

**Compton Parish Council**

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

**MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2013 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

Those present: Councillors D. Aldis (Chair), P. Burnett, M. Pinfold, P. Whitworth, M. Birtwistle, P. Shanks and A. Strong (from 7:07pm)

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

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

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3060 **Apologies for absence** were received from Councillors L. Moss and K. Simms.

3061 **Any declarations of pecuniary interest by members or the Clerk**

DA declared an interest in item 3075.

3062 **To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public  
Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**

There were none.

3063 **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2013**

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

3064 **Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> July, 2013**

DA is still assessing the original location of the Chapel fence.

AS arrived.

3065 **To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing**

VvC highlighted the flood meeting taking place on the 11<sup>th</sup> September. MB is hoping to attend.

3066 **Clerk's report**

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

Some large branches have been cut off by a chainsaw from one of the trees in the Recreation Ground in order to allow someone access to the back of their property. Clerk to write to them, highlighting that should they wish to do this again they will need to seek permission.

3067 **To update the agreement and review the rent for the grazing land around Newbury Allotments**

There are two sections of grazing land, one of these is in a good condition and currently tenanted, the other is in poor condition. The second plot will not be cleared until a tenant is found. The Newbury Lane allotment manager will administer the agreements for the grazing land in future.

MB proposed the rent for the currently tenanted plot be set at £50 for the next 18 months that this should then be discussed at the precept meeting in Dec 2014 for renewal on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015. Seconded by AS and carried.

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**3068 To consider quotes to inspect the goal posts**

DA proposed to accept the quote from our playground inspection company of adding this to the annual inspection list at an additional cost of £3+VAT. Seconded by PS and carried.

**3069 To consider quotes to apply selective weed killer to the Recreation Ground**

It was agreed to seek further quotes for this work.

**3070 To receive an update on the Churchyard**

MB has arranged a meeting with the owners of Church Farm House.

**3071 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**

Speed checks have been taking place in the mornings. The Clerk to write to the local PC to request it is needed in the evenings near the primary school.

**3072 To receive an update on Superfast Broadband**

No update has been received.

**3073 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
<b>13/01231 /HOUSE</b>	Church Farm House, Aldworth Road, Compton, RG20 6RD	Provision of two conservation type rooflights to roof on side elevation.	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>	<b>Granted</b>
<b>13/01232 /LBC2</b>	Church Farm House, Aldworth Road, Compton, RG20 6RD	Provision of two conservation type rooflights to roof on side elevation..	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>	<b>Granted</b>
<b>13/01264 /FUL</b>	Baxter Healthcare Ltd, Wallingford Road, Compton, RG20 7QW	Section 73: Application for variation of Condition 1 - Approved Plans of planning permission 09/01868/FUL (Removal of existing extension and erection of replacement extension, new glazed canopy). To allow change to the external material on two sections of the building and additionally an amendment to the layout and design of the outside lighting within the car park of the site.	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>	<b>Granted</b>
<b>13/01390 /HOUSE</b>	18 Whitewalls Close, Compton, RG20 6QG	Rear single storey conservatory.	<b>NO OBEJECTIONS</b>	<b>Granted</b>

**3074 To receive reports on the following:**

**c) Rights of Way**

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Repairs have been made to Byway 2, but it has not been completely restored. The Clerk is to contact West Berks Council to request more materials are supplied prior to winter.

PW left the meeting.

**d) Village Hall**

It was suggested that the signage previously agreed for the Village Hall needs to be altered, with inclusion of further signage within the village. This will be added to the next agenda at which the subject can be re-discussed.

**e) Allotments**

The Clerk is to write to Sovereign to request the hedge between the School Road allotments and Wilson Close is cut.

**f) Patient Representation**

There have been significant issues with the new computer system, resulting in repeat prescriptions taking 4 days. The next meeting is on the 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. AS/PB will attend and express the PC's concern about the repeat prescription times.

**3075 To approve cheques due for payment**

Proposed by PS, seconded by AS and agreed. MB signed the cheque list.

Invoice Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Description
13 May	102351	D. Aldis	£100.00	Chairman's allowance for 2013/14 (minute 2972)
29 Jul	102352	Autumn Group	£300.00	S13 7 donation (minute 3042)
31 Jul	102353	Scofell Landscapes Ltd	£534.85	Grounds maintenance charges July
31 Jul	102354	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	£30.78	Emptying of bin at Daycare Centre July
26 Jul	102355	S. Marshman	£431.84	Clerk's salary and expenses for 4 weeks to 1 <sup>st</sup> Sept
01 Jul	102356	Southern Electric Power Distribution	£3,979.48	Replacement of Col 7 Burrell Rd, Col 5 Manor Cres & Col 2 Westfield (minute 3028)
01 Jul	102357	Southern Electric Power Distribution	£2,652.98	Replacement of Cols 4&6 Burrell Rd (minute 3028)

**3076 Correspondence**

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 2.

**3077 Matters for consideration and information**

AS – Dog mess near the Primary School is an issue. AS will investigate the cost of installing a dog bag supply post. Clerk to request more signs from West Berks Council.

PS – Highlighted the poor appearance of Green's Yard. Clerk to write to the Head of Estates at BBSRC.

DA – Sandbags were recently found in the Pang Ditch. DA contacted the Environment Agency who have removed them but do not know of their origin.

The dip that has formed in the road near the Doctor's surgery is currently under investigation by WBC.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Council Meeting:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October, 2013 at 7pm in the Village Hall

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