

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 5th February, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Wilkins Centre, Burrell Road.

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

In attendance: The Parish Clerk.
6 members of the public.

4362 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors M. Birtwistle and I. Tong and District Councillor Virginia von Celsing

4363 Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk

There were none.

**4364 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public
Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**

A member of the parish raised concerns with planning application 17/03285/FUL Old Station Business Park. KS declared an interest. The concerns suggested the application is being used as a method for continuing with the addition of the unbuilt units whilst not going through the proper processes. Due to the number of objections this application will go to the Western Area Planning Committee. The Parish Council agreed this should be referred to their planning consultant for clarification of the issues.

4365 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 8th January, 2018

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

4366 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 8th January, 2018

There were none.

4367 To receive a report from our District Councillor

VvC sent her apologies.

4368 Clerk's report

The Clerk's report is at Attachment 1.

4369 Planning Applications

a) **To consider the following new applications:**

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App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
17/03558 /FULMAJ	Roden Farm, Compton, RG20 7PY	Demolition of existing house (retaining a small section to become a self contained annexe); demolition of existing barn, stable block and various outbuildings; erection of replacement dwelling; erection of stables and garage; provision of tennis court; provision of new driveway; associated works.	Object
Comments: The retention of a part of the original dwelling means this is no longer just a replacement dwelling – it is instead a new dwelling.			

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 applications be called in.

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

It was resolved to refer 17/03285/FUL Old Station Business Park and 17/03558/FULMAJ Roden Farm for further advice from the planning consultant

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Response from CPC	Decision
16/03411/ FUL	Land Opposite Church Of St Mary and St Nicholas, Aldworth Road, Compton	Proposed burial ground extension to church including rain shelters, change of use from agricultural land to Sui Generis.	N/A	Approved
17/02860/ LBC	The Manor Barn, Tithe Barn Close, Compton	Demolition of Manor Barn and construction of a pair semi-detached dwellings with associated parking, landscaping and amenity space.	No objections	Approved
17/02861/ FULD	The Manor Barn, Tithe Barn Close, Compton	Demolition of Manor Barn and construction of a pair semi-detached dwellings with associated parking, landscaping and amenity space.	No objections	Approved
17/03201/ HOUSE	9 Westfields, Compton, RG20 6NX	Two storey and single storey rear extension.	No objections	Approved
17/03362/ HOUSE	9 Lowbury Gardens, Compton, RG20 6NN	Proposed rear conservatory.	No objections	Approved
17/03442/ NONMAT	6 Mayfield Cottages, Warnham Lane, Compton, RG20 7PL	Non-material amendment to planning permission 17/02029/FULD: New detached dwelling. (AMENDMENT): Rear first floor window change for Juliette balcony.	N/A	Approved

4370 To consider the steering group terms of reference

Some changes were agreed to the draft document. It was resolved to adopt the revised draft of the steering group terms of reference.

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4371 To consider quotes to purchase dog bag dispensers

There appears to be a significant issue with dog fouling in the village currently, with some people not even using the dog waste bins that are provided in the Recreation Ground. Various suggestions for how to deal with this were discussed, including purchasing two dog bag dispensers, one dog bag dispenser is to be sited in the Recreation Ground. It was suggested the other may be sited at the primary school if the school would give permission to do so.

It was resolved to set a budget of £350 to purchase two dog bag dispensers and bags and, if enough money is left, biodegradable chalk paint to highlight where dog waste has been left.

4372 To consider quotes to purchase a dog waste bin to replace one removed from the Recreation Ground

The dog bin has now been located and so a replacement is not required.

4373 To discuss suggestions for locations for additional dog waste bins within the parish

The Clerk will contact Beeswax Dyson to see if they would be willing to install a dog bin at the start of Byway 2 if the Parish Council were prepared to pay for the emptying of the bin.

4374 To consider a response to recent correspondence received regarding flooding

It was resolved to send the response that had been drafted.

4375 To consider instructing our solicitor to begin the land transfer process for the burial ground

It was resolved to instruct Gardner Leader to begin the land transfer by seeking to buy an 'option' tied to a stage in the process.

4376 To consider applying for an environmental permit for works at the burial ground

It was resolved to apply for the environmental permit.

4377 To discuss potential permissive paths

AS will create a list of paths that could be reopened and will arrange to meet with Beeswax Dyson to discuss this list. The Parish Council will seek to consult the community on possible new paths once the list for reopening has been progressed.

4378 To discuss the installation of a village sign

This item was deferred.

4379 To consider quotes for the street lighting maintenance contract

This item was deferred.

4380 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village

Two bollards have been damaged in the Recreation Ground car park.

4381 To receive reports on the following:

b) Football Pavilion

The doors are currently being made.

d) Patient Representation

The Practice is looking to use Compton more in the future, however, there will be period of approximately one month where a doctor will not be present at Compton while the new doctors receive training at Chieveley. Dr Cave will be attending the Annual Parish Meeting.

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h) Groundwater

The following report was received from the Flood Warden:

The MSc Dissertation on the possible deployment of the West Berkshire Groundwater Scheme for flood mitigation has been carefully reviewed by the Pang Valley Flood Forum, Environment Agency and Thames Water Utilities at a joint meeting. The results were thought sufficiently encouraging for two follow-on studies to be proposed. Both are to address the effects on flow in the River Pang. In the first the groundwater level reduction likely to be achieved in villages such as Compton will also be addressed (in relation to the depth underground of our sewers). In the second the emphasis is also on the WBGWS discharge point and the EA's Bucklebury weir just downstream of it.

The PVFF is now constituted as a limited liability charity. Negotiations continue with the Environment Agency over the terms of the DEFRA grant to demonstrate the effectiveness of natural flood management measures on the Pang downstream of Frilsham. Meanwhile, of more relevance to Compton is the project just commencing at Reading University on the wider potential of natural flood management for the Pang Valley as a whole.

The PVFF met on 23rd January 2018. Three issues relating to Compton were raised: the branches down on Aldworth Road, maintenance of the channel alongside School Road and further measures to improve the watercourse as it turns away from Aldworth Road. The responsible riparian owners have been contacted and in the latter case the opinion of the Environment Agency is being sought.

At the time of writing the aquifer is ~18% full and rising at the non-threatening rate of ~0.4% a day. Exceptional rainfall is not anticipated in the long-range weather forecasts that I have seen.

j) Neighbourhood Development Plan

The steering group has now been formed and had their first meeting. DA is currently Acting Chairman. The group has a Vice-Chair and Secretary. The survey has been sent out with Compilations

k) Burial Ground

The Chairman and the Clerk met with the architects to discuss meeting the conditions placed on the planning permission.

4382 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.

4383 Correspondence

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 3.

4384 Matters for future consideration and information

There is a litter pick taking place on Saturday 10th February.

Horse muck has been thrown over the fence from the allotments site. This will be raised with the allotment manager.

Fly tipping has occurred at Churn Bridge.

Meeting closed 8:35pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Parish Council Meeting: Monday 5th March, 2018 at 7pm** in the Wilkins Centre

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