

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 7th September, 2015 at 7pm in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

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

In attendance: The Parish Clerk.

The meeting started at 7pm.

3626 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs. D. Aldis and A. Strong and District Councillor Virginia von Celsing.

3627 Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk

There were none.

3628 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public

Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest

There were none.

3629 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th July, 2015

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

3630 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 6th July, 2015

There were none.

3631 To approve the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting held on 4th August, 2015

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

3632 Matters arising from the minutes of the Planning Committee Meeting on 4th August, 2015

There were none.

3633 To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing

VvC sent her apologies.

3634 Clerk's report

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

3635 To consider allotment sizing and pricing

The Newbury Lane Allotment Manager has been approached by a tenant who believes their plot size does not confirm to standard plot sizes. The Allotment Manager has requested the parish council decide the policy. It was resolved to leave all plots and rent as they are for this year, but

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request the Allotment Manager reviews all plot sizes and update the tenancy agreement in time for next year.

3636 To consider holding a float of £100 on the pre-paid debit card

The alto card currently has a balance of £205.92 due to the cost of the building materials for the pavilion being lower than the original quote. It was resolved to gradually decrease the current balance rather than transferring funds back to the bank account and that a minimum trigger value of £50 should be instigated, at which point the funds on the card will be topped back up to £100. For purchases of a higher value the card will need to be loaded prior to the purchase.

3637 To consider quotes to clean the MUGA and repair the wet pour

It was resolved to accept a quote to repair a hole in the MUGA surface and re-fix a loose goal post at a total of £235 plus the repair of the fire damage in the wetpour surface in the children's play area at a cost of £200.

3638 To consider activities commemorating World War I

There were no new suggestions for discussion.

3639 To consider suggestions for the enhancement programme

There were no new suggestions for discussion.

3640 To receive an update on the Cemetery

There was no update.

3641 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village

A fire has occurred in the children's play area. The police have brought charges of criminal damage.

Some damage has occurred at the church and burn marks have been found on the football pavilion doors. The police force has stated they are happy with the CCTV set up at the football pavilion.

3642 Planning Applications

a) To consider the following new applications:

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
15/01651/ HOUSE	Champ Vert High Street Compton Newbury Berkshire RG20 6NL	A single storey brick outbuilding/garage to replace the current wooden garage/shed. The south facing wall of the garage will be on the current boundary and will extend in to a continuation of the boundary wall.	NO OBJECTIONS
15/01960/ OUTD	Woodlea Newbury Road Compton Newbury Berkshire RG20 7RJ	Outline application for demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and replacement with new dwelling and garage - matters for consideration access, layout and scale.	NO OBJECTIONS

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.

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Response from CPC	WBC Decision
15/01296/OUTD	Roden Farm, Compton, RG20 7PY	Erection of a replacement dwelling	Object	Refused

3643 To receive reports on the following:

d) Village Hall

The AGM is on 21st September.

g) Communications

Superfast broadband is targeted to go live before the end of September.

h) Groundwater

The following report was received from the flood warden:

1. The trash screen at Fairfield will be completed in the next couple of weeks, the delay being due to the supplier of the steelwork.
2. The culvert under the railway line has been cleared of silt (revealing the original impressive brick floor). Similarly the bottom of the watercourse to the first flat bed bridge on Aldworth Road has been cleared of silt to establish the level in anticipation of the further improvements to the two flat bed bridges. (This reveals clearly that when these two bridges were built their solid base was too high and opening too low, in both cases by ~ 300 mm). The work is scheduled but progress has been slow. WBC now has a replacement engineer in post.
3. WBC has required the new owners of Merrywood House on Wallingford Road to install a contemporary design of trash screen at the entry to the culvert that flows under Wallingford Road (the entry is located in the garden of this property). With my encouragement the contractor doing the work at Fairfield is likely to construct this.
4. I have now received sufficient copies of the WBC Riparian Owner Responsibilities leaflet to distribute to the appropriate households down High Street, School Road and Aldworth Road. I will do this towards the end of September.
5. In an earlier message I reported on the refined flood risk mapping approach that is being developed in part using Compton data as a model input.

3644 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.

3645 Correspondence

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 3.

3646 Matters for consideration and information

It was suggested the focus of the street light replacement programme should change to looking to replace non-LED lights in between LED lights to improve the look of the village and also target any with concrete posts. West Berks Council appears to have replaced some of the street lights owned by the PC with LED lights. The Clerk will carry out a survey of the existing street lights in order so the Parish Council can develop a plan for the next 5 years.

The Clerk was requested to write to the owners of the land bordering the alleyway by the shops to request the hedge is cut.

The Clerk was requested to write to the occupants of 17 Lowbury Gardens to request they remove their bins from the alleyway.

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It was suggested the land ownership working party should look at the parcels of land around the village owned by the BBSRC.

Meeting closed 8:25pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Parish Council Meeting:** **Monday 5th October, 2015 at 7pm** in the Village Hall

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