

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Monday 1st October, 2012 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

Those present: Councillors D. Aldis (chair), P. Whitworth, P. Burnett, K. Simms, P. Shanks, M. Pinfold, L. Moss and M. Birtwistle (from 7:05pm).

In attendance: The Parish Clerk and two members of the public.

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

2802 **Apologies for absence** were received from A. Strong and V. vonCelsing.

2803 **Any declarations of pecuniary interest by members or the Clerk**
There were none.

2804 **To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public**
Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest
There were none.

2805 **To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 3rd September, 2012**
Proposed by KS, seconded by LM and carried. They were then signed by the Chairman.

2806 **To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10th September, 2012**
Proposed by KS, seconded by PS and carried. They were then signed by the Chairman.

2807 **Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meetings on 3rd and 10th September, 2012**
There were none.

Cllr. M. Birtwistle arrived at the meeting at this point.

2808 **Clerk's report**
The Clerk went through her report, which is at Attachment 1.
Item 7: DA informed everyone he had spoken to some white line painters doing some work in the village and they could paint 'Keep clear' and 'Slow' at the Recreation Ground car park at a cost of £80. With agreement from MB and the Clerk, DA instructed them to carry out this work and has submitted an expenses claim for this cost.
Item 13: An email received from the Clerk to the Governors was read out. DA confirmed that he has already turned down the role of associate governor.
Item 11: There are issues between WBC and the Environment Agency on whose responsibility it is to clear the verges. Clerk to ask VvC to investigate.

2809 **To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing**
VvC had sent her apologies to the meeting. No report was presented.

2810 **To consider the latest Asset Register (v6) and agree how to revalue the assets as recommended by the Internal Auditor**
The Clerk will update this following the auditor's recommendations of revaluing items at purchase price (rather than current price) where this is known.

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2811 To consider whether to investigate opportunities under the 'Fields in Trust' initiative

There was no update.

2812 To consider providing a shelter for teenagers to use at the Recreation Ground

LM to invite some teenagers to attend the next meeting and speak to the PCSO. There is £2105.47 ringfenced that can be used towards this idea. No planning permission is required as WBC has confirmed that the PC can erect a small ancillary building on land belonging to the PC for use by the PC not exceeding 4 m in height or 200 m² in capacity.

2813 To agree the expenditure of £395 for tree pruning in the Recreation Ground

Proposed by DA, seconded by PS and carried.

2814 To agree the amount to charge East Ilsley Parish Council to receive Compilations

The quote received from WBC is the cheapest. The Clerk will confirm with WBC whether the quote is still valid.

2815 To receive an update on the Churchyard

DA has reviewed all documentation and thinks it best to proceed with an investigation into the suitability of the site. The Clerk to write to the PCC asking them to nominate a contact.

2816 To agree the expenditure to keep a wheelie bin at the Day Care Centre

The Clerk to find out the cost of a wheelie bin from WBC and to ask the Day Care Centre for permission to site the bin.

2817 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village

On the night of the 29th September there was an attempted oil theft on Churn Road. Due to activity occurring in the Recreation Ground car park several ideas regarding gating and/or lighting were suggested. DA will investigate the cost of installing a timer on the lights. There are still issues with Sixth Formers cars speeding into the car park and the use of bad language by the Pre-School. LM will raise this with The Downs School.

2818 Planning Applications

a) To consider the following new applications:

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
12/02252/FUL	Land at Hill Barn, Warnham Lane, Compton	Addition of 1 no.300mm microwave dish to existing installation	NO OBJECTIONS
12/02349/OUTD	Land Adjacent To 4 Ilsley Gardens, Ilsley Road, Compton	Outline application for Erection of 1 No. detached dwelling with associated parking. Matters to be considered Access and Layout.	OBJECT

The reasons for objecting were:
Compton Parish Council feel there has been no change to the application and so their previous comments on application 11/02292/OUTD still apply: Overdevelopment of site. Building on ground that has previously flooded. Vehicle access arrangements are unclear.

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Compton PC Recommendation	WBC Decision
12/01712/HOUSE	Hillfoot Farm, Aldworth Road, Compton	Conversion of outbuilding into ancillary accommodation.	No objections.	Granted

2819 To receive reports on the following:

a) Recreation Ground

Bolts have been removed from the fence around the play area. PS has replaced these and will investigate purchasing tamper-proof bolts.

There was a lot of rubbish on the morning of Sunday 30th September.

d) Village Hall

The AGM was recently held.

The Day Care centre numbers have dropped by about 50% since the recent changes to the payment system were introduced.

e) Allotments

Richard Eynon is still looking for a replacement.

The water bill for Newbury Lane is very high suggesting a leak. Clerk to arrange for someone to investigate the leak.

g) Parish Council Web Site

LM will ask The Downs School to distribute information on Superfast Broadband.

2820 To approve cheques due for payment

KS proposed that the following cheques be approved. This was seconded by PS and was carried.

Invoice Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Description
10 Sep	102269	D. Aldis	£80.90	Road marking painting at Rec. Ground (Minute 2790)
07 Sep	102270	Thames Water	£13.50	Water bill for School Road Allotments: 18 June to 5 Sept
07 Sep	102271	Thames Water	£105.39	Water bill for Newbury Lane Allotments: 19 June to 5 Sept
14 Sep	102272	M. Birtwistle	£36.00	Additional tiles for repair of Football Pavilion (Minute 2768)
25 Sep	102273	S. Marshman	£414.38	Clerk's salary and expenses for 5 weeks to 2 nd Oct
28 Sep	102274	D. Moss	£50.00	Litter picking September
26 Sep	102275	West Berkshire District Council	£1,228.58	Compilation Jun/Jul and Aug/Sept editions
26 Sep	102276	SSE Contracting Ltd	£672.67	Street lighting maintenance charge for Sept quarter
25 Sep	102277	Southern Electric	£573.05	Electricity supply charges 28 Jun to 24 Sept
31 Aug	102278	Mazars	£480.00	Annual audit fee

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2821 **Correspondence**

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 2.

2822 **Matters for consideration and information**

PW – Will collect the trees for planting this month.

MP – The overhang from trees on Cheap Street needs to be dealt with. The Clerk to report to WBC.

KS – CSA are no longer using the Recreation Ground for matches. The Clerk is to write to them and request all keys be returned and ask them to ensure the mini-goal posts are left as these belong to the Parish Council.

MB – The Pang Ditch is in a poor state. The Clerk to request a quote from R.M. Weavers for cutting and clearing the ditch alongside the Recreation Ground and to write to the Environment Agency requesting they speak to people with riparian responsibilities.

LM – There are weeds and stinging nettles down the alley, one side is the responsibility of Sovereign, the other side the responsibility of the householders. The Clerk to write to Sovereign.

SM – The external auditor’s report has now been returned.

DA – Requested the purchase of a wreath for Remembrance Sunday be put on the next agenda. There have been recent attempted oil thefts.

The meeting closed at 8:20pm.

Dates and times of next meetings:

Council Meeting	Monday 5th November at 7pm	In the Wellstead Room, Village Hall
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