

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 2nd November, 2015 at 7pm in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

Those present: Councillors D. Aldis (Chair), M. Pinfold, R. Pinfold, K. Simms, A. Strong, I. Tong, P. Burnett and M. Birtwistle (from 7:45pm).

In attendance: The Parish Clerk and District Councillor Virginia von Celsing (from 9:00pm).

The meeting started at 7pm.

3667 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. L. Moss and from Cllr. M Birtwistle and District Cllr. Virginia von Celsing for only being able to attend part of the meeting.

3668 Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk

There were none.

3669 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public

Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest

There were none.

3670 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th October, 2015

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

3671 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 5th October, 2015

There were none.

3672 To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing

This item was deferred until VvC was able to join the meeting later.

3673 Clerk's report

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

3674 To consider revising the grant policy

It was resolved to adopt the revised policy.

3675 To consider the response to the West Berks Council rural transport survey

It was resolved that the Clerk and the Chairman should complete the survey.

3676 To consider quotes to replace the broken street light on Hockham Road with an LED street light

It was resolved to accept the quote from SSE Contracting to replace the broken light with a LED light.

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3677 To consider ratifying the purchase of two wreaths for Remembrance Sunday and to consider making a donation to the Royal British Legion

The Clerk had purchased two wreaths, one for the Remembrance parade and one to be laid in Compton. It was resolved to ratify this purchase and to make a donation of £50 to the Royal British Legion. The council will ask Peter Whitworth to lay the wreath at the Remembrance Parade.

3678 To consider purchasing a laptop

It was proposed that the council should purchase a laptop for use by the Clerk as currently her personal equipment is used. It was resolved to set a budget of £500 for the purchase of a laptop. It was resolved that this money should be vired from the unused election fees that were budgeted for in the current financial year.

3679 To consider purchasing an online storage facility

IT is currently testing a storage facility. It was agreed that he should continue testing this facility and the item should stay on the agenda so the council can monitor the progress.

3680 To consider the specifications for a projector and to select one

It was resolved to buy a Phillips PicoPix PPX2055 at a cost of approximately £170 (£250 has previously been budgeted for this item).

3681 To consider activities commemorating World War I

The war memorial has been cleaned and the lettering repainted.

3682 To consider suggestions for the enhancement programme

The Institute are willing to give the council some concrete ring planters. The Clerk will contact Highways to see if permission is required to place them by the bus stop.

It was suggested the council consider purchasing a swinging dish which could potentially be placed outside the play area for use by older children.

MB arrived 7:45pm

3683 To receive an update on the Cemetery

MB has drafted a letter to send to several architects with a view to them tendering. The Clerk was requested to formalise the letter and send to the architects suggested along with a cemetery development company that had been recommended by another clerk.

3684 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village

Nothing was known to have occurred this month.

3685 Planning Applications

a) To consider the following new applications:

There were none.

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

There were none to consider.

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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
15/01651/ HOUSE	Champ Vert, High Street, Compton, 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	Approved
15/01960/ OUTD	Woodlea, Newbury Road, Compton, 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	Refused

3686 To receive reports on the following:

c) Rights of Ways

The windmill track is difficult to walk due to the ruts so people are using the field instead. AS will report to WBC.

The council needs to check that the footpath along the edge of the old railway line that comes to the church is listed as a footpath and also a footpath that runs near to Cheseridge Farm through a coppice towards East Ilsley.

d) Village Hall

A copy of the annual report and accounts was received by the council.

VvC arrived 8:25pm.

f) Patient Representation

New terms of reference were agreed at the recent meeting. The practice stated again that issues with using the Compton surgery were related to issues with the internet connection. Now the village has superfast broadband it is thought this problem should now be resolved. It is possible the practice will start doing flu jabs at village halls due to the high demand for the service and the issues with parking and the number of attendees at the surgery.

The council asked VvC to highlight to the surgery that superfast broadband was now available.

i) Parish Assets & Management

The working party will meet next week to discuss all the documentation they have. The council discussed and all wanted to request the following land from BBSRC if possible: the cricket ground, the part of the Recreation Ground leased from them, the land opposite the village hall and the land the Scout Hut is on.

3687 **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.

3688 **Correspondence**

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 3.

AS, KS and IT all expressed an interest in attending the planning training.

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3689 **Matters for consideration and information**

A map was made to commemorate the millennium through a community project. This map is hanging in the church. There is approx. £200 left in the fund and it has been proposed to reorganise the committee in order to provide the map with a backing and protective cover. The council asked if digital photographs of the map could be produced that could be displayed on the website.

PB is considering doing a village calendar of local scenery to raise money towards the Christmas meal at The Wilkins Centre.

3690 **To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing**

VvC apologised for arriving late, however she had been attending a council meeting.

There will be a meeting about the Housing Site Allocations Development Plan Document on Thursday evening at St. Barts. This document gives a 5 year land supply and helps to control where new developments can occur within West Berks – it does not give planning permission but is an agreement in principle.

Consultation on budget cuts is starting very soon. The parish council has received notification that West Berks Council are consulting to cut salt bins.

Meeting closed 9:30pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

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

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