

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Ron Palmer

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Monday 6th February 2012 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

Those present: Councillors D Aldis (chair), M Pinfold, L Moss, K Simms, and P Whitworth.
Councillor P Shanks arrived at 8.20pm

In attendance: District Councillor V von Celsing, A Kersley (Rural Housing Enabler) and the Parish Clerk

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

2592 Apologies for absence

- Councillors A Strong (sick) and M Birtwistle (away on business)

2593 Any declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by members or the Clerk

LM and PS declared a personal interest in the planning application 11/02751/HOUSE at 35 Burrell Road - item 2611 – because they live nearby

2594 To receive:

- **Questions or comments from members of the public**
- **Representations from any member who has declared a prejudicial interest**

There were none

2595 To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 9 January 2012

Proposed by KS, seconded by LM and carried. They were then signed by the Chairman.

2596 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 9 January 2012

Skip: The chairman said he had passed to the Clerk the name of a new contact at IAH who could help remove the rubbish behind the football pavilion and also move planters into place near the bus stop. The Clerk said he would progress the skip when the ground conditions were suitable.

2597 To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 23 January 2012

Proposed by KS, seconded by MP and carried. They were then signed by the Chairman.

2598 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 23 January 2012

There were none that were not covered by items on this agenda.

2599 To receive an update from the Rural Housing Enabler for Berkshire

Arlene Kersley distributed a document which provided an update to the Compton Registry of Interest (ROI) – see attachment 1. This showed that ROI forms had been returned from 18 families, of whom 6 were unlikely to meet the eligibility requirements. After discussing the report, she said that there were 3 options for Compton:

1. Rural exception site development – a small scheme developed on land that has no development value (or is gifted) that is set aside to meet the affordable housing needs of local people in perpetuity
2. Affordable homes as a percentage of a larger development of market homes (S106). The affordable homes would be for general needs OF West Berkshire residents, although it may be possible to negotiate some level of local lettings policy for initial allocation
3. Community right to build project – the community sets up a trust and purchases land (held in trust) and develops to meet the needs of local people.

The Chairman thanked Arlene for preparing the report and attending the meeting and said the Greens Yard development could be the next opportunity for affordable housing in the village.

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2600 To consider the Clerk's report

The Clerk went through his report, which is at Attachment 2.

- 6: Yellow Lines: The Clerk had received a reply from The Downs School saying that they did not wish to remove any parking at present that might be useful during the forthcoming construction works
- 7: IAH Supplementary Planning Document (SPD): The Clerk had invited West Berkshire Council (WBC) Planners to this meeting as agreed to discuss the SPD, but other priorities had meant that the draft SPD had not been completed
- 9: Request to use the football pitch: The Clerk was advised to write back to say it would be difficult to co-ordinate the use of the pitch with the 2 teams playing in different leagues
- 10: Request to use the Recreation Ground for a treasure hunt: Request had now been withdrawn.
- 11: Downs School Science Block planning application: The Clerk was awaiting a reply to the letter he sent complaining about perceived procedural problems at the planning meeting

2601 To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing

- Downs School Science Block planning application: VvC was meeting the architect, a special projects officer, WBC planners and others on site on 7 February to discuss improving the materials to be used and would provide feedback to Parish Councillors via the Clerk
- Grundon Incinerator: 2,000 letters of objection to building an incinerator at Chieveley had been received. Our MP, Richard Benyon, was also supporting refusal of the application
- WBC Core Development Strategy: This was nearing completion
- Rural Broadband: All parishes in West Berkshire had agreed to provide extra funding except for Hermitage and Wokefield. She was unsure of the implications at present

2602 To receive an update on the current churchyard situation

The Clerk had produced and distributed an Events Diary for this project. He had written to 3 consultancies with plans and photos asking if they would be interested in acting for Compton Parish Council and had received replies from 2. He had also liaised with WBC planners and Rev. Cawte had now written a letter to WBC justifying the need for the new cemetery.

2603 To consider quotes from potential agents who have expressed an interest to work with the Parish Council on the development of the extension to the churchyard and select the preferred company

The Chairman said we were not yet in a position to do this. Following discussion, he asked the Clerk to put on the agenda of the next meeting an item proposing that a Working Party be set up of Councillors and other interested parties. He asked the Clerk to write to Rev Cawte inviting him to be on the working party or nominate a representative. He also asked the Clerk to contact WBC to ask how some S106 funding could be allocated to this potentially very expensive development.

2604 To receive a report from the group set up to consider possible celebrations / events in Compton to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen in 2012

LM said a planning meeting had been held on 16 January and she would circulate the Minutes shortly. It had been decided to hold a picnic on the Recreation Ground on the afternoon of Monday 4 June. The committee was looking at getting a marquee, organising music and a compere, having a beer tent and involving the youth organisations.

The Clerk was asked to include an item on the next agenda proposing that the Parish Council host this event and also confirm with our insurers that it would then be covered by our Public Liability Insurance.

2605 To agree the design and quantity of mugs to purchase to give to local children to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen

Members believed the mugs from Norfolk China Ltd represented the best value. LM offered to speak to the Primary School representative on the working party to ask if the school would be interested in running a competition for the children to produce a design. The Clerk would contact Norfolk China about lead times. DA would put an article in Compilations about registering children to receive a mug.

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2606 **To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**
 LM said there had been no issues according to police records. Some barrels had been taken from The Swan but these had been recovered. LM had reported cars driving on the Recreation Ground but the police needed reports of dates and times if this happened again.

Councillor P Shanks arrived at the meeting at 8.20pm.

2607 **To consider whether to take action to prevent unauthorised access by vehicles onto the Recreation Ground**

Members agreed that some kind of fencing needed to be investigated and PS proposed it be considered in 2 phases – Phase 1 covering the section between the Day Centre and the MUGA and Phase 2 the remaining section eastwards. This was seconded by DA and was carried. The Clerk was asked to:

- Contact potential fencing suppliers for proposals and quotes
- Contact the emergency services to ask about their recommendations to enable them to gain entry
- Contact WBC to confirm that S106 monies could be used for this purpose

2608 **To consider whether to improve the fencing etc to prevent unauthorised access to the Newbury Lane allotments site**

The Clerk said that he had attended a site meeting with MP, the Newbury Lane allotments manager and the lady who keeps sheep in the paddock to hear her concerns. Following discussions, and bearing in mind the considerable expense the Council would incur over the next few years, the Clerk was asked to:

- Contact the allotments manager and ask him to block the entrance to the allotments up the steps
- Contact potential fencing suppliers to ask them to quote for improving the fencing at the top of the allotments, on the Hampstead Norreys road side
- Investigate the cost of a ‘No Unauthorised Access’ sign at the allotments entrance at the top of Newbury Lane
- Write back to the lady who keeps sheep in the paddock

2609 **To consider the letters from West Berkshire Council dated 12 October 2011 and 24 January 2012 about Parish Council’s setting aside funding to improve their rights of way**

The Clerk said money had not been included in the 2012/13 budget for this purpose and so any expenditure would have to come out of reserves. DA proposed that members consider allocating funds to improve local rights of way at the meeting when the 2013/14 budget was discussed. This was seconded by MP and was carried.

2610 **To consider the proposed terms of reference for – and membership of - a planning sub-committee to:**

- a) **Discuss with Powis-Hughes how best the Parish Council can support BBSRC in its withdrawal from the village**
- b) **Review the updated Design Guidelines, which form part of the Village Design Statement**
- c) **Consider what is involved in producing a Neighbourhood Development Plan**

These had not been prepared, so the Chairman asked for them to be presented to the next meeting in March.

2611 **Planning Applications**

- a) **To consider the following planning application and send recommendations to West Berkshire Council:**

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
11/02751/HOUSE	35 Burrell Road Compton RG20 6NP	Single storey extension and porch.	NO OBJECTION Proposer: MP Seconder: PW Carried

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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
11/02438/FUL	1 Great Coombe Cottages, Coombe Road, Compton RG20 6RG	Demolish existing house and erect new replacement detached house. New facing brick wall to old party wall to No. 2.	NO OBJECTION	GRANTED
11/02462/HOUSE	Downe Cottage, Ilsley Road, Compton RG20 7PG	Erection of detached car port with store.	OBJECTION	WITH-DRAWN

2612 To receive reports on the following:

- a) **Recreation Ground:** PS said cars continued to go onto the grass
- d) **Village Hall:** MP reported that there had been a successful Bingo evening the previous weekend

2613 To approve cheques due for payment

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

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Description
31-Dec	102206	W J Hatt Ltd	£824.40	Supplying and installing new standpipe at School Road allotments
03-Jan	102207	SCASCT	£200.00	S137 donation to South Central Ambulance Service Trust
30-Jan	102208	Berkshire County Blind Society	£30.00	S137 donation to Berkshire County Blind Society
31-Jan	102209	D Moss	£55.00	Litter picking - January
05-Feb	102210	Ron Palmer	£508.82	Clerk's salary etc for 4 weeks to 5th February
31-Jan	102211	SSE Contracting	£59.71	Street lighting rechargeable repairs for Q4 2011

2614 Correspondence

The Correspondence list is at Attachment 3.

2615 Matters for consideration and information

- KS asked the Clerk to report trees fallen across bridleway 17
- KS asked the Clerk to contact WBC about aggressive horses in the field across which footpath 14 runs
- KS reported that the Primary School had competed in, but lost, the cup quarter final last week
- DA said that Jon Clatworthy, who had always been helpful to the Parish Council, had now resigned from IAH and had left the village. He asked the Clerk to liaise with his successor.
- DA thanked PS and MB for clearing the trees that had fallen across Bridleway 9

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Next meeting, in the Welstead Room, Village Hall, Burrell Road, Compton:

- **Council Meeting Monday 5th March at 7pm**

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