

## **Compton Parish Council**

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

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

**Held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 at 7:30pm** in the Wilkins Centre, Burrell Road.

Those present: Councillors D. Aldis (Chair), M. Birtwistle, L. Moss, M. Pinfold, R. Pinfold and A. Strong.

In attendance: Ben Wills and James Dawson – Beeswax Dyson Farming.  
The Parish Clerk.  
1 member of the public.

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**4242 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. P. Burnett, K. Simms and I. Tong and District Councillor Virginia von Celsing.

**4243 Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk**

There were none.

**4244 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public  
Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**

There were none.

**4245 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**

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

**4246 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2017**

AS has taken further photographs of the railings on the steps that lead down from the Old Station and of the signage on the footpath from Hockham Road to Church Road and will send these to the Rights of Way team at West Berkshire Council.

**4247 To receive a presentation by Ben Wills from Beeswax Dyson**

Ben Wills gave a presentation about Beeswax Dyson Farming, who have recently acquired the 'Compton Estate'. They were already in ownership of Churn Farm and the Gallops that join the two estates. A further presentation to the whole village will be arranged.

The Parish Council thanked Ben and James for their presentation and for the help given by Beeswax Dyson in the Parish Council's purchase of the land in Lot 25 of the Compton Estate.

**4248 To receive a report from our District Councillor**

VvC sent her apologies.

**4249 Clerk's report**

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

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4250 Planning Applications

a) To consider the following new applications:

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
17/02020/ COMIND	Mayfield Farm, Ilsley Road, Compton, RG20 7BR	Construction of a grain drying and storage facility including the demolition of an existing building	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>
<b>Comments:</b> We request a condition that traffic movement should be up the drive rather than up Mayfields			
17/02263/ HOUSE	29 Shepherds Mount, Compton, RG20 6QY	Remodel house completely with new roof, windows and elevation treatment; Two storey extension parallel to the side boundary; Improve landscaping to rear and front gardens; Proposed extension sunk into ground at rear so ground floor will be approximately 1225mm below existing ground floor level; Soil from excavation to be removed and recycled.	<b>OBJECT</b>
<b>Comments:</b> The design will have an overbearing impact on and will unbalance the street scene resulting in a terracing effect.			
17/02305/ HOUSE	Downside, Wallingford Road, Compton, RG20 6PS	Erection of single storey extension to front elevation and an extension to create a first floor.	<b>OBJECT</b>
<b>Comments:</b> No information is provided on the elevation in terms of metrics and there are no elevations that show the height of this building against neighbouring properties. Without this information we cannot determine the suitability of the development.			
17/02396/ HOUSE	7 Horn Street, Compton, RG20 6QS	Demolition of existing shed, erection of new two storey side extension, and insertion of two dormer windows to the front of the property.	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>

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

It was resolved not to request any of these applications be called in.

c) To consider whether to refer any planning applications for further response from our planning consultants

It was resolved not to refer any of these applications for further response.

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Response from CPC	Decision
17/01546/ FUL	Units 7 - 9 Old Station Business Park, Compton, RG20 6NE	Design variations concern updated external steel frame design and associated plant including timber hit and miss fence enclosure, amended duct work and unistrut design to elevations, retaining walls to side elevation, additional gas flue to rear, replacement doors to rear elevation.	Object	Approved

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**4251 To discuss the installation of signage in the village for the Ridgeway by the Ridgeway Partnership**

MB will walk the route and make suggestions to the Ridgeway Partnership.

**4252 To consider the Clerk attending CiLCA training**

It was resolved to budget up to £500 for the Clerk to attend CiLCA training. The total cost will be split with the Clerk's additional parish councils, the split will be based on each council's precept.

**4253 To consider quotes to purchase an internet dongle and PC mobile phone**

It was resolved to obtain a SIM card costing £11/month. MB will supply the Clerk with a handset and signal booster. The phone can then be used as a hotspot to allow internet access during meetings when required.

**4254 To consider quotes to renew the insurance and to consider whether to sign up to a 3 year agreement**

The Clerk was requested to ensure the full asset register was covered by the quote. It was resolved to accept the three year agreement as long as the assets were fully covered.

**4255 To consider quotes for the street lighting maintenance contract**

This item was deferred.

**4256 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**

There was nothing reported.

**4257 To receive reports on the following:**

**b) Football Pavilion**

The repairs are no complete. The immersion heater needs urgent repairs. It was resolved that £400 should be budgeted to carry out these repairs.

**e) Allotments**

The tree at School Road has now been removed.

**g) Groundwater**

The following report had been received from the Flood Warden.

I didn't in the end apply for the grant to operate the West Berkshire Groundwater Scheme as the funds available were heavily outweighed by the costs involved. Meanwhile technical risk has been reduced by the circulation of the Birmingham University report which indicates that the Scheme has enough 'grunt' to reduce groundwater levels by up to 2m if operated from a suitable trigger point until the water level has peaked. There is uncertainty about whether the river can accept the outflow downstream of the Bucklebury discharge point: my view is that it probably can. That more work is required - a follow-on project - will most likely be the considered conclusion of this phase.

The improvements to flow along Aldworth Road have advanced significantly with the realignment of the watercourse across the garden of Chaubury. My meeting with Beeswax Dyson and the Forestry Commission to discuss natural flood management measures by appropriate planting in the valley floor between Compton and East Ilsley (which parallels the interest of The Downs School in adopting renewable sources of energy) has been put back to September 18th.

**j) Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Some drop in evenings will be organised soon.

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4258 **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.

4259 **Correspondence**

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 3.

4260 **Matters for future consideration and information**

The Clerk was requested to contact Sovereign regarding the removal of weeds growing from the boundary of the garage site over the footpath from Burrell Road to the High Street.

Meeting closed 9:15pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Parish Council Meeting:** **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017 at 7pm** in the Wilkins Centre

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