

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Ron Palmer

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Monday 19th July 2010 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

Those present: Councillors D Aldis (Chair), B Evans, M Pinfold, L Moss, K Simms, A Strong,
M Birtwistle and P Whitworth

In attendance: R Palmer (Clerk) and 6 members of the public

2119 **Apologies for absence** had been received from Parish Councillor P Shanks and District Councillor B Alexander

2120 **Any declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by members or the Clerk**
MB declared a personal interest in item 2128 - allotments

2121 **To receive:**

➤ **Questions or comments from members of the public**

➤ **Representations from any member who has declared a prejudicial interest**

Members of the public commented on agenda item 2133 re Sovereign Housing developments and these are noted in the minute of that item.

2122 **To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 7 June 2010**

Proposed by KS, seconded by LM and carried

2123 **Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 7 June 2010**

2098: The Clerk said that the visibility problems associated with vehicles exiting the adjacent properties to the new property Winx in Newbury Lane had been resolved to the satisfaction of all parties.

2111: KS said that the football goals had not been used by the Compton cubs, who had come 1st and 3rd at their tournament. He said the bag needed repair and MP agreed to look at it.

2124 **Clerk's report**

The Clerk went through his report, which is at Attachment 1. He asked members to note that:

6. Possible new footpath from Lowbury Gardens: He had received a response from the Environment Agency saying that the land over which it would pass is not owned by them

16. A cheque for £480 had been received from the Village Hall committee, being the first of 10 annual loan repayments

2125 **To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**

LM said that it was reported at the last NAG meeting that anti-social behaviour in the 3 months to June 2010 had fallen in the Bucklebury NAG area by 60% compared with the same period last year. At that meeting it was suggested that the Parish Council / NAG should investigate the possibility of opening a snack shop for teenagers, but some members doubted the logistics of doing this.

2126 **Following feedback from the public, to consider the location of a dog waste bin on or near Bridleway 21**

MB proposed that a new dog waste bin be attached to the Bridleway sign at the northern end of Bridleway 21 where it crosses the River Pang and that the Clerk order a new waste bin and strap (see minute 2109) + an additional strap to enable the bin to be replaced at the entrance to Wilson Close. This was seconded by AS and was carried.

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2127 To receive feedback from those who had attended the Public Enquiry into the proposed diversion of footpath 16a across The Downs School playing fields

KS and AS had attended all or part of the enquiry and provided feedback to members. They said that the proposed diverted route was different from that discussed at the Annual Parish Meeting in May. KS said he thought that if the Parish Council ever opposed a proposal at a future enquiry, members should seriously consider having legal representation. AS said that the Parish Council did not receive all the documentation (provided by the School etc) because it did not oppose the Order; KS said he would try to obtain some missing documents for the Council's records.

2128 To receive feedback from the Clerk on a recent "allotments" course and agree the policy to be adopted when a previously banned allotment holder reappplies for an allotment

The Clerk gave a brief report of an allotments briefing he had attended. He said our Tenancy Agreement seemed to meet all the major requirements, but agreed that it should also include a paragraph advising allotment holders that they should hold their own insurance to protect them should anyone be injured on the allotments due to their activities. This would be included in next year's Tenancy Agreement.

Following discussion on the policy to be adopted when a previously banned allotment holder reappplies for an allotment, MP proposed that such a person should be able to reapply for an allotment 5 years after his/her offence and members would consider each application on its merit. This was seconded by AS and was carried.

2129 To receive an update on the proposed replacement of the deteriorating light columns in the car park and consider quotes received

The Clerk said he had received 2 quotes for the work. AS proposed that the Clerk should obtain a revised quote for SEC to:

- Replace the 2 lighting columns on the Recreation Ground side of the car park together with transfer of services
- Install a time switch in the pavilion connected to the other 2 lights at the rear of the car park

She proposed that the Clerk place an order for this work if the quote was less than £1,500. This was seconded by MB and was carried.

2130 To consider a report received showing Compton's current S106 developer contributions

Following discussion on the latest report of S106 contributions, DA proposed that the Clerk should ask West Berkshire Council for a summary of what payments were still outstanding and ask Highways what "improved signage" they recommended at the entrance to the village on the road from East Ilsley. This was seconded by BE and was carried.

2131 To consider and approve a proposal to purchase and put mesh in the gateway areas of the children's play area

As PS was not present, this item was carried forward to the next meeting.

2132 To receive an update on the plan to locate planters by the new bus shelter and request the Scouts to maintain them

DA had asked IAH about the concrete planters, but would follow this up, as he had not yet received a response. The Clerk had written to West Berks Council (WBC) concerning the need for planning permission. Having received a non-specific email in response, he had advised WBC that we would assume planning permission was not required.

2133 To consider the changes proposed by Sovereign Housing to their Fairfield garage site

Fairfield residents present stated that, although those currently living in the flats had received personal invitations to the consultation meeting, those living in houses had not received any notification of the meeting. Following a number of queries from concerned residents, DA advised residents to raise all queries directly with Sovereign Housing. However, he proposed that the Clerk should invite Sovereign representatives to the next Council meeting. This was seconded by MB and was carried.

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2134 To consider which trees to plant on the Recreation Ground to replace the 16 conifers / spruce trees which have been felled

PW suggested that 3 new trees should be planted on the eastern boundary of the Recreation Ground. He had visited a local tree nursery and suggested these could be purchased from around £50 each. DA asked the Clerk to put this on the next agenda and asked members to consider what they believed were required.

2135 To discuss the fencing recently erected to enclose footpath 5 across Court Garden Meadow next to the Parish Church and agree actions

The Clerk said that English Heritage had confirmed that the field was the site of a scheduled monument. DA proposed that the Clerk should write to English Heritage and ask if permission had been sought for the new fencing. This was seconded by LM and was carried.

2136 To review the work done to upgrade the car park by the Recreation Ground and the tracks leading to it.

Members approved the work that had been done but were concerned about the thickness of the tar macadam surface. The Clerk said that the specification stated that this would be 35mm deep. Members were asked to monitor any deterioration in the surface and report it to the Clerk.

2137 Planning Applications

a) To consider the following new applications and agree that the recommendations be forwarded to West Berkshire Council

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
10/01249/HOUSE	Church Farm House, Aldworth Road, Compton RG20 6RD	Erection of stable building.	NO OBJECTION Proposed: MB Seconded: AS Carried
10/01306/HOUSE	2 Warnham Cottages, Warnham Lane, Compton RG20 7PW	Demolish existing garage and replace with wooden garage on existing hard standing.	NO OBJECTION Proposed: BE Seconded: DA Carried
10/01344/HOUSE	1 Queensborough Cottages, Wallingford Road, Compton RG20 6PU	Section 73 - Removal or variation of Condition 1: Vary approved drawings of planning permission reference 08/02082/HOUSE.	NO OBJECTION Proposed: DA Seconded: MB Carried

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Compton PC Recommendation	WBC Decision
10/00767/FUL	Winx, Newbury Lane, Compton RG20 6PB	Removal of condition 12, Sustainable Homes (Code 3) of application reference 07/02755/FULD	NO COMMENT	GRANTED
10/00919/HOUSE	1 Lansdowne Cottages, Ilsley Road, Compton RG20 7PQ	Single storey and two storey extension to the rear of the existing house	NO OBJECTION	GRANTED
10/00994/HOUSE	36 Manor Crescent, Compton RG20 6NU	Proposed external render finish. Replacement windows and doors. New warm deck insulation and photovoltaic tiles to roof	NO OBJECTION	GRANTED

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App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Compton PC Recommendation	WBC Decision
10/01174/HOUSE	2 Yew Tree Cottages, Newbury Lane, Compton RG20 6PA	Side extension with room over and conservatory.	NO OBJECTION	GRANTED

2138 **To receive a report from District Councillor Barbara Alexander**

BA had sent her apologies and no report was given

2139 **To receive reports on the following:**

- a) **Recreation Ground:** Nothing to report.
- b) **Football Pavilion:** Nothing to report.
- c) **Rights of Way:** The Clerk was asked to arrange for an overgrown footpath to be cleared
- d) **Village Hall:** MP said that the fete had been very successful; also that the oil tank was being replaced
- e) **Allotments:** MB said he would resize the allotments cleared by Baxters
- f) **Downland Sports Centre:** MB said the next management meeting would be in September
- g) **Patient Representation:** Nothing to report.
- h) **Web site:** KS said the Village Hall committee had asked for space on our website – this was agreed. However a similar request from a local company was refused.

2140 **To approve cheques due for payment**

MB proposed that the following cheques be approved. This was seconded by DA and was carried.

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Description
18-June	102067	Thames Water	£5.64	School Road allotments water bill to 16 June
23-June	102068	Thames Water	£48.17	Newbury Lane allotments water bill to 6 June
28-June	102069	West Berkshire Council	£395.00	Compilations: June / July issue
25-June	102070	Southern Electric Contracting	£709.49	Street lighting maintenance charge for June quarter
29-June	102071	Southern Electric Contracting	£52.65	Street lighting rechargeable repairs for June quarter
29-June	102072	Southern Electric	£691.28	Unmetred electricity charge 27 March to 28 June
18-July	102073	Ron Palmer	£722.96	Clerk's salary & expenses, 6 weeks to 18 July
18-July	102074	Mr D Moss	£55.00	Litter Picking - June
19-July	102075	TL Contracting Ltd	£24,564.55	Upgrading track by Village Hall and car park

2141 **Correspondence**

The Correspondence list is at Attachment 2

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2142 **Matters for consideration and information**

- The Clerk was asked to purchase a new padlock for the children's play area
- DA asked the Clerk to write to David Wilson Homes about a tree overhanging footpath 15 that runs from Burrell Road to the High Street along the side of Lowbury Gardens
- DA asked that an article be placed in Compilations about NO CYCLING along footpath 15
- The Clerk was asked to contact Sovereign Housing about the state of the ground behind the garages near footpath 15
- The Clerk was asked to include an item on the next meeting agenda about old Compton photographs
- The Clerk was asked to contact British Gas about a gas marker that had been damaged by a vehicle
- Members were reminded that an extra Council / Planning meeting may be required before September to discuss planning applications

The meeting closed at 9.37pm.

Forthcoming meeting:

- ◆ **Council Meeting** **Monday 6th September at 7pm**

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