

**Compton Parish Council**

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

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

In attendance: District Councillor Virginia von Celsing and the Parish Clerk.

The meeting started at 7pm.

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**3601 Apologies for absence**

There were none.

**3602 Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk**

KS declared an interest in item 3621, planning application 15/01576/HOUSE.

**3603 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public**

**Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**

There were none.

**3604 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2015**

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

**3605 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2015**

There were none.

**3606 To approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2015**

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

**3607 Matters arising from the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2015**

There were none.

**3608 To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing**

VvC met with Dr. Hunter from the Downland Practice to discuss queries raised by the Parish Council about the service offered in Compton. The Downland Practice covers the largest practice area in the South of England. The doctor appointments at Compton are always used, however the nurse appointments are only used approximately 75% of the time. When a doctor is onsite a receptionist and nurse must also be available. For professional development purposes the doctor working at Compton will need to also work at Chieveley so they could not employ someone full time at Compton only. Concerns that the same medical supplies were not made available at both sites were highlighted and Dr. Hunter has committed to ensure that this will be rectified.

The Parish Council thanked VvC for holding this meeting.

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VvC highlighted that school transport is changing. The Education Department has announced that transport will only be provided to the nearest school regardless of where the catchment area boundaries fall.

West Berkshire Council and Gigaclear have signed a contract to provide superfast broadband to all areas that will not be provided with superfast broadband by BT.

**3609 Clerk's report**

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

**3610 To review the feedback from our internal auditors on the 2014/15 accounts and consider appropriate actions**

The internal auditor made no recommendations and therefore no actions were required.

**3611 To consider how the PC can assist with the production and/or distribution of compilations**

The biggest issue with producing Compilations is the distribution of the magazine. There are 6/7 boxes that must be split and delivered to the local deliverers. It takes a minimum of 2 hours to do this.

It was resolved to advertise for someone to carry out this role at a payment of £20 per distribution session.

**3612 To consider how best to proceed with the litter picker role**

KS has been continuing to carry out this role. He has had some people offer help in a voluntary capacity. KS is willing to continue for now whilst the council advertises for volunteers to carry this out. It was resolved to change this to a voluntary role and to advertise for volunteers.

MB will put a request in Compilations for residents to respect their village and pick up their litter and also to request a volunteer(s) to carry out the role of litter picker.

**3613 To consider quotes to clean the noticeboard**

Additional quotes are required before this can be considered.

**3614 To consider quotes to clean the War memorial**

It was resolved to accept a quote for an initial clean and repainting of the lettering on the war memorial for £672+VAT followed by an agreement to maintain the memorial for the next 3 years.

**3615 To consider quotes to install a bin in the play area in the Recreation Ground and at the entrance to Lowbury Gardens**

It was resolved to purchase and install two topsy jubilee bins, setting a maximum budget of £750.

**3616 To consider quotes to clean the MUGA and repair the wet pour**

Additional quotes are required before this can be considered.

**3617 To consider activities commemorating World War I**

The plaque commemorating WW2 from the Methodist Chapel is now at the church but is identical to the one already displayed there. The Church is happy to store it for now and the council felt it may be appropriate to put this in the new cemetery once it is set up.

**3618 To consider suggestions for the enhancement programme**

The shelter has now been installed in the Recreation Ground. The PCSO has spoken to the youths that have been climbing on the roof of it.

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There are two benches currently being stored by MB that need to be installed. It was resolved to set a maximum budget of £500 for the installation of these benches, one at the back of the play area, the other up at Greenham's Lane. DA will speak to IJ Agricultural to install these.

**3619 To receive an update on the Cemetery**

A surveyor and/or an architect is needed to help with the planning. The council will approach some potential individuals to see if they would be willing to help with this.

**3620 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**

There is only one Neighbourhood Watch coordinator in the village. LM will speak to the area coordinator to see how it would be possible to expand the group. The PCSO is regularly monitoring Compton and has spoken to those currently causing issues within the village. Two officers carried out speed monitoring by the Primary School recently.

**3621 Planning Applications**

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
15/01576/ HOUSE	5 Yew Tree Stables, Compton, RG20 6NG	Erection of single storey rear extension.	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>
15/01623/ HOUSE	Rookery Nook, Wallingford Road, Compton, RG20 6PS	Conversion of existing garage into studio and storage area.	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>

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

No applications required calling in.

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Response from CPC	WBC Decision
<b>15/00089/ FULD</b>	Uplands Farm, Coombe Road, Compton,	Replacement of three mobile homes with a single residential dwelling for farm workers.	<b>No objections</b>	<b>Granted</b>
<b>15/00668/ FUL</b>	Lower Hamilton Stables, Hockham Road, Compton, RG20 6QJ	Temporary mobile home – retrospective.	<b>No objections</b>	<b>Granted</b>
<b>15/00989/ HOUSE</b>	Coombe House, Coombe Road, Compton, RG20 6RQ	Installation of sliding doors to side elevation at ground floor level	<b>No objections</b>	<b>Granted</b>
<b>15/01092/ HOUSE</b>	Pussywillows, Church Road, Compton, RG20 6PP	Single storey and two storey mono pitched to side and two storey extension to the back	<b>Object</b>	<b>Granted</b>

**3622 To receive reports on the following:**

**c) Rights of Way**

Footpath 3 has recently been cut by the Pirbright Institute. DA has highlighted to them that they still own the grass opposite the village hall at Gordon Crescent.

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**d) Village Hall**

£2600 was made at the fete. It was noted that a formal request to hold the fete on the Recreation Ground was received from the management committee prior to the fete.

**e) Allotments**

Iain Jerney has taken over the role of allotment manager at Newbury Lane.

**f) Patient Representation**

The recent meeting was well attended by doctors.

**g) Communications**

The fibre cabinets are in ready for superfast broadband expected in September.

**3623 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.

**3624 Correspondence**

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 3.

**3625 Matters for consideration and information**

IT has scanned the documents that had been held for the council at the old solicitors. These have now been handed to the new solicitors to look through, which is likely to be a lengthy process. MP was requested to ascertain whether the Village Hall Management Committee has a copy of the surrender documents for the Wilkins Centre lease.

A concern was raised about the footway opposite Sidcot Villas as there is a lot of hedging protruding over the walkway. The Clerk is to write to Highways to request they contact the landowners.

It was suggested the Parish Council use the Wilkins Centre for meetings. The Clerk will look into the possible cost implications.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Parish Council Meeting:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 at 7pm in the Village Hall

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