

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 25th April, 2016 at 7pm in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

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 and the Parish Clerk

The meeting started at 7pm.

3819 Apologies for absence

There were none.

3820 Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk

The Clerk declared a pecuniary interest in 3826.

**3821 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public
Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**

There were none.

3822 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 11th April, 2016

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

3823 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 11th April, 2016

There were none.

3824 To consider providing grounds maintenance for the Church yard

DA will meet with the Church Wardens to discuss this further before a decision can be made.

3825 To consider quotes for the reseeding of the goal mouths in the Recreation Ground

It was resolved to accept a quote from Scofell to carry out this work. Baxters are holding an internal event using the Recreation Ground and are making a donation for its use which shall be put towards this work.

3826 To consider which pension scheme to join for automatic enrolment and the required start date

It was resolved to join the LGPS scheme and to start paying contributions as soon as this can be put in place. As this has not been budgeted for in this financial year, the contributions are to be paid from reserves until the end of the financial year.

3827 To consider whether to continue using Unity Trust Bank now account charges have been introduced

It was resolved to continue using Unity due to the online banking options not available elsewhere. The Clerk was requested to move the majority of funds to the deposit account in order to receive interest not available in the current account. The Clerk was requested to

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research an alternative high interest option for the reserves in order to ensure the council is not over the limit for the Financial Services Compensation Scheme.

3828 To consider issuing all councillors and the clerk with ID badges and to consider the purchase of ID card holders and hi-vis vests for them all

It was agreed that the councillors would prefer plastic ID cards rather than something produced in-house so the Clerk was requested to research this further. It was resolved to purchase a pack of 5 high-vis vests as some councillors owned their own already.

3831 Planning Applications

a) To consider the following new applications:

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
16/00624/ FULD	North East of North Wing, High Elms, Aldworth Road, Compton, RG20 6RD	Erection of a single dwelling	OBJECT
Comments: Object due to the site being outside the settlement boundary.			

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

It was resolved to request that VvC call this planning application in if it 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
16/00261/ HOUSE	14 Newbury Lane, Compton, RG20 6PB	Side and back two storey extension. Single storey granny annexe to the back connected to existing cottage.	No objections	Granted

It was discussed that the parish council need to publicise that the village has received s106 contributions to be used on open spaces from the developments at Lowbury Gardens and Greens Yard. The Clerk was requested to write an article for Compilations.

The Clerk was requested to write to the Newbury Weekly News regarding inaccurate information printed in an article published on the 14th April regarding the potential 30 home development on land east of Yew Tree Stables, north of School Road.

3829 To receive a report from Ian Tong on the proceedings of the district/parish conference

IT talked through the overheads from the district/parish conference. He highlighted that the budget impact is a major issue and West Berkshire Council want to work with communities to find ways for these communities to provide services on a voluntary basis that WBC can no longer provide.

IT had also attended a meeting organised by BALC on volunteering and how volunteers can be better used. It would be possible for a volunteer to specify they will only carry out volunteer work in Compton and state how many hours they would be willing to provide on, for example, a weekly basis. IT will write a short article for Compilations.

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3830 To consider activities to commemorate the Queen’s 90th birthday

The guides, cubs and brownies are intending to carry out a litter pick on the Queen’s official birthday as a result with the ‘Clean for the Queen’ initiative.

It was suggested that the village could purchase a beacon to be lit for official events. KS will research this. The purchase of a village sign was also suggested. The Clerk will research costs. The council will think about possible designs.

3832 Matters for future consideration and information

The Landlord at The Swan has informed us that the local brewery would like to provide some half barrel planters for use in Compton. The council agreed this would be a good idea will request 12 if possible. The Scouts would be willing to do the maintenance of the planters.

Someone has agreed to donate a Christmas tree and the pub are happy to host it on the green, provide electricity and store the decorations for the next year. It was suggested that some decorations in the High Street would be nice. It would be good to hold an event at the Christmas tree to raise funds towards the Christmas dinner held by the Autumn Group on Christmas day. Baubles could be hung on the tree with names painted on them in memory of someone to raise further funds. It was suggested a working party should be set up, this will be on the next agenda.

DA and the Clerk met with Pam Scott, the new editor of Compilations. The Clerk was requested to contact Pam to request all past electronic copies of Compilations for the parish council archives.

DA, MB and IT met with the BBSRC to discuss all the parcels of land the parish council are interested in taking ownership of. Anything on the site is not negotiable as it will be handed over to the Housing and Communities Agency to dispose of. The Estate is currently leased to Yattendon Estates until the end of 2017.

The lone goal post is quite rusty and its removal was discussed. As it was considered low risk in the recent safety inspection report it was not considered to be in need of immediate removal. It was suggested that this post could be removed and a 5-a-side pitch could be created instead. MP will look at the possible siting of a pitch and KS will research costs of goal posts.

The Clerk was requested to write to Sovereign raising concerns over a rumour that a resident of Gordon Crescent is planning to tarmac a driveway across the green.

There is a small discrepancy in documents owned by the Parish Council and by the BBSRC over the exact area of ownership by the Parish Council of land in the Recreation Ground.

BBSRC have asked the parish council if our grounds maintenance contractor can carry out the maintenance work on Gordon Crescent and the Churn Road bridleway and footpath and the BBSRC pay the parish council for this work. The Clerk will respond to the BBSRC, adding an admin charge of 10% to the costs.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

- **Annual Parish Council Meeting:** Monday 9th May, 2016 at 7pm in the Village Hall
- **Annual Parish Meeting:** Wednesday 18th May, 2016 at 7pm in the Wilkins Centre

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