

## **Compton Parish Council**

**Chairman: Dave Aldis**

**Clerk: Sarah Marshman**

### **MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November, 2017 at 7:30pm** in the Wilkins Centre, Burrell Road.

Those present: Councillors D. Aldis (Chair), M. Birtwistle, P. Burnett, R. Pinfold, L. Moss K. Simms,

In attendance: District Councillor Virginia von Celsing

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**4291 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors M. Pinfold, A. Strong and I. Tong and the Parish Clerk.

**4292 Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk**

All members declared an interest in 4301.

**4293 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public**

**Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**

There were none.

**4294 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017**

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

**4295 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017**

There were none.

**4296 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**

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

**4297 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> October, 2017**

There were none.

**4298 To receive a report from our District Councillor**

It was noted that planning application 17/01445/FUL The Lodge, Aldworth Road, Compton - Retention of The Lodge to provide ancillary accommodation to Walnut House including conversion to provide garaging and access – had been approved by the Western Area Planning Committee.

The Clerk is requested to write to Nick Carter, CEO of West Berkshire Council (WBC), expressing dismay at the outcome of planning application 17/01445/FUL due to the failure of the planning department to apply an enforceable condition on the original permission for The Lodge and requesting that, as WBC admitted their failure in this, WBC should bear the costs of Compton Parish Council having to employ a planning consultant for this application.

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**4299 Clerk's report**

The Clerk's report is at Attachment 1.

**4300 Planning Applications****a) To consider the following new applications:**

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
17/02864/ HOUSE	6 Whitewalls Close, Compton, RG20 6QG	Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.	<b>No objections</b>
17/02874/S COPE	Institute For Animal Health, High Street, Compton, RG20 7NN	EIA Scoping Opinion Request	<b>N/A</b>

**Further Information:**

A document had been prepared by the parish council's consultant to submit in response to this application. It was resolved to submit the document and to include an additional comment regarding the need to assess the impact of the additional traffic on East Ilsley.

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

It was resolved not to request any of these applications be called in.

**c) To consider whether to refer any planning applications for further response from our planning consultants**

It was resolved not to refer any of these applications for further response.

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

There were none.

**4301 To consider the allocation of the grant funding for 2017/18**

It was resolved to make the following grants available.

Organisation	Use	Amount Requested	Grant Agreed	Power
Autumn Group	Fees for speakers and trip to panto	£200	£200	LGA 1972 s.137
Archery*	Archery butts and trophy	-	£534.92	LGA 1972 s.137
Badminton Club	Subsidise court fees and purchase shuttles (£32/night)	£300	Policy states cannot be used for running costs	
Football Club	Purchase electric shower unit and tiling for Ref's changing area	£300	To be referred to the assets working party	
Hut Committee	Improve fencing of site along main road	£300	£300	LGA 1972 s.137
PCC	Church yard maintenance	£350	£350	LGA 1972 s.214(6)
Pre-school	Replace outdoor shed	£600	A previous grant has been awarded for this purpose	
Rainbows	Flag, flagpole + finial, flag case, shoulder hoist flag carrier	£123	£150	LGA 1972 s.137
Royal British Legion*	Wreaths, event poppies and donation	-	£149	LGA 1972 s.137
Scout Group	Large mess tent	£300	£300	LGA 1972 s.137

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Amount available in budget	S137	£2,000.00
	Other powers	£500.00
Amount left in budget	S137	£366.08
	Other power	£150.00
<b>Spend agreed</b>	<b>S137</b>	<b>£1,633.92</b>
	<b>Other power</b>	<b>£350.00</b>

**4302 To consider quote to install the doors for the Football Pavilion**

It was resolved to accept the quote from GS Weller.

**4303 To consider quotes for a mobile phone contract**

This was discussed again as the previous package agreed upon did not appear to be available. It was resolved to obtain a contract from Vodafone for 500MB data.

The Clerk is to investigate whether a policy is required for the mobile phone.

**4304 To consider quotes to carry out an assessment of the pipework in the Football Pavilion**

It was resolved to accept the quote from Aqua Analyse.

**4305 To consider purchasing additional event poppies for Remembrance Sunday**

It was resolved to purchase 7 additional poppies.

**4306 To consider adopting an employer policy statement for the pension scheme**

It was resolved to adopt the employer policy statement. MB will act as adjudicator. The Clerk will check the adjudicator does not need to be someone external to the council.

**4307 To discuss the installation of a village sign**

This was deferred to the next meeting.

**4308 To consider quotes for the street lighting maintenance contract**

This was deferred to the next meeting.

**4309 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**

There has been some car break ins. Hare coursing has taken place up Churn Road. There has been some noisy activity from small mopeds.

**4310 To receive reports on the following:**

**c) Rights of Way**

Footpath 4 is being closed by West Berkshire Council for 6 months for maintenance.

**h) Groundwater**

The following report was received from the Flood Warden:

The aquifer is now only 10% full and the level is still falling. The Environment Agency is repairing/testing/improving the West Berkshire Groundwater Scheme as it anticipates the possibility that it might be needed in anger for its primary purpose - draught alleviation - next summer. Meanwhile I continue to work on technical aspects of its possible deployment for flood alleviation.

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I have had several recent contacts with WBC and one with the Environment Agency regarding groundwater aspects of the graveyard extension planning application. I am hopeful that the residual concerns have been resolved.

**i) Parish Assets & Management**

A meeting of the working party will be organised soon.

**j) Neighbourhood Development Plan**

Two drop in evenings have been organised for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November.

**4311 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.

**4312 Correspondence**

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 3.

A letter from a resident had been received regarding the clearing of the ditch along the side of the Recreation Ground. The Clerk is requested to respond confirming this work is carried out every year and will be done shortly.

The clerk is requested to write to Sovereign to request removal of a tree in the Pang near Manor Bungalows.

**4313 Matters for future consideration and information**

It was requested that an item regarding a litter picker be put on the next agenda.

The Clerk had requested to purchase two books, Arnold-Baker on Local Council Administration and Local Councils Explained. The Council were happy in principle, this will be placed on the next agenda.

Meeting closed 9:07pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Parish Council Meeting:** **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 at 7pm** in the Wilkins Centre

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