

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 1st February, 2016 at 7pm in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

Those present: Councillors D. Aldis (Chair), M. Pinfold, R. Pinfold, K. Simms, I. Tong, P. Burnett, L. Moss, M. Birtwistle and A. Strong (from 7:30pm).

In attendance: District Councillor Virginia von Celsing, Lisa Hill (Business Manager at The Downs School), Kamal Bahia (Practice Manager at Burdwood Surgery) and The Parish Clerk.
1 member of the public.

The meeting started at 7pm.

3734 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. A. Strong as she would arrive part way through the meeting.

3735 Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk

MP and LM on item 3740, all Councillors and the Clerk on item 3746. It was agreed to grant all attendees a dispensation for item 3746.

3736 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public

Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest

There were none.

The Chairman altered the running order of the meeting in order to accommodate those attending.

3740 To discuss improvements to the Sports Hall

Lisa Hill spoke to the council about the Sport Hall. She is currently attempting to obtain funding to rebuild the centre as it is ill-suited to modern use. She will work with the current users of the hall and Legacy Leisure who manage the site. Lisa was seeking the approval of the parish council. The parish council and the district councillor both stated that they actively supported Lisa in this endeavour. Lisa emphasised that anyone could contact her with regards to this development.

3739 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th January, 2016

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

3740 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 4th January, 2016

MB and the Clerk still need to arrange the purchase of the laptop.

3741 To receive a report from Kamal Bahia, Practice Manager of Burdwood Surgery regarding the IT issues that local doctor surgeries face

Kamal Bahia is the practice manager for Burdwood Surgery and is also a representative on the IT board for West Berkshire. The issue with the speed of the connection at Chieveley and Compton has been raised with her by the practice manager at the Downland Practice and by VvC. Consistently the whole of West Berks has struggled with this issue over recent years, BT has

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carried out some actions which has led to some local improvement but it is still not consistent over the whole area. KB explained how the system works and stated that the Downland Practice were in discussion with BT over whether they could obtain a connection to the superfast broadband. If BT are able to do this the practice will go ahead. KB was unaware that the Compton surgery is paper-based only so that doctors have to print records at Chieveley and then update the system when they return. KB will look further in to solving this if possible. The parish council thanked Kamal for attending and explaining the system to them.

AS arrived at 7:30pm.

3753 Planning Applications

a) To consider the following new applications:

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
15/03431/ FULD	Bray Cottage, Cheap Street, Compton, RG20 6QH	Construction of new dwelling with associated curtilage and car parking with modifications to boundary wall (dismantle and reconstruct) and removal of boundary outbuildings.	OBJECT
Comments: This application falls within the Conservation Area which it fails to enhance. The National Planning Policy Framework enables authorities to resist the development of gardens.			

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

No applications were requested to be called in.

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Response from CPC	WBC Decision
15/02763/ FUL	Compton Swan, High Street, Compton, RG20 6NJ	Conversion of store room into takeaway station including new window and canopy over.	No objections	Granted
15/03052/ FUL	Institute For Animal Health, High Street, Compton, RG20 7NN	Installation of a new HV transformer including ancillary plant and secure enclosure fence.	No objections	Granted

3743 To discuss the Council's representation to the Planning Inspectorate with regards to the appeal for planning application 15/01296/OUTD Roden Farm, Compton, RG20 7PY: Erection of a replacement dwelling

It was resolved not to make any additional submission.

3741 To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing

The Western Area Planning Committee meeting was discussed at which the application to vary the social housing conditions for Tithe Barn Close (Greens Yard) was determined. The council queried the use of a letter from the DCLG when the information contained was not statute. The Clerk was requested to write to Richard Benyon to ask for his comments.

The council thanked AS and IT for attending the WAPC meeting.

VvC raised that West Berkshire Council now need to find £18 million of cuts. A new, short consultation will take place.

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3742 Clerk's report

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

3744 To consider requesting a 20mph limit or traffic calming measures in the High Street near the shop

This was deferred to the next meeting.

3745 To consider sending copies of the Compton Drainage Strategy produced by Thames Water to members of the Western Area Planning Committee

It was resolved that each member of the WAP committee should be sent an individual email with a copy of the drainage strategy.

3748 To consider quotes for a company to devise an initial strategy for a neighbourhood plan

This was deferred to the next meeting.

3749 To consider activities commemorating World War I

There was no update.

3750 To consider suggestions for the enhancement programme

The purchase of a dish swing was deferred to the next meeting.

3751 To receive an update on the Cemetery

There was no update.

3752 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village

There have been several small incidents including hub caps being taken and a lock taken from the boot of a car. A car window was smashed and a bag stolen from a car parked by the primary school. A trailer was stolen from a driveway but later recovered.

3754 To receive reports on the following:

a) Recreation Ground

An extra cut is required prior to the next football game on 27th Feb.

c) Rights of Way

AS has taken photos of Byway 2 and will send them to Paul Hendry.

h) Groundwater

The following report was received from the Flood Warden:

Rainfall in January was 50% higher than normal and groundwater levels are rising but the 'tank' is roughly 35% full, so to get a flowing Pang in Compton later in the season we would need 2-3 times average rainfall in the next three months.

The Pang Valley Flood Forum met during January and I was assured by WBC that the trash screen at Fairfield would be installed by the end of the month. When I last looked a few days ago it had not been done, so I will maintain gentle pressure if this situation continues. The scheme for the new bridges on Aldworth Road continues to be developed by WBC. TWU has repaired the fence on their disused pump house in School Road and also cut a much improved channel across the field in front of the houses at their Ilsley Road facility. This needs to be extended into the watercourse on the other side of the fence and WBC has agreed to do this.

Three surface flooding issues have been passed to Streetcare: layby by the bus stop at the foot of Churn Road, blocked gullies in the High Street by Yew Tree House, and kerbside

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drains down Aldworth Road. I have received acknowledgements and holding replies but action has not ensued, as yet. I will chase in the coming weeks.

i) Parish Assets & Management

The working group recently met.

The document storage system is now working. The council thanked IT for the work he has done and to his company for purchasing and donating the hard drive.

3755 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.

3756 Correspondence

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 3.

3746 To consider the allocation of the grant funding for 2015/16 and to consider what should happen to any unallocated funds

A dispensation had been granted to all councillors to discuss this as they all have an interest in the community.

It was resolved to make the following grants. AS abstained from the vote.

Organisation	Use	How many members of the community benefit?		Amount Requested	Grant Agreed
		Directly	Indirectly		
Royal British Legion	Donation plus purchase of wreaths (already agreed 3677)				£84.11
Parochial Church Council	Graveyard maintenance	Community	-	£350.00	£350.00
Downlands Badminton Club	Equipment for Junior club	30 children	-	£50.00	£100.00
West Berks Citizens Advice Bureau	Donation	Community			£0.00
Pre-school	2x ipads	36 on role	future attendees	£438.00	£219.00
Autumn Group	Urn, DVD player + monitor	50	-	£350.00	£250.00
1st Compton Scout Group	Tarpaulin/billy cans/hammock for camping	65+	-	£200.00	£200.00
1st Compton Guides	20 litre Burco gas water boiler, calor gas cylinder regulator and hose for hot water while camping	15	>40	£200.00	£200.00
Compton Scout & Guide Hut	To repay the loan provided for the toilet/washroom refurbishment	100	400	£150.00	£0.00
Autumn Group	Xmas meal room hire			£20.00	£20.00
Total				£1,758.00	£1,423.11

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Amount left in budget	£576.89
Spend agreed	£1,423.11

The grant to the Parichial Church Council was made using LGA 1972, s. 214(6) and the other grants were made using s137. The remainder will be considered for allocation at the next meeting.

3747 To consider paying the electricity costs for the Christmas Day event at the Wilkins Centre
The council considered this a grant and therefore added it to the list in item 3746.

3757 Matters for consideration and information

MB has approached the volunteer agency to try to obtain volunteers to paint the railing at the Recreation Ground along with some work in the grounds of the church.

PB thanked everyone for making a grant to the Autumn Group. She has produced calendars which she is selling to raise funds.

IT, PB and LM attended Speed Indicator Device training.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

- **Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting: Monday 15th February, 2016 at 7pm** in the Scout Hut
- **Parish Council Meeting: Monday 7th March, 2016 at 7pm** in the Village Hall

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