

## Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

### **MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2014 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

Those present: Councillors D. Aldis (Chair), M. Pinfold, L. Moss, K. Simms, P. Burnett, A. Strong, R. Pinfold and I. Tong

In attendance: The Parish Clerk.

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

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3353 **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr. M. Birtwistle and District Councillor Virginia von Celsing.

3354 **Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk**

I. Tong declared an interest in item 3348 on planning application 14/00926/RESMAJ

3355 **To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public**

**Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**

There were none.

3356 **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2014**

It was resolved that the minutes were correct. They were then signed by the Chairman.

3357 **Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2014**

There were none.

3358 **To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing**

VvC sent her apologies.

VvC has helped to secure half the funding for an additional table tennis table in the Recreation Ground through the members bid.

Issues with the handling of planning application 14/01844/HOUSE 23 Shepherds Mount were discussed due to the case officer's failure to respond to several requests. The council will prepare a letter of complaint, to be ratified at the next meeting.

3359 **Clerk's report**

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

3360 **To receive a report from the flood warden and to consider being the holder of the BCF grant of £5K for flood alleviation works**

It was resolved to accept and hold the £5k grant for flood alleviation works on two culverts on Aldworth Road. It is expected the work will cost around £50k – West Berkshire Council will apply for further funding for this work.

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- 3361 **To consider match funding the BCF grant of £5K, if necessary, from reserves.**  
It was resolved to match fund the £5k grant, if it is necessary to do so, provided that both the culverts are dealt with at the same time.
- 3362 **To discuss the state of the land alongside the highway High Street Compton and its impact on the Pang**  
The verges are not being cut up to the edge of the watercourse. The Clerk is to contact West Berkshire Council about this issue.
- 3363 **To consider a request for funding towards goal posts for Compton FC**  
Funding has now been received from another source; however, the Parish Council stated they would be willing to consider funding a second set of goal posts for an additional pitch if they were required.
- 3364 **To consider a donation towards recent work carried out on the Football Pavilion**  
It was resolved to earmark an initial £1000 from the recent s106 grants towards open space to aid the work at the pavilion with the option to increase this amount should a further request be received from Compton Football Club. The football club will liaise with the Parish Council as to what materials or labour they require to be paid for by these funds.
- 3365 **To consider purchasing two wreaths and making a donation to Royal British Legion**  
It was resolved to purchase two wreaths and provide a donation of £50.
- 3366 **To consider installing a shelter in the Recreation Ground**  
It was resolved to purchase the Trojan recreation shelter to be sited in front of the football pavilion and to allocate a budget of up to £600 to install paving stones.
- 3367 **To consider quotes to repair the post in the Recreation Ground car park**  
It was resolved to accept a quote from Iain Jermey to carry out this repair.
- 3368 **To consider the governance of using a pre-paid debit card**  
This item was deferred.
- 3369 **To consider employing a litter picker**  
This item was deferred until December due to the closing date of the job advert.
- 3370 **To consider a proposal for s137 payments**  
This item was deferred.
- 3371 **To consider activities commemorating World War I**  
The plaque has been received.
- 3372 **To consider suggestions for the enhancement programme**  
It was resolved to purchase a second table tennis table using the grant from West Berks Council and s106 funds already held.
- 3373 **To receive an update on the Cemetery**  
A signed agreement has now been received from William Stone. DA will contact the planning department at West Berks Council.
- 3374 **To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**

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There have been a few recent incidences of vandalism and theft that have been reported to the police. There is an issue with youths smoking in the Newbury Lane allotments and the Recreation Ground during the day – this will be reported to The Downs.

**3375 Planning Applications**

**a) To consider the following new applications:**

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
<b>14/02119/ HOUSE</b>	Painsbridge Barn, Wallingford Road, Compton, RG20 6PU	To erect and install a 8m wide by 4.8m projecting single storey glass room between two buildings.	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>
<b>14/02298/ HOUSE</b>	Applepie Farm, Aldworth Road, Compton, RG20 6RD	Removal of shrubbery. Construction of a detached carport. Oak framed with brickwork up to 450mm above DPC. Softwood Featheredge to exterior with a clay tile roof.	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation	WBC Decision
<b>14/01844/HOU SE</b>	23 Shepherds Mount, Compton, RG20 6QY	Single storey side extension.	<b>OBJECT</b>	<b>Granted</b>
<b>14/01534/HOU SE</b>	1 Roden Cottages, Wallingford Road, Compton, RG20 6PS	Two storey extension to side and front of house, incorporating pitched tiled roof. Providing enlarged kitchen and additional bedroom. All proposed materials windows, eaves and detailing to match existing house.	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>

**3376 To receive reports on the following:**

**d) Village Hall**

The balance sheet and Chairman's report were provided to the Clerk.

**e) Allotments**

The Parish Council agreed to fund a skip required at Newbury Lane allotments.

Guidance is required from BALC on access to allotments from private properties.

There has been a complaint at Newbury Lane about noise from chickens. There is also a rat issue which one of the allotment holders who has a license to use firearms on rats has volunteered. The Parish Council agreed to this as long as an air rifle is used.

**f) Patient Representation**

It is now possible for patients to choose which doctors' surgery patients wish they sign up to use.

**3377 To approve cheques due for payment**

Invoice Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Description
5 Sep	102452	Thames Water	£44.81	School Road allotments 16 Jun – 3 Sep
4 Sep	102453	Fitzpatrick Woolmer	£231.60	WW1 memorial plaque
30 Aug	102454	Scofell Landscapes Ltd	£573.74	Grounds maintenance Aug

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24 Sep	102455	Southern Electric	£720.28	Electricity supply 27 Jun - 23 Sep
31 Jul	102456	SSE Contracting Ltd	£578.35	Street lighting maintenance charge
30 Sep	102457	Scofell Landscapes Ltd	£573.74	Grounds maintenance Sept
10 Sep	102458	Mazars	£240.00	External audit fee 2013/14
2 Oct	102459	S. Marshman	£490.27	Clerk's salary and expenses for
5 Sep	102460	BALC	£48.00	New councillor training course
2 Oct	102461	OALC	£21.00	The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations training
1 Sep	102462	Compton Preschool	£264.21	Donation (minute 3338)

3378 **Correspondence**

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 2.

3379 **Matters for consideration and information**

The bins at the Scout Hut have been removed by West Berkshire Council and the Scouts have been informed they will need to pay for an industrial collection in future. VvC will discuss this with WBC.

Meeting closed at 9:30pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Parish Council Meeting:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November , 2014 at 7pm in the Village Hall

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