

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Monday 1st September, 2014 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

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

In attendance: District Councillor Virginia von Celsing and the Parish Clerk.
1 member of the public.

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

3325 **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllrs. and M. Birtwistle and R. Pinfold

3326 **Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk**

I. Tong declared an interest in item 3348 on planning application 14/00926/RESMAJ

3327 **To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public**

Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest

There were none.

3328 **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th July, 2014**

It was resolved that the minutes were correct. They were then signed by the Chairman.

3329 **Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 7th July, 2014**

There were none.

3330 **To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 27th May, 2014**

It was resolved that the minutes were correct. They were then signed by the Chairman.

3331 **To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 30th July, 2014**

It was resolved that the minutes were correct. They were then signed by the Chairman.

3332 **To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing**

The oversight and scrutiny management commission is currently taking place discussing the flooding that occurred over the last winter. The Parish Council are pleased with the work that is taking place in the village so far but believe that two of the culverts on School Road still need attention as they are only capable of taking approximately half the flow they were required to deal with last winter.

3333 **Clerk's report**

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

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- 3334 To consider a response to the Housing Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD)**
 The report states in Compton that the development of the Pirbright site is the preferred choice and, due to the scale of this site, no other sites are proposed for development. The Parish Council were pleased with this result and resolved that no response was necessary to the report.
- 3335 To review the feedback from our internal auditors on the 2013/14 accounts and consider appropriate actions**
 Two recommendations (listed below) were received from the auditor. Recommendation 1 has been completed and the Clerk shall carry out the registration required in recommendation 2.
 Recommendation 1: That boxes 6, 7 and 8 of the Annual Return for 2013/14 are amended and initialled by the Chair and the RFO before submission to the external auditors.
 Recommendation 2: The Council should confirm with the Information Commissioner's Office whether it is necessary for the Council to be registered with the Commission as a Data Controller.
- 3336 To consider employing a litter picker**
 The job description has not yet been completed so the current arrangement will continue for now.
- 3337 To consider quotes for tree cutting in the Recreation Ground**
 It was agreed to accept a quote from Almond Arborists for the felling of a fir tree near to the Football Pavilion and the removal of the suckers from the lime tree next to it.
- 3338 To acknowledge receipt and consider what action to take with funds received from Compton Cricket Club**
 A donation of £764.21 has been received from Compton Cricket Club to be used for helping Youth projects within the village. It was resolved to donate £264.21 to Compton Preschool. The other £500 may be used towards the youth shelter.
- 3339 To acknowledge receipt of the contributions from planning application 08/00802/FULC Applepie Farm, Aldworth Road, Compton, from West Berks Council**
 £2,317 has been received from WBC. There is no requirement to expend the monies within a certain time period, but they should be used within a reasonable time.
- 3340 To acknowledge receipt of the s106 contributions from planning application 09/01415/OUTD Downe Cottage, Ilsley Road, Compton, from West Berks Council**
 £1,896 has been received from WBC. There is no requirement to expend the monies within a certain time period, but they should be used within a reasonable time.
- 3341 To consider whether to provide support to a proposal being submitted under the Sustainable Communities Act asking for the government to give all Parish and Town Councils the right to sell electricity that they generate from any local schemes**
 It was resolved the Parish Council should not respond to this proposal.
- 3342 To consider obtaining a pre-paid debit card for the Clerk**
 It has been agreed that one should be obtained but not used and this should be placed on the next agenda.
- 3343 To consider a proposal for s137 payments**
 This was deferred to the next meeting.
- 3344 To consider activities commemorating World War I**
 The wreath was purchased and laid on the War Memorial at the memorial service.

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3345 **To consider suggestions for the enhancement programme**

Placing planters by the bus shelter and along the High Street was discussed.

3346 **To receive an update on the Cemetery**

DA will discuss initial plans with WBC planning.

3347 **To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**

In Newbury Lane a car was broken in to over the weekend. There have been some instances of people knocking on doors offering to buy cars recently.

3348 **Planning Applications**

a) **To consider the following new applications:**

| App. Ref. | Location | Proposed Work | Recommendation |
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| 14/00926/ RESMAJ | Greens Yard, High Street, Compton | *REVISED PLANS* Approval of Reserved Matters following Outline planning permission 11/01159/XOUTMA - Matters to be considered appearance, landscaping and scale. For 25 residential units. | OBJECT |
| Comments: The comments submitted are at Attachment 2. | | | |
| 14/01844/ HOUSE | 23 Shepherds Mount, Compton, RG20 6QY | Single storey side extension. | OBJECT |
| Comments: The development would be classed as infilling and is against the Village Design Statement. As noted in a recent planning appeal (which was dismissed) the Planning Inspector noted that 'regular spacing between the buildings provides a distinctive rhythm to the pattern of development and allows views into the space between the dwellings. Consequently this space forms an important element of the streetscene.' | | | |
| 14/01861/ FULD | The Croft, Cheap Street, Compton, RG20 6QH | Division of plot and construction of a new 3-bedroom house; partial demolition of boundary retaining wall to Cheap Street and partial demolition of outbuilding shared with neighbour. | OBJECT |
| Comments: The development is classed as infilling and is against the Village Design Statement. This fails to enhance the AONB and is detrimental to the conservation area. | | | |
| 14/02054/ HOUSE | 31 Shepherds Mount, Compton, RG20 6QY | Side single storey extension. | NO OBJECTIONS |

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

| App. Ref. | Location | Proposed Work | Recommendation | WBC Decision |
|----------------------|----------------------------------|--|----------------------|----------------|
| 14/01542/LBC2 | 1 Horn Street, Compton, RG20 6QS | Installation of cable ties to existing roof to provide bracing and stabilisation to existing wall. | NO OBJECTIONS | Granted |

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3349 **To receive reports on the following:**

a) Recreation Ground

New goal posts have been installed. The goal mouths have been turfed and the pitch moved slightly.

b) Football Pavilion

Work has been carried out on the football pavilion.

c) Rights of Way

Lots of work related to the recent flooding has been done on Footpath 10.

g) Communications

The Parish Council has now set up a facebook page.

3350 **To approve cheques due for payment**

| Invoice Date | Cheque No. | Payee | Amount | Description |
|--------------|------------|------------------------|---------|---|
| 30 Jun | 102443 | Veolia ES (UK) Ltd | £19.50 | Bin at Daycare Centre for Jun |
| 30 Jul | 102444 | S. Marshman | £475.75 | Clerk's salary and expenses for Jul |
| 31 Jul | 102445 | Veolia ES (UK) Ltd | £33.78 | Bin at Daycare Centre for Jul |
| 30 Jul | 102446 | Scofell Landscapes Ltd | £573.74 | Grounds maintenance Jul |
| 31 Jul | 102447 | Scofell Landscapes Ltd | £42.00 | Weed killer footpath from High St to Burrell Rd |
| 31 Jul | 102448 | Scofell Landscapes Ltd | £576.00 | Turf 2x goal areas |
| 26 Aug | 102449 | S. Marshman | £492.12 | Clerk's salary and expenses for Aug |
| 19 Aug | 102450 | Broker Network Ltd | £573.74 | Came & Company insurance renewal 2014/15 |
| 7 Jul | 102451 | Sue Ryder | £50.00 | Donation in memory of Bill Evans (minute 3312) |

3351 **Correspondence**

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 3.

3352 **Matters for consideration and information**

Thames Water has carried out work relating to the flooding near the sewage works.

There are still some Jubilee mugs left. They shall be offered at events to any parishioners that wish to have one.

Meeting closed 9:10pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Parish Council Meeting:** Monday 6th October, 2014 at 7pm in the Village Hall

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