

# **Compton Parish Council**

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Ron Palmer

## **MINUTES of the EXTRA COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

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

In attendance: The Parish Clerk

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

The Chairman opened the meeting by providing an update on the herbicide spillage from a tanker earlier that day at the bottom of Churn Road that had spread across the High Street. The Environment Agency, Thames Water and the IAH had attended and quickly had the situation under control. The Chairman said he hoped to have a report from IAH to post on the Council web site within 24 hours.

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2586 **Apologies for absence** had been received from Councillor M Birtwistle who was abroad on business.

2587 **Any declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by members or the Clerk**  
LM declared a personal interest in the Downs School planning application – item 2589

2588 **To receive:**

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

There were none

2589 **To consider any actions following the approval by West Berkshire Council of planning application 11/01766/COMIND to build a new 12 laboratory science block and associated spaces, including an LPG tank, sprinkler tank and pump room at The Downs School**  
The Chairman said that, while the Parish Council actively supported the building of a new Science block, he had serious concerns about the decision-making process that had led to the approval of this application. In the discussion that followed, other members agreed.

DA proposed that the Council should write to West Berkshire Council expressing these concerns and ask for an investigation and details of the actions to be taken to address what were seen as procedural shortcomings. This was seconded by AS and was carried.

Members then agreed the distribution and contents of the letter, which the Clerk would draft and circulate to members before sending.

2590 **To agree that £1,500 should be set aside for expenses in relation to the celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee, of which £1,000 would be for commemorative mugs**  
Proposed by DA, seconded by KS and carried. DA said a decision must be made at the next meeting on which mugs to order and how many.

2591 **To agree a cheque for the Environment Agency for £50, being the fee charged for consideration of an application for consent for works affecting water courses (churchyard extension)**  
Proposed by KS, seconded by MP and carried.

The meeting closed at 8.03pm.

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

- **Council Meeting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm**

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Chairman

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Date