

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Ron Palmer

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Monday 7th June 2010 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

Those present: Councillors D Aldis (Chair), B Evans, P Shanks, M Pinfold, L Moss, K Simms, M Birtwistle, A Strong and P Whitworth

In attendance: District Councillor B Alexander, R Palmer (Clerk) and 3 members of the public

The meeting opened at 7.15pm. DA apologised for the delayed start of the meeting which was caused by the late running of an earlier site meeting.

2091 **Apologies for absence:** There were none

2092 **Any declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by members or the Clerk**

- D Aldis declared a prejudicial interest in item 2100 (Churn Road resurfacing)
- A Strong and K Simms declared a personal interest in item 2111 (Compton Cubs request)

2093 **To receive:**

- **Questions or comments from members of the public**
 - **Representations from any member who has declared a prejudicial interest**
- There were none

2094 **To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 10 May 2010**

Proposed by BE, seconded by MP and carried

2095 **Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 10 May 2010**

There were none

2096 **To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17 May 2010**

Proposed by PS, seconded by LM and carried

2097 **Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 10 May 2010**

DA questioned the accuracy of an article reporting this meeting in the Newbury Weekly News

2098 **To consider an access problem in Newbury Lane and agree any required actions**

Some councillors and the Clerk who had visited the site agreed there was a visibility problem. AS proposed that the Clerk and BE should investigate the plans for the development of the land in question. If it was found that these had been contravened the Clerk should write to the developer, copying West Berkshire Council (WBC) Planning. If there had been no contravention, the Clerk should write to the developer requesting him to improve the visibility for vehicles entering and leaving the 2 properties. This was seconded by DA and was carried.

2099 **To consider sending a letter of complaint to West Berkshire Council concerning the state of Byway 2**

AS summarised the situation following the earlier site meeting with WBC. It was agreed that communication had been a problem. AS proposed that the Clerk write a letter stating that the Parish Council was not happy and summarising the actions agreed. The draft letter would be circulated to Councillors first. This was seconded by BE and was carried. MB would also agree the wording of an article for Compilations.

Having declared a prejudicial interest, DA left the meeting and asked BE to take the chair for the next item.

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2100 To demand that West Berkshire Council resurfaces the section of Churn Road that is currently unsurfaced

All agreed that, following the establishment of Mayfield Farm and the subsequent demolition of the old Superity Dairy, the developer had only resurfaced part of Churn Road with tarmac. The Clerk was asked to look for evidence in past Minutes or correspondence that the Parish Council did report this omission to WBC at the time. BE then proposed that the Clerk write to WBC Highways Manager etc, sending an initial draft to Councillors. This was seconded by PW and was carried.

DA resumed the chair of the meeting.

2101 Clerk's report

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

1. The storage container had now arrived, had been assembled by Mr Moss and was located at The Compton Swan. Councillors expressed their gratitude to Mr Moss, who with PS will now investigate the best way of strengthening the container, so that the gel bags can be moved asap. The Clerk will get additional keys cut.
 4. Members agreed 12th July for the start of the upgrade to the car park and track surface. The Clerk will advise the contractors, the Village Hall and the Downland Day Centre
- Members agreed that the July meeting should be postponed for 2 weeks until 19th July, subject to the Welstead Room being available. (This is now confirmed – Clerk)

2102 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village

LM reported that the next NAG meeting would be held at the Compton Swan on 16 June. She said that the average number of anti-social behaviour incidents reported in the Bucklebury area (which included Compton) in the first 3 months of 2010 were 2.3 compared with 7.3 in the same period of 2009. The figures for overall crimes in the same period had fallen from 12 in 2009 to 8.3 in 2010.

LM said that there was a need for more people to be trained to use the Speed Indicator Device (SID) and it was agreed that a note would be put in Compilations asking for volunteers.

2103 To consider the results of the Young People's Activities Questionnaire

Members discussed the questionnaire completed by Downs School pupils and were pleased to note that actions had already been taken over some of the suggestions.

2104 To consider and approve/sign the 2009/10 Annual Return

BE proposed that the following documents be signed by the Clerk and Chairman as correct records of the 2009/10 accounts:

- Annual Return: Section 1 – Statement of Accounts
- Annual Return: Section 2 – Annual Governance Statement

This was seconded by KS and was carried. The documents were then signed.

2105 To consider the report from the recent RoSPA inspection of the equipment in the children's play area and agree any actions

PS stated that there was no remedial maintenance work required following the receipt of the report. He suggested it might be sensible to put mesh in the gateway areas. Members asked him to research prices etc and put a proposal on the next agenda.

2106 To consider which trees to plant on the Recreation Ground to replace the 16 conifers / spruce trees which are to be felled

Following discussion, DA proposed that PW should investigate and propose numbers and types of trees to be planted in which locations, with approximate costs. This was seconded by BE and was carried.

2107 To consider the proposed developments by Sovereign Housing

Members agreed to discuss the developments after attending the Sovereign Housing consultation event at the Village Hall on 24 June between 3.30pm and 7pm.

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- 2108 **To consider purchasing planters to stand by the new bus shelter**
DA had seen some containers within the IAH that might be suitable for use as planters. MB proposed that DA should seek permission from the IAH to use them and that the Clerk seeks permission to site them next to the bus shelter. This was seconded by PW and was carried.
- 2109 **To consider purchasing extra dog waste bins at a cost of £235 each and agree their locations**
MB proposed that an extra dog waste bin be purchased and placed at the entrance to the footpath in Shepherds Hill, subject to permission being granted by the landowner. This was seconded by PS and was carried
- 2110 **To agree the purchase of 1 copy of “The Parish Councillor’s Guide” by Paul Clayden from SLCC at a cost of £12.75**
Proposed by DA, seconded by KS and carried
- 2111 **To consider a request from 1st Compton Cubs to borrow the mini Soccer goals for a District Football competition**
DA proposed that this request be granted, subject to the goals being returned in the same condition as they were in when borrowed. This was seconded by MP and was carried.
- 2112 **To agree the policy to be adopted when a previously banned Allotment Holder re applies for an Allotment**
Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk would investigate what policy other parish councils adopted to deal with this issue and report back at the next meeting.
- 2113 **Planning Applications**
a) To consider the following new applications and agree that the recommendations be forwarded to West Berkshire Council

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
10/00994/HOUSE	36 Manor Crescent, Compton RG20 6NU	Proposed external render finish on new external insulation. Replacement of existing windows and doors with triple glazing timber units. New warm deck insulation to existing single storey flat roof and photovoltaic tiles to roof	NO OBJECTION Proposed: BE Seconded: LM Carried
10/01174/HOUSE	2 Yew Tree Cottages, Newbury Lane, Compton RG20 6PA	Side extension with room over and conservatory.	NO OBJECTION Proposed: PS Seconded: DA Carried

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Compton PC Recommendation	WBC Decision
10/00444/OUTD	Land adjacent to Downe Cottage, Ilsley Road, Compton RG20 7PG	Section 73- Application for removal or variation of Condition 11 of application 09/01415/OUTD	OBJECTION	REFUSED
10/00645/CERTE	16 Shepherds Mount, Compton RG20 6QZ	Use of an annexe as a separate dwelling.	NO OBJECTION	GRANTED

- 2114 **To receive a report from District Councillor Barbara Alexander**
BA said that there would be hard times ahead and tough decisions would have to be made.

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2115 **To receive reports on the following:**

- a) **Recreation Ground:**
PS said that he intended to replace the Disclaimer signs fixing ties with metal brackets at some stage when time allowed
- b) **Football Pavilion:** Nothing to report.
- c) **Rights of Way:** AS said she planned to attend and speak at the Public Inquiry into the proposed diversion of footpath 16a across The Downs School playing fields on 6 July. She would also email WBC Countryside Officer about the wording on a blue sign near The Ridgeway
- d) **Village Hall:** Nothing to report.
- e) **Allotments:** MB said that staff from Baxters were participating in a working party on 10 June to clear 2 overgrown allotments at School Road and also attend to some boundary trees.
- f) **Downland Sports Centre:** MB reported that the next management committee meeting would be in September
- g) **Patient Representation:** Nothing to report.
- h) **Web site:** Nothing to report.

2116 **To approve cheques due for payment**

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

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Description
10-May	102057	Mr D Aldis	£100.00	2010/11 Chairman's allowance (minute 2067)
15-May	102058	Broker Network Ltd	£1,430.06	2010/11 Insurance (Aviva)
14-May	102059	Berkshire Association of Local Councils	£25.00	Allotments Course - Clerk
17-May	102060	West Berkshire Council	£395.00	Compilations: April/May issue
07-May	102061	Playsafety Ltd	£88.13	RoSPA annual inspection of playground equipment
25-May	102062	Thames Valley Air Ambulance	£350.00	Annual donation
25-May	102063	Mr K Simms	£46.99	Web space & hosting renewal from 2 June
31-May	102064	SLCC	£14.75	Purchase of "The Parish Councillor's Guide"
31-May	102065	Ron Palmer	£554.65	Clerk's salary & expenses, 5 weeks to 6 June
31-May	102066	Mr D Moss	£55.00	Litter Picking - May

2117 **Correspondence**

The Correspondence list is at Attachment 2

2118 **Matters for consideration and information**

- The Chairman congratulated Cllr Evans on being invited to the Buckingham Palace garden party on 22 June
- The Clerk was asked to contact WBC about overflowing rubbish bins on the Recreation Ground

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

Forthcoming meeting:

- ◆ **Council Meeting** Monday 19 July at 7pm NOTE CHANGED DATE
- ◆ **Council Meeting** Monday 6 September at 7pm

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