

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

Those present: Councillors D. Aldis (Chair), M. Pinfold, K. Simms, P. Burnett, R. Pinfold, M. Birtwistle, I. Tong and A. Strong (from 7:10pm).

In attendance: The Parish Clerk

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

3455 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from District Councillor Virginia von Celsing.

3456 Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk

KS declared an interest in items 3462 and 3475, MB in item 3464 and PB in item 3565.

3457 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public

Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest

There were none.

3458 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th January, 2015

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

3459 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 5th January, 2015

Suggestions were made for additions required on the playground inspection list.

The Clerk was asked to write to West Berkshire Council for advice on the maintenance of the footpath leading from Burrell Road to the High Street.

The Clerk was asked to write to Sovereign to request they clear the litter from behind the garages and look at resurfacing the access road to them.

3460 To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing

VvC sent her apologies.

3461 Clerk's report

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

3462 To consider a request from the Compton Hut Committee for a grant of £150 to make the 2015 re-payment of the loan from the Parish Council

This item was deferred.

3463 To consider quotes for stump removal in the Recreation Ground

It was resolved to accept a quote of £220 from Almond Arborists.

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3464 To consider water usage and to set the fees for the 2015/16 for the allotments

A full breakdown of the running costs of the allotments was reviewed. It was resolved to implement an increase of £2 for a whole plot and £1 for a half plot, resulting in fees of £17 for a whole plot and £8.50 for a half plot for 2015/16.

3465 To consider making a donation towards the costs of the recent Xmas meal for the community

It was resolved to pay the £20 room hire for the event.

3466 To consider the allocation of s137 funds for 2014/15 and to consider what should happen to any unallocated funds

The clerk was requested to contact all the previous village groups that have received s137 funding to invite them to apply in time for the requests to be considered at the next meeting.

3467 To consider the Parish Council's representation at the Speed Limit Review for the request for a 30mph limit on Churn Road

The response was discussed and IT agreed to represent the council at the review.

3468 To consider writing a letter of complaint to West Berkshire Council

It was resolved to remove this from the agenda. The Parish Council was advised to pay close attention to future planning applications.

3469 To consider activities commemorating World War I

It was proposed that the post for the memorial plaque could be attached to the middle leg of the noticeboard. The council were happy with this suggestion so DA will seek quotes to carry out the work.

3470 To consider suggestions for the enhancement programme

The second table tennis table has now been delivered.

3471 To receive an update on the Cemetery

A response to the pre-application was expected from West Berkshire Council by the 12th January but no response has been received. The Clerk will contact WBC for an update or formal response.

3472 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village

There have been several instances of kids climbing the fence into The Downs School causing damage. Police recently responded to an incident in the Recreation Ground where 2 lads with BB guns were shooting at animals.

3473 Planning Applications

a) To consider the following new applications:

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
14/03367/ FULD	Fraternity House, High Street, Compton, RG20 6NL	Change of Use from office to flat.	Application withdrawn so no response from PC

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Response from CPC	WBC Decision
14/02119/ HOUSE	Painsbridge Barn, Wallingford Road, Compton, RG20 6PU	To erect and install a 8m wide by 4.8m projecting single storey glass room between two buildings.	NO OBJECTIONS	PLANNING APPEAL DISMISSED

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3474 **To receive reports on the following:**

a) Recreation Ground

Some of the saplings have been broken. Quotes are being obtained to replace them.

b) Football Pavilion

Work has been delayed due to the cost of bricks.

e) Allotments

Sheila Benton-Jones is now the allotment manager at School Road. The position of allotment manager at Newbury Lane is now vacant and a volunteer is being sought. MB will draw up a job spec.

h) Groundwater

Peter McGeehin, Flood Warden, provided a short report. Groundwater levels are rising but threatening river levels are unlikely this season. PM attended the recent Pang Valley Flood Forum meeting, where a mapping initiative being implemented.

3475 **To approve cheques due for payment**

It was resolved to approve the following cheques for payment.

PYMT METHOD	Invoice Date	CHQ No./ PYMT ID	Payee	Amount	Description
CHQ	23 Jan	300004	West Berkshire District Council	£693.00	Annual dog and litter bin emptying charges
CHQ	23 Jan	300005	West Berkshire District Council	£589.28	Compilations Oct/Nov
BACS	24 Dec	W004	SSE Contracting Ltd	£578.35	Street lighting maintenance charge Dec qtr
BACS	30 Dec	W005	SSE Contracting Ltd	£122.54	Street lighting chargeable repairs Dec qtr
BACS	15 Jan	W006	Concrete Sports Ltd	£2,754.00	Table tennis table purchase and installation (minute 3372)
BACS	6 Feb	W007	S. Marshman	£509.01	Clerk's salary and expenses for Jan
BACS	1 Dec	W008	1 st Compton Scout Group	£300.00	Donation for carrying out litter picking (minute 3413)
DD	31 Dec	DD003	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	£39.18	Bin at Daycare centre for Nov & Dec

The online banking payment system has been set up incorrectly, allowing authorisation by only one councillor. It was agreed that the payments could be authorised by one councillor for this meeting only and that a letter requesting a change of authorisation should be sent to Unity Trust to ensure the correct system is in place for the next meeting.

The Parish Council is now registered as a data controller with the Information Commissioner's Office and a direct debit has been set up to pay the annual £35 fee.

3476 **Correspondence**

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 2.

3477 **Matters for consideration and information**

The grass area outside 20 Manor Crescent is in a very poor condition. The Clerk will contact VvC with regards to an update from the Countryside Team about the permissions granted.

A picnic table in the playground has had offensive graffiti painted on it. The Clerk is to report to WBC for cleaning.

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Meeting closed 9:05pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Parish Council Meeting:** **Monday 2nd March, 2015 at 7pm** in the Village Hall

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