

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Ron Palmer

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Monday 5th March 2012 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

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

In attendance: District Councillor V von Celsing, the Parish Clerk and 3 members of the public

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

2616 Apologies for absence

There were none

2617 Any declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by members or the Clerk

- Item 2623: Personal interest by DA and PW, as governors of Compton Primary School
- Item 2623: Personal interest by AS and KS, as parents of children at the Primary School
- Items 2623 and 2632: Personal interest by MB (through spouse) and LM, because of employment at The Downs School
- Items 2634: Personal interest by KS in cheque for The Scouts, as a Scout leader

2618 To receive:

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

There were none

2619 To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 February 2012

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

2620 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 6 February 2012

There were none.

2621 To receive statements from – and ask questions of – members of the public who wished to be co-opted on to Compton Parish Council to fill one vacancy

The Chairman said that he had received one application from a member of the public who had unsuccessfully applied when there was a previous vacancy. This application would be considered at item 2638 at the end of the meeting.

2622 To receive a report from the chairs of governors of The Downs School and Compton C of E Primary School

The Chairman welcomed Ms J Roberts and Mr R Jobson, chairs of Governors at The Downs School and Compton Primary School respectively and thanked them for coming. Questions were asked by Members about the consultation process and other matters of interest.

2623 To consider a response to the proposed federation of the governing bodies of Compton C of E Primary School and The Downs School

Following discussions, DA said that the proposed federation represented a major structural change which would affect many in the local community. He therefore proposed that the Clerk should respond to the consultation letter by requesting that a public meeting be held for interested parties to question the governors, including an Oxford Diocesan representative. This was seconded by MP and was carried. KS then proposed that the Parish Council should ask that a Compton Parish Councillor be appointed as one of the Community Governors on the federated governing body. This was seconded by PS and was carried.

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2624 To consider the Clerk's report

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

- 4 - School Road allotments: MB asked the Clerk to purchase 2 new padlocks for the new standpipe, one key-operated and the other with a combination lock
- 6 - IAH SPD: The Clerk was asked to email the 'green space' documents to Councillors
- 7 - Land behind football pavilion: It is hoped the clear-up will be completed in the next 2 weeks
- 11 - Dangerous horses: The Clerk was asked to write to the owner of the field.

Finally, the Clerk announced that he would be retiring in the summer.

2625 To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing

- Downs School Science Block: Funding had now been approved and construction was expected to start in mid-May, with enabling works commencing in 2 weeks. VvC had brought samples of bricks that had been agreed at a recent site meeting.
- VvC had pushed hard for agreement that S106 funding could be used for the cemetery extension.
- Fouling of pavements: PS was asked to approach the family of the child who had complained to VvC, for permission to include the child's letter (anonymously) in Compilations
- Broadband: VvC provided a brief update

2626 To consider setting up a working party to steer the churchyard extension project and agree membership

Membership was discussed and KS proposed that a working party be set up, with the following initial members: DA, MB and AS, plus Revd M Cawte and another representative from the PCC. This was seconded by LM and was carried. DA would call the first meeting.

2627 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 had circulated notes from the planning meeting held on 8 February. The next meeting was on 7 March.

2628 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

LM said Compton Primary School had organised a competition for a design to be included on the mugs; the closing date was this Friday, 9 March. DA, MP and PW will choose the winner and runner-up and will then let the Clerk have the winning design.

PW proposed that the Clerk order 600 ceramic mugs from Norfolk China Ltd with their Design 2 on the front. This was seconded by KS and was carried.

2629 To consider a proposal that the Parish Council host the 'Jubilee Tea in the Park' to be held from 2pm to 6pm on Monday 4th June

Proposed by DA, seconded by KS and carried.

2630 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village

LM said that our PCSO will do patrols to try to catch people driving vehicles on the Recreation Ground. DA said dogs had been stolen in the village and hare coursers had recently been apprehended.

2631 To consider quotes from contractors to erect fencing between the car park and the Recreation Ground and improve the fencing of Newbury Lane allotments

The Clerk said he had written to 4 companies requesting quotes. He had received 2 quotes and had a meeting with a third contractor next Thursday, 8 March. A decision on which contractor to use was deferred until the next meeting.

WBC had confirmed that S106 money could be used for the fencing around the Recreation Ground.

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2632 **Planning Applications**

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
11/02754/COMIND	The Downs School, Manor Crescent, Compton RG20 6NU	Parking for up to 25 cars on ground to the north east of the existing tennis courts	NO OBJECTION Proposer: KS Seconder: PS Carried
In supporting this application, Councillors wished the Clerk to ask for 2 conditions to be included:			
1. That low level lighting be installed operated by a time-switch			
2. That the area should not be built on in the future			

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Compton PC Recommendation	WBC Decision
11/02502/HOUSE	1 Westfields, Compton RG20 6NX	Two storey side extension and single storey rear extensions, including demolition of existing single storey garage and rear structures.	NO OBJECTION	REFUSED
11/02751/HOUSE	35 Burrell Road Compton RG20 6NP	Single storey extension and porch.	NO OBJECTION	GRANTED

2633 **To receive reports on the following:**

- c) **Rights of Way:** AS said the best way to maintain rights of way was to walk them regularly. She said that articles in Compilations could be used to highlight particular footpaths. She thought it would be prudent to set aside funding in next year's budget for improvements to local rights of way.
- d) **Village Hall:** MP reported that the Day Care Centre had been so successful that its use was being extended from 3 to 4 days per week.
- e) **School Road allotments:** MB said he was expecting quite a turnover of tenants this year but expected to re-let most of the vacant plots. He asked the Clerk to put on next month's agenda an item agreeing fees for the year commencing 1 April 2012.

2634 **To approve cheques due for payment**

PW proposed that the following cheques be approved. This was seconded by ps and was carried.

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Description
25-Feb	102212	Royal British Legion	£23.00	Purchase of wreath for Remembrance Day, 2011
29-Feb	102213	D Moss	£55.00	Litter picking - February
04-Mar	102214	Ron Palmer	£471.52	Clerk's salary and expenses for 4 weeks to 4th March
29-Feb	102215	1st Compton Scout Group	£200.00	\$137 donation

2635 **Correspondence**

The Correspondence list is at Attachment 2.

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2636 **Matters for consideration and information**

- DA was sad to report the death of Peter Atkinson who had been such a friend to Compton Parish Council
- DA updated the meeting with details of progress being made to clean up the area near the Churn Road / High Street junction following the recent spillage
- A request had been received from The Downs School to use the main football pitch on the Recreation Ground for a match this Wednesday and on a number of unspecified occasions this term. Councillors agreed to the use this Wednesday and assumed that no equipment, such as nets, would be needed. LM agreed to communicate this to the School and to provide MP with dates of future matches.

2637 **That in view of the special nature of the business about to be transacted concerning the co-option of a new Councillor, it is advisable that the press and public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw. (Standing Orders 68 & 69)**

As all members of the public had left by this point in the meeting, this motion was not required.

2638 **To consider the candidates for co-option to the Council and agree which one to co-opt**

The Chairman said that Pat Burnett wished to be co-opted to serve as a Compton Parish Councillor. She had attended the meeting last time there had been a vacancy so should be well known to Councillors.

MP proposed that Pat Burnett be co-opted to Compton Parish Council. This was seconded by PS and was carried.

The Clerk was asked to contact Mrs Burnett.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

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

- **Council Meeting Monday 2 April at 7pm**

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