

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Monday 4th March, 2013 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

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

In attendance: Liz Alexander and Sarah McCullough from West Berkshire Council (for item 2920) and the Parish Clerk.

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

2913 **Apologies for absence** were received from V. von Celsing.

2914 **Any declarations of pecuniary interest by members or the Clerk**
There were none.

2915 **To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public**
Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest
There were none.

2916 **To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 11th February, 2013**
Proposed by KS, seconded by LM and carried. They were then signed by the Chairman.

2917 **Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meetings on 11th February, 2013**
There were none.

2918 **To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing**
VvC has sent her apologies.

2919 **Clerk's report**
The Clerk went through her report, which is at Attachment 1.
Item 4: The street light removed in the accident opposite Yew Tree Stables is still in one piece.
Clerk to inform WBC.

2921 **To discuss potential s.106 highway improvements and agree priorities**
LM and PB met with representatives from West Berkshire Council and Sovereign.

1. It was considered the signage at the school is adequate but it may be possible to extend the double yellow lines and drop the kerb to improve the crossing to the Recreation Ground.
2. A footpath along the front of Lowbury Gardens would be too expensive. It may be possible to drop the kerb opposite the junction.
3. Outside the Doctors surgery drop kerbs could be installed at either side of the road by the gate in the wall. No traffic calming is required as there is a clear view.
4. It may be possible to install Grasscrete on the grass surfaces outside Manor Bungalows to aid parking.

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5. Sovereign will contribute towards dropping kerbs and creating driveways at houses in Burrell Road. They will perform a letter drop to their residents. It may also be possible to install Grasscrete in places along this road.

A report will be provided to the Parish Council in due course.

MB will approach the homeowners of the bungalow on the corner of Down's Road about the possible installation of a pathway in front of the property.

The railing near the school is damaged. The Clerk is to write to WBC to request repair.

2922 To consider the replacement of the gate and hedge cutting at Newbury Lane Allotments

The hedge cutting has been covered under the grounds maintenance contract. The allotment manager has provided a quote to replace the gate/post. The Clerk is to request a further quote.

2920 To discuss the draft of the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Liz Alexander and Sarah McCullough from West Berkshire Council discussed various aspects of the draft SPD with the Council.

The whole site covers 15 hectares, however, the developable area will be smaller as this will be the area available once the infrastructure (roads, open spaces, landscaping etc) are determined. WBC is unable to state housing numbers due to case law; they can only use the framework to guide this figure.

Although the schools are currently full to capacity, the education department believe they can provide the increase in capacity that will be required.

The document will be altered based on this consultation and will then be adopted by WBC in June. Once adopted, an annual monitoring report will review if updates are required to the SPD.

2923 To consider what to do with the old notice board

PB will look into whether the schools can make use of this and if not, will attempt to sell it.

2924 To consider quotes for the contract for grass cutting and hedge cutting

No quotes had been received at the time of the meeting.

2925 To agree the expenditure for purchasing a sign showing the location of the car park by the village hall

DA will speak to local residents regarding this before a decision can be taken.

2926 To consider providing a shelter for teenagers to use at the Recreation Ground

The Clerk is to obtain formal quotes.

2927 To receive an update on the Churchyard

There was no update.

2928 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village

There have been recent burglaries at the IAH farm and the pub and dogs stolen from by the pumping station. The telephone box has had some glass broken. Some youths have attempted to hang over the railway bridge to vandalise a sign.

2929 Planning Applications

- a) To consider the following new application:**

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App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
13/00217/FUL	Hamilton Cottages, Hockham Road, Compton, RG20 6QL	Demolition of existing cottages; construction of 2 replacement dwellings.	NO OBJECTIONS
Comments: The Parish Council would like to see improvements to the verges at the junction of Hockham Road and Cheap Street.			

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Compton PC Recommendation	WBC Decision
12/01760/XFULD	Former Bank, High Street, Compton	Renewal of planning permission 07/02654/FULD - Conversion of former (now derelict) bank to one dwelling unit.	No objections.	Granted
12/02420/FULD	20 Manor Crescent, Compton, RG20 6NR	Proposed dwelling.	Object.	Refused
12/03128/HOUSE	2 Warnham Cottages, Warnham Lane, Compton, RG20 7PW	Two storey extension.	No objections.	Granted

2930 **To receive reports on the following:**

a) Recreation Ground

It was agreed to dispose of the two damaged gates from the MUGA.

2931 **To approve cheques due for payment**

Invoice Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Description
28 Feb	102308	S. Marshman	£ 440.78	Clerk's salary and expenses for 4 weeks to 3rd March
28 Feb	102309	D. Moss	£ 55.00	Litter picking February
13 Feb	102310	West Berkshire District Council	£ 589.28	Compilations printing Feb/Mar edition

2932 **Correspondence**

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 2.

A complaint has been received about the ball park. The Clerk to respond explaining the contractors say it cannot be improved further and that the Council believes the actions to be deliberate and suggest this should be reported to the PCSO when it occurs.

2933 **Matters for consideration and information**

PS – the Pre-School is currently full and are investigating whether it would be possible to use the crèche at the IAH.

Dates and times of next meetings:

Extraordinary meeting	Monday 18th March, 2013 at 7pm	In the Wellstead Room, Village Hall
Council Meeting	Monday 4th March, 2013 at 7pm	In the Wellstead Room, Village Hall

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