

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Monday 3rd December, 2012 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

Those present: Councillors D. Aldis (chair), P. Burnett, K. Simms, M. Pinfold, P. Shanks, L. Moss, and M. Birtwistle.

In attendance: The Parish Clerk and four members of the public.

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

2846 **Apologies for absence** were received from P. Whitworth, A. Strong and District Councillor Virginia von Celsing.

2847 **Any declarations of pecuniary interest by members or the Clerk**

MP, PS and the Clerk declared an interest in item 2853.

KS declared an interest in item 2868.

2848 **To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public**

Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest

There were none.

2849 **To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 5th November, 2012**

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

2850 **Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meetings on 5th November, 2012**

There were none.

2851 **To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing**

VvC has sent her apologies.

2852 **Clerk's report**

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

2853 **To consider a request from the Pre-School to contribute £800 towards improvements to the Pre-School**

A request was made to the Parish Council to contribute £800 towards the cost of installing hot water and repairing the corrugated roof. A grant from the Greenham Trust has been provided to cover the rest of the total cost of £1600. MB proposed the Parish Council contribute £800, seconded by KS and carried.

2854 **To consider the draft Council budget for the 2013/14 financial year**

The Clerk was requested to clarify the recreation ground spend. The budget will be determined at the next meeting.

2855 **To update the bank mandate**

The bank mandate was updated to include all Councillors and to provide the details of the Clerk.

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2857 To receive an update on the Churchyard

DA provided an update. The Environment Agency guidelines with regards to siting near a watercourse have recently changed and therefore need clarification.

2856 To consider providing a shelter for teenagers to use at the Recreation Ground

Alice and Bradley discussed their ideas for the shelter. They requested a metal shelter with a domed roof, a litter bin nearby and some lighting using solar panels. Their ideal spot would be near the Day Care Centre.

The Clerk to find more information on designs and prices for the next meeting.

2858 To agree the expenditure to keep a wheelie bin at the Daycare Centre

It was proposed by KS to obtain the 660 litre bin, at a cost of £10.50 per empty with £0.15p daily rental, as this size is lockable, seconded by PS and carried.

2859 To consider a quote to fit a timer on two of the light posts at the Recreation Ground

MB proposed to accept the lowest quote received for £300, seconded by KS and carried.

2860 To consider a request to donate £400 to Compton Bananaz/Teenscene

In the precept for this financial year a donation of £200 was agreed and so this amount will be provided. Clerk to write explaining this.

2861 To consider a request to purchase the strip of land next to 24 Fairfield (subject to the purchase of the property)

KS proposed that the Clerk respond informing them the PC has no intention to sell and if the PC were to ever decide to do so the buyers would need to meet all the costs involved. Seconded by PB and carried.

2862 To agree the expenditure of £40 to replace the bin on the Recreation Ground

A decision will be required at the next meeting as the £40 is the cost of installation. The cost of the bin will also need to be met.

2863 To consider making a contribution to or paying the cost of purchasing a sign showing the location of the car park by the village hall

It was agreed that the Parish Council should meet the costs of the sign but that they will require three quotes. Clerk to obtain two further quotes.

2864 To consider a request from a Burrell Road resident for occasional vehicular access to the back of their property via the Recreation Ground

It was agreed that as this could set a precedent, the request should be refused.

2865 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village

There has been a recent incident of theft of a mower from a shed.

2866 Planning Applications

a) To consider the following new applications:

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
12/02513/HOUSE	The Gate House, Newbury Lane, Compton	Single garage with room over.	OBJECT
The reasons for objecting were: Overdevelopment of the site.			

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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
12/02507/ HOUSE	1 Westfields, Compton	Two storey side and rear extension and single storey rear extensions including demolition of existing single storey garage and rear structures and alterations to driveway.	No objections	Granted

2867 To receive reports on the following:

a) Recreation Ground

The lockable barrier has been bent in the centre.

b) Football Pavilion

Approx. 60 spare tiles for the roof have been donated.

2868 To approve cheques due for payment

MP proposed that the following cheques be approved. Seconded by MB and carried.

Invoice Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Description
5 Nov	102286	Royal British Legion	£ 17.50	Purchase of wreath for Remembrance Sunday (minute 2836)
5 Nov	102287	Royal British Legion	£ 50.00	Donation (minute 2836)
1 Nov	102288	Compton Village Hall	£ 336.00	Hire of Welstead Room April 2012 - March 2013
20 Nov	102289	West Berkshire District Council	£ 589.28	Compilations Oct/Nov 2012 edition
27 Nov	102290	S. Marshman	£ 431.93	Clerk's salary and expenses for 4 weeks to 2nd December
31 Nov	102291	D. Moss	£ 55.00	Litterpicking November
5 Nov	102292	1 st Compton Scout and Guide Group	£ 364.80	Donation to cover cost of installing light (minute 2838)

2869 Correspondence

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 2.

2870 Matters for consideration and information

DA – Attended a meeting with the Environment Agency and West Berkshire Council about The Pang. Highways will look at the maintenance of the soakaways on Churn Road. It is the responsibility of WBC to maintain the nettles and paint the railing along the path running from the exit of the Recreation Ground. Andy Theaker at the EA will try to arrange some clearance work. The Clerk was instructed to write to Andy Theaker to make him aware that the spring will rise before the Spring and flooding will occur, therefore the clearance work is a matter of urgency. The Clerk was also instructed to write to High Elms, Maxted Farms and the IAH, copying in Andy Theaker, requesting they carry out the required clearance work. KS suggested the PC should consider creating a definitive list of riparian owners.

PS – Has recently witnessed a near miss outside Thorndown.

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The Clerk was instructed to contact Sovereign with regards to the damage occurring to the verge along Burrell Road.

The meeting closed at 8:40pm.

Dates and times of next meetings:

Council Meeting	Monday 7th January, 2013 at 7pm	In the Wellstead Room, Village Hall
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