Alexander**

The financial situation remains serious. The comprehensive spending review next month will provide more details of how serious it is.

The Downs School again had excellent exam results in the summer. It now has a formal link with Compton Primary School, which will help the latter continue to improve.

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2160 **To receive reports on the following:**

- a) **Recreation Ground:** Nothing to report.
- b) **Football Pavilion:** Nothing to report.
- c) **Rights of Way:** Nothing to report.
- d) **Village Hall:** MP said that a new oil tank had been installed; also a successful bingo evening had been held.
- e) **Allotments:** MB said that he had transported 30 tons of manure to the allotments. Members agreed he could put in an expense claim for the mileage.
- f) **Downland Sports Centre:** Nothing to report.
- g) **Patient Representation:** Nothing to report.
- h) **Web site:** KS said the web site continued to receive hits from UK and abroad.

2161 **To approve cheques due for payment**

MB proposed that the following cheques be approved. This was seconded by KS and was carried.

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Description
19-July	102076	Heelis and Lodge	£135.00	Internal auditor - year to 31 March 2010
09-Aug	102077	West Berkshire Council	£395.00	Printing 900 Compilations, August / September issue
31-Aug	102078	Mr D Moss	£82.50	Litter Picking - July and half August
05-Sep-	102079	Ron Palmer	£769.21	Clerk's salary & expenses, 7 weeks to 5 September
31-Aug	102080	Almond Arborists	£2,500.00	Felling conifers etc. in Recreation Ground

2162 **Correspondence**

The Correspondence list is at Attachment 3.

2163 **Matters for consideration and information**

- KS said the old notice board was still in the garage of the previous Clerk. The Clerk was asked to write to the Chairman of the Primary School governors to ask if it could be placed on the bank outside the School.
- PS said there were 3 leaning posts on the fence which runs along the south side of the Aldworth Road between the railway bridge and the church. The Clerk would report to Streetcare.
- PW was thanked for killing weeds at various locations around the village.
- Members agreed that LM should purchase salt/grit to go into the storage container
- DA said there were still trees overgrowing footpath 15 and asked the Clerk to write again to Sovereign Housing expressing the disappointment of Councillors
- Following discussions it was agreed that the gel bag storage container did not need strengthening.

The meeting closed at 9.21pm.

**Forthcoming meeting:**

- ◆ **Council Meeting** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm

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