

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Monday 24th July 2012 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

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

In attendance: The Parish Clerk and one member of the public.

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

2757 **Apologies for absence** were received from Virginia von Celsing.

2758 **Any declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by members or the Clerk**
There were none.

2759 **To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public**
Representations from any member who has declared a prejudicial interest
There were none.

2760 **To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9th July, 2012**
Proposed by AS, seconded by PW and carried. They were then signed by the Chairman.

2761 **Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 9th July, 2012**
There were none.

2762 **Clerk's report**
The Clerk went through her report, which is at Attachment 1.
1. KS proposed to adopt the new **Code of Conduct** and complete the new Register of Interest forms. This was seconded by AS and was carried.
3. The higher rate for printing Compilations is now being charged by WBC. Awaiting quotes.
4. The resurfacing will be taking place.
6. The Clerk was requested to forward the email about riparian responsibilities to WBC.

2763 **To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing**
VvC had sent her apologies to the meeting. No report was presented.

2764 **To discuss funding of Compilations and agree action concerning payment from East Ilsley Parish Council**
It was agreed at the previous meeting to bill East Ilsley on a pro rata basis.

2765 **To consider the latest Asset Register (v6) and agree how to revalue the assets as recommended by the Internal Auditor**
This was deferred to the next meeting.

2766 **To agree the sale or distribution of the remaining Diamond Jubilee mugs**
The shop is willing to sell these on at no charge to the Council. The costs will be £1.50 each and those people who are entitled to a free mug will not be able to collect it from the shop. DA will provide the mugs to the shop.

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2767 To consider whether to investigate opportunities under the 'Fields in Trust' initiative

This was deferred to the next meeting.

2768 To consider purchasing extra spare tiles for the Football Pavilion

AS proposed that MB should buy all the remaining stocks of the tiles up to a value of £350. This was seconded by KS and was carried.

2769 To agree the purchase of two replacement cradle swings for the Recreation Ground

KS proposed the Council allocate up to £750 for PS to purchase replacement seats. This was seconded by AS and was carried.

2770 To discuss Compton's representation at the traffic task force meeting

AS suggested a working party is formed to prepare for this meeting. AS will head and PW and PS will serve on the working party.

The Clerk will write to VvC to inform her of the working party and that AS will be in contact with a date for their meeting.

2771 To agree the replacement of the missing litter bin at the Recreation Ground

The Clerk to write to WBC requesting they replace the litter bin in the Recreation Ground between the MUGA and the football pavilion.

2772 To consider providing a shelter for teenagers to use at the Recreation Ground

The Council will need to engage with the teenagers to find out what they are asking for. Costs need to be investigated and the idea should be discussed with the local PCSO. DA and the Clerk will look at costings.

2773 Planning Applications

a) To consider the following new application:

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
12/01519/FULD	20 Manor Crescent, Compton, RG20 6NR	Proposed detached dwelling	OBJECT
<p>The reasons for objecting were: The proposal would have the same effect as the original proposal "a terracing and urbanising effect" and is "not in keeping with the Guidelines of our Village Design Statement". From the road there is very little difference in the proposed elevation of that of the original proposal. The building has been moved closer and parallel to the South boundary with a gap of about 18" between the house and next door's garage, leaving a larger gap between the house and No.20. It will still have the same terracing/urbanising effect.</p>			
12/01623/HOUSE	2 Lowbury Gardens, Compton, RG20 6NN	Construction of a conservatory to the rear of the property.	NO OBJECTIONS

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

There were none.

2774 To receive reports on the following:

a) Recreation Ground

The damage done to the ground by the fete is disappearing. The replacement of the cradle swing seats has been discussed. The gate to the Rec. Ground will be widened by one further gate post and all posts will be lowered to the same height as those already lowered.

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b) Football Pavilion

It was requested the minutes show the Council's grateful appreciation to MB for his work on repairing the football pavilion.

c) Rights of Way

The replacement for the Cinder Path has now been cut.

d) Village Hall

A profit of over £2000 was made at the fete. The Council wish to send their congratulations to the Village Hall Committee.

f) Patient Representation

No doctor is available on Compton this week due to the holiday season. AS is in direct contact with the Practice Manager but has not yet had a meeting.

g) Parish Council Web Site

Ideas for how to increase the traffic to the site were discussed.

2775 To approve cheques due for payment

Invoice Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Description
24-Jul	102262	Sarah Marshman	£422.51	Clerk's salary and expenses for 4 weeks to 29 th July

2776 Correspondence

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 2.

C1 PB proposed the Clerk write in support of the suggested two bus timetable. This was seconded by DA and carried.

2777 Matters for consideration and information

KS recently attended the superfast broadband forum. Berkshire is currently 22nd in the queue of 42 and installation is likely to happen in mid-2013. Now need as many people as possible to register their interest on the site www.superfastberkshire.org.uk. KS will order leaflets to distribute in Compilations and will be the Champion for this.

PS discussed that concerns have been raised at the high speed some cars drive into and out of the Recreation Ground, especially considering the Pre-School and Day Care centre are located there. AS suggested a sign be installed. This will be added to the next agenda.

AS discussed the water leak at Coombe Road. The Clerk to contact Thames Water and Highways to report the situation.

DA has not been elected on to the new board of Federated Governors for The Downs School but has been offered a position as an associate governor. This position is only advisory and does not enable him to vote. KS suggested that as the new Federated Governing Body has not chosen a representative from the Parish Council, that the Council request they send a representative along to Parish Council meetings in future.

The meeting closed at 8:25pm.

Dates and times of next meetings:

Council Meeting	Monday 3rd September at 7pm	In the Wellstead Room, Village Hall
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