

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 3rd October, 2016 at 7:00pm in the Wilkins Centre, Burrell Road.

Those present: Councillors D. Aldis (Chair), M. Birtwistle (from 7:07pm), P. Burnett, L. Moss, M. Pinfold, R. Pinfold, K. Simms, A. Strong (from 7:09pm) and I. Tong (from 7:32pm).

In attendance: The Parish Clerk.

The meeting started at 7:00pm.

3967 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. I. Tong (arrived 7:32pm), P. Burnett and District Councillor Virginia von Celsing.

3968 Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk

There were none.

**3969 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public
Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**

There were none.

3970 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th September, 2016

It was resolved that the minutes be accepted as a true record and they were signed by the Chairman.

3971 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 5th September, 2016

There were none.

3972 To receive a report from our District Councillor

VvC sent her apologies.

The council has received notification that grant funding from West Berkshire Council towards a set of goals for the Recreation Ground has been agreed.

3973 Clerk's report

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

MB arrived, AS arrived.

3974 Planning Applications

a) To consider the following new applications:

AS declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 16/02365/FUL, MB declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 16/02401/HOUSE.

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App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
16/02365/ FUL	Scilla, High Street, Compton, RG20 6NL	Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement with new two storey dwelling.	OBJECT
Comments: There is too much glazing in the frontal aspect which does not fit with the Village Design Statement, the Conservation Area or the AONB. It is not in keeping with a rural location.			
16/02401/ HOUSE	28A Shepherds Mount, Compton, RG20 6QZ	Front porch	NO OBJECTIONS
16/02409/ HOUSE	34 Manor Crescent, Compton, RG20 6NU	Single storey rear extension to provide kitchen/dining and family room facilities. All materials to match existing.	NO OBJECTIONS

b) To consider whether to request our District Councillor call in any planning applications to the Western Area Planning Committee

A request will be sent to VvC to call in planning application 16/02365/FUL Scilla, High Street, Compton if the planning application is recommended for approval.

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Response from CPC	WBC Decision
16/01418/ OUTMAJ	Land at Old Station Business Park, High Street, Compton	Outline application for the construction of up to 35 dwellings (including 17 affordable dwellings), informal public open space, surface water drainage, vehicular access and associated works. Matters to be considered: Access.	Object	Refused
16/01971/ FUL	Units 7 - 9 Old Station Business Park, Compton, RG20 6NE	Retrospective planning application for new mechanical ductwork mounted on the external elevations.	No objections	Granted Retrospective

3975 To consider quotes to purchase a village sign

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

3976 To consider quotes to produce ID cards and purchase card holders for all councillors and the Clerk

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

3977 To consider the purchase of two poppy wreaths and a donation to the Royal British Legion for Remembrance Sunday

It was resolved to donate £80 to the Royal British Legion which includes covering the cost of the wreaths at approximately £30.

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3978 To consider quotes for completing the neighbourhood development plan

A working group will be set up to look through the quotes and make a recommendation to the parish council. The Clerk was requested to contact Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council for an idea of the costs involved in the production of their NDP. This was deferred to the next meeting.

3979 To review this year's spend versus budget

The spend versus budget for the current year was reviewed.

3980 To discuss and consider options for the website

This item was deferred.

3981 To receive an update on the Cemetery and to consider the architect's drawings and making the application for planning permission

The council were pleased with the architect's designs and resolved to authorise the architect to submit the planning application.

3982 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village

A window in the football pavilion has been smashed. The safety matting under the new swing in the Recreation Ground has been pulled up. Both of these have been reported to the police. It was highlighted that many people appear to be unwilling to contact the police or to name themselves or the suspects when they do. This is enabling the criminal activity to continue. The Clerk was requested to seek quotes for installing a motion-controlled floodlight for the play area in the Recreation Ground.

3983 To receive reports on the following:

e) Allotments

The allotment manager at School Road is now Jude Cunningham. Some ducks and chickens have gone missing from the site.

f) Patient Representation

The most recent meeting was cancelled.

i) Groundwater

The culverts opposite the Church and near the railway bridge have been replaced. As the earth on either side has been disturbed so the Clerk was requested to obtain approximately 200 daffodil bulbs to be planted – the funds are to be taken from the earmarked reserves of the estate of Dr Mackenzie.

3984 To receive the finance report and approve payments due

It was resolved to approve the payments listed on the finance report, which is at Attachment 2.

3985 Correspondence

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 3.

C3: The parish council is concerned about the speed limit at this point. AS will contact the resident and Andrew Garratt.

The track across the open space in front of 20 Manor Crescent was discussed. An easement was granted to the previous owners in 2012. The planning inspectorate stated, during a planning appeal, that consideration should be taken over access over green space. It was at this point that West Berkshire Council agreed to change their process so that the district councillor and parish council are consulted. The property then changed owners and the new owners reapplied for easement in 2016. West Berkshire Council failed to follow the new consultation process and granted permission. DA is to write a letter of complaint as Chairman of the council.

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The new footpath on the High Street from the Greens Yard development running along the front of Compton Manor was discussed. WBC have failed to follow up with the contractor about the lack of contact with the residents of Compton Manor. The footpath is not considered to be in keeping with a rural location or with being outside a listed building.

3986 **Matters for future consideration and information**

A meeting has been held regarding the Christmas display.

The Compton Estate is now listed for sale. The Clerk was requested to contact the agent to express interest in Lots 7 and 25.

Meeting closed 9:10pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Parish Council Meeting:** Monday 7th November, 2016 at 7pm in the Wilkins Centre

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