

**Compton Parish Council**

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Ron Palmer

**MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

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

In attendance: R Palmer (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

The meeting started at 7.00pm

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**2440 Apologies for absence**

District Councillor V von Celsing had apologised for non-attendance because she was on holiday.

**2441 Any declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by members or the Clerk**

There were none

**2442 To receive:**

➤ **Questions or comments from members of the public**

➤ **Representations from any member who has declared a prejudicial interest**

There were none.

**2443 To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 4 July 2011**

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

**2444 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 4 July 2011**

There were none

**2445 Clerk's report**

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

- 7: Riparian owners – LM agreed to distribute the leaflets and letters produced by the Clerk

- 11: Fun fair – It was agreed that the Council did not wish to be involved organising fun fairs

- DA asked the Clerk to chase Sovereign Housing concerning the state of footpath 15 and the adjacent garage area

- It was agreed that the October meeting should be brought forward 1 week to 26 September if the Welstead Room was available then, as the Clerk would be on holiday on the scheduled date of 3 October

**2446 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**

DA and TK gave details of a vehicle incident in Churn Road in the middle of the night which had been reported to the police.

**2447 To receive a report on the actions being taken to investigate the possible continuance of service provision at the Downlands Day Care Centre after it closes in September**

In discussing an email from Mr Morris, members thought it would be appropriate for the Village Hall Management Committee to work with a solicitor to get a contract drawn up and then for the draft contract to be made available to interested parties (including the Parish Council) who would be happy to peruse it and make any helpful comments.

**2448 To receive a report from the sub-committee set up to open discussions with Powis-Hughes on how best the Parish Council can support BBSRC in its withdrawal from the village**

The Clerk gave an update from our District Councillor who had attended an on-site meeting with Powis-Hughes and WBC planners on 6 July.

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- 2449 **To receive an update on West Berkshire Council (WBC) planning for the future of the IAH site, including the production of the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**  
As part of their consultation exercise, WBC planners were intending to hold an Open Day at the Village Hall in September. The provisional date was Friday 9 September, but this would be confirmed.
- 2450 **To receive a report from the sub-committee set up to consider use of the Recreation Ground football pitches**  
AS summarised the report produced by the sub-committee following their meeting on 21 July – this is at Attachment 2. DA thanked them for their work and asked them to reconvene and come back to the next meeting with some charging principles and specific proposals for the groups that will be using the Recreation Ground this coming season.
- 2451 **To receive an update on the position of volunteers offering to help in the village / primary school**  
The Clerk gave a brief update saying that it had not been possible to arrange for a group of volunteers to help during July or August. He would continue to liaise with the organiser to see if a suitable date could be found from September onwards.
- 2452 **To approve the purchase of a dog waste bin to be located at the Railway Bridge, Wallingford Road at a cost of £268 + VAT, plus installation**  
Proposed by KS, seconded by MB and carried.
- 2453 **To consider the offer of play equipment to the Parish Council and agree the next actions**  
TK said that she and PS had agreed to visit the site later this week and they would report back to the next meeting.
- 2454 **To consider requesting additional “No Cycling” signs and agree their locations.**  
AS said she had already requested a sign at the High Street end of footpath 15. DA proposed that AS should a) ask again for visible signs to be erected at both ends of footpath 15 b) ask for WBC to review the situation concerning footpath 19 through Meadow Close and make recommendations, following complaints from residents. This was seconded by PW and was carried. DA also asked TK to put an article in Compilations about cycling and footpaths.

2455 **Planning Applications**

- a) **To consider the following new applications and agree that the recommendations be forwarded to West Berkshire Council:**

<b>App. Ref.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposed Work</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
11/01159/XOUTMA	Greens Yard, High Street, Compton RG20 7NN	Renewal of planning permission 02/00317/OUT – Development of 25 residential units with ancillary buildings and access from the High Street	<b>NO OBJECTION</b> But see Note 1 Proposer: MB Seconded: PS Carried
Note 1: Members agreed not to object to the renewal of this early outline planning application but asked the Clerk to request confirmation that agreements made in subsequent applications (e.g. 07/02647/RESMAJ) were still binding.			
11/01197/HOUSE	Bramble Field Cottage, Coombe Road, Compton RG20 6RQ	First floor addition over existing rear single storey, plus loft conversion; move bathroom from ground to first floor	<b>NO OBJECTION</b> Proposed: AS Seconded: DA Carried

- b) **To receive a report on West Berkshire Council recent planning decisions**  
There were none

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2456 **To receive reports on the following:**

- a) **Recreation Ground:** PS said he hoped to repair the playground surface with the wet pour kit this weekend and also take a link out of the small swing (as recommended in the RoSPA report). Members agreed with his request that the Clerk should purchase 2 “No authorised vehicles beyond this point” signs, including round pole fixing kits – the cost to be put on the next agenda for approval.
- e) **Allotments:** MB would investigate further the water leak at School Road allotments but he said that resolution of the problem may require the services of a professional.
- f) **Downland Sports Centre:** MB gave an update from the JMC meeting held on 18 July
- g) **Patient Representation:** AS gave an update from the meeting on 2 June which she had been unable to attend. The next meeting is scheduled to take place on 15 September

2457 **To approve cheques due for payment**

KS proposed that the following cheques be approved. This was seconded by PS and was carried.

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Description
09-July	102170	R M Weavers	£536.40	Grass cutting etc. June 2011
29-July	102170	R M Weavers	£519.60	Grass cutting etc. July 2011
12-July	102171	Councillor T Kent	£11.80	Expenses for attending training course on 11 July
28-July	102172	Councillor M Birtwistle	£47.92	Allotment expenses - Felt for shed roof & stopcock
31-July	102173	Ron Palmer	£483.33	Clerk's salary etc. for 4 weeks to 31 July
31-July	102174	D Moss	£70.00	Litter picking - July

2458 **Correspondence**

The Correspondence list is at Attachment 3.

2459 **Matters for consideration and information**

- DA said he had received complaints about the use of parking bays. He asked TK to draft an article for Compilations stating that all bays, including those in Burrell Road, were for the use of any resident / member of the public.
- DA said he was meeting Sarah Ward of CCB on 2 August
- PS asked the Clerk to contact West Berkshire Council (WBC) about an overgrown pavement
- MB said he thought one of the new trees planted by PW on the Recreation Ground had died. He also advised the Clerk of the owner of land in Station Road where trees were overhanging the road.
- DA asked the Clerk to put up on the notice board the website address for the WBC team creating the Supplementary Planning Document for the IAH site.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.

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

- **Council Meeting Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm**
- **Council Meeting Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm**

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