

Compton Parish Council



Planning Committee Terms of Reference

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Objective

Compton Parish Council is a statutory consultee in respect of all planning applications received by West Berkshire District Council for the civil parish of Compton. The Planning Committee is constituted to consider and respond on behalf of the Council to all applications for planning permission and planning appeals referred to the Council by the Planning Authorities that cannot be considered at a full council meeting.

Membership

Membership shall consist of a maximum of 7 members of the Parish Council, elected annually at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

The remaining members of the Parish Council can be called upon to act as a substitute for any member unable to attend. The member requesting a substitute attend in their absence must inform the Clerk of the substitution.

The Chair and Deputy Chair of the Planning Committee shall be elected by the committee membership at the first meeting to be held after the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

The quorum of a meeting shall be 3 members of the planning committee (or their substitutes).

Any member of the Parish Council that is not also a member of the Planning Committee is able to make representation to the Committee of their views on any business to be transacted but shall be treated in the same way as a Member of the Public when attending the meeting.

Areas of Responsibility

The Planning Committee has the delegated authority from Compton Parish Council:

1. To make representations to the Local Planning Authority on applications for planning permission.
2. To make representations in respect of appeals against the refusal of planning permission.
3. To request the District Councillor call-in any application to be considered at the Western Area Planning Committee at West Berkshire Council.
4. To authorise Compton Parish Council's Planning Consultant to prepare a response on behalf of the Parish Council.

5. To authorise a member of the Committee to attend the Western Area Planning Committee Meeting at West Berkshire District Council to speak on behalf of the Parish Council.
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7. To identify and make representations to the relevant authorities in respect of enforcement action or any matters considered to be breaches of planning regulations.
8. To monitor, review and where necessary make recommendations to the Council for amendments to the planning consultation procedure.
9. To deal with any other planning related matter that a meeting of the full Council considers appropriate to be referred to the Planning Committee. All powers shall be exercised in accordance with any Standing Orders, or directions given, by the Parish Council.

Meetings

Planning meetings will be called by the Clerk or the Chair of the Planning Committee when a planning application is received that cannot be considered at a scheduled Full Council Meeting within the necessary timescale to respond to the application. Minutes of all meetings will be recorded by the Clerk or by any member nominated at the meeting if the Clerk is unable to attend. Minutes will be circulated and considered at the next Planning Committee meeting and will be reviewed at the Parish Council meeting following the Planning Committee Meeting.

The Planning Committee shall have an obligation to ensure that relevant parties are given an adequate hearing. Applicants, supporters and objectors shall have the opportunity to speak at meetings in accordance with the Parish Council Standing Orders.

Site Visits

Where a site visit is requested by an applicant or an objector the member of the Planning Committee must ensure that they are accompanied by another member of the Committee. The Committee member shall then present findings to the Committee.

Responses

The Clerk, or, in their absence, the committee member nominated to record the minutes of the meeting, will communicate in writing detailing the Planning Committee's recommendations to the Planning Authority, or other relevant body and will ensure that communication arrives within the timescale for each application. All correspondence should be conducted through the Parish Clerk wherever possible.

Review

The terms of reference are to be reviewed by the Full Council at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, held each May.