

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 6th March, 2017 at 7:00pm in the Wilkins Centre, Burrell Road.

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

In attendance: District Councillor Virginia von Celsing, the Parish Clerk and 3 members of the public.

The meeting started at 7:00pm.

4089 Apologies for absence

There were none.

4090 Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk

There were none.

4091 To receive a presentation from Aaron Smith of Fowler Architecture and Planning on the Neighbourhood Development Plan

Aaron will be providing a consultancy input to ensure the NDP is launched in a professional way in terms of engaging the community and the presentation material used. He and his colleagues will aid the steering group and advise what the NDP can/cannot do.

The launch date will be the 20th May in the Village Hall.

It is expected the timescale for the project will be 18 months to 3 years depending on the scope of the project.

The NDP will be equal to the core strategy in terms of weight and will be considered, for example, in planning applications.

**4092 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public
Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**

There were none.

4093 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th February, 2017

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

4094 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 6th February, 2017

There were none.

4095 To receive a report from our District Councillor

The Pre-school have been successful in their request for a grant through the Member's Bid.

The review of warding arrangements is still ongoing. The parish council have commented with a suggestion that Aldworth joins the current parishes in the Compton ward. IT has also made comment on the expected increase in the number of electors as the current suggestion is 4 which fails to take in to account the development at Greens Yard or any potential development on the Institute site.

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4096 Clerk's report

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

The Clerk was requested to contact Charles Church and invite them to meet with the council to discuss their refusal to contribute towards improvements to lighting in the village and their proposal for the management of the open spaces and private road of the Greens Yard site.

4097 Planning Applications

a) To consider the following new applications:

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
16/03569/ HOUSE	1 Roden Cottages, Wallingford Road, Compton, RG20 6PS	Two storey side extension to provide new kitchen/dining area, additional bedroom with en-suite shower room over. Addition of entrance porch.	NO OBJECTIONS
New Premises Licence Application: 17/00120/ LQN	The Snaffling Pig Co, Unit 8, Childs Court Farm, Ashampstead Common, RG8 8QT	Supply of alcohol – off sales only.	NO OBJECTIONS

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

There were no applications requiring call in.

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

There were none.

4098 To consider a request for funding towards the event celebrating the 50th anniversary of Foinavon winning the Grand National

It was resolved to donate £150 to be used towards children's activities at the event.

4099 To consider implementing a policy for qualification for burial in the burial ground

Concerns have been raised for the planning application by the Highways Officer that if burials were allowed from outside of the village there would be an increase of movements to and from the site.

Suggestions were made that burials should be allowed for circumstances such as a former resident who has been forced to leave the village to live in a care home.

It is possible for the burials to be restricted by implementing a very high fee for non-residents.

It was resolved that the intention of the parish council is to ensure that burials are restricted to those who live in the village and former residents, such as the example given above, and the parish council intend to do everything possible to protect these restrictions.

4100 To consider instructing Gardner Leader to provide legal advice on the Village Hall

It was resolved to allocate a budget of £500 for this work and to instruct Rob Jobson of Gardner Leader to provide this advice.

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4101 To consider whether to vire funds from the earmarked funds and funds not used in the current financial year from street lights to the Neighbourhood Development Plan and to instead use CIL funds to purchase the street lights

It was resolved to vire the funds earmarked for street lights (£2,610 from earmarked funds, £3,000 from 2016/17 budget and £3,000 from 2017/18 budget) to the neighbourhood plan budget and to use CIL funds (£7,389) for replacing street lights with LED lights.

4102 To consider quotes to purchase a projector, stand, screen, cable and extension lead

MB offered to loan a projector to the parish council. PB stated the Autumn Group has a floor standing screen that could be borrowed but they would ideally like a wall mounted screen. The Clerk was requested to write to the Village Hall Management Committee to request permission for the installation of a wall mounted screen and a ceiling mounted bracket. It was resolved to budget £500 for the screen and bracket.

4103 To consider quotes to replace five street lights

It was resolved to replace the following street lights with new LED columns or brackets: Cheap Street columns 2 (opposite Bray Cottage) and 3 (opposite Hollyhock Cottage); Fairfield columns 1 (outside number 23) and 2 (near number 8); Horn Street column 1 (outside Swan entrance).

4104 To consider a request for permission to use the Recreation Ground for Buggyfit classes

It was resolved that permission would be granted for this activity. Copies of the public liability insurance and risk assessments will be requested.

4105 To consider quotes to reprint the footpaths leaflet

The council required further information to make the decision. This item was deferred.

4106 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village

There have been several break ins in the area recently including vehicle break ins. An abandoned vehicle had been noted on the High Street but appears to have been dealt with.

4107 To receive reports on the following:

a) Recreation Ground

A set of mini goal posts has been installed.

b) Football Pavilion

The insurance claim for the repairs is ongoing.

e) Allotments

Fly tipping has occurred at Newbury Lane. DA has identified the contractor who has done this and will be meeting with them.

Defra have created red zones for alert for avian flu, whilst the zone does not currently affect Compton the council agreed they should be prepared. AS will monitor the Defra website for any changes in the zone. MB will speak to allotment managers to make them aware and request they write to all allotment holders. He will also erect signs at the entrance to both allotment sites.

i) Parish Assets & Management

The Clerk recently met with the solicitor handling the purchase. The council requested clarification on whether any easements had been granted over the land at Gordon Crescent. The Clerk will request the solicitor contact the current owner and Sovereign for clarification.

4108 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.

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4109 **Correspondence**

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 3.

The Clerk was requested to respond to the email received regarding salt bins stating that the two remaining salt bins were paid for by the parish council some years ago, and were placed based on the position of the bins provided by West Berkshire Council. The parish council will consider moving these bins to better locations once they have been emptied.

4110 **Matters for future consideration and information**

A meeting to discuss the library service with West Berkshire Council has been arranged for all the parish councils within the Compton Ward on 15th March.

It was highlighted that the lights on the wall of the Science Block at The Downs School are very bright and it was queried as to whether these could be on a timer. LM will raise this with the school.

IT has invested in some equipment for his company that allow access to the internet in the meeting room. The parish council will test this equipment for a few meetings to see if it is worth investing in.

The Clerk was requested to send the letter that had been sent to West Berkshire Council regarding the funding of services to Compilations and the Newbury Weekly News.

Meeting closed 8:45pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

- **Parish Council Meeting:** **Monday 3rd April, 2017 at 7pm** in the Wilkins Centre

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