

# **Compton Parish Council**

**Chairman: Dave Aldis**

**Clerk: Ron Palmer**

## **MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

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

In attendance: District Councillor V von Celsing, 2 members of the public and the Parish Clerk

The meeting started at 7.00pm

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**2460 Apologies for absence**

Councillor M Birtwistle had apologised for non-attendance because he was abroad on business.

**2461 Any declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by members or the Clerk**

There were none

**2462 To receive:**

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

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

There were none.

**2463 To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 1 August 2011**

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

**2464 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 1 August 2011**

There were none

**2465 To receive a presentation from Baxter Healthcare regarding traffic issues and discuss any issues arising**

Mrs J Williams, a Baxter employee for 21 years and a Compton resident, said that there had been traffic issues in the past, but these had been resolved amicably. As these had become more prevalent recently she asked if there was a general issue here that needed to be addressed, and, if so, what should be done. DA said the Parish Council had not been made aware of any issue recently by residents. It was agreed that LM would ask PCSO Karen Taylor to contact Baxters to discuss the situation with them. Baxters might then consider offering local residents an opportunity to meet them to voice any concerns they had. Finally, if she thought it would help, Mrs Williams might put an article in a future issue of Compilations.

**2466 Clerk's report**

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

2: IAH Consultation event: This was to take place from 2pm to 8pm on Tuesday 13 September in the Compton Swan and DA asked Councillors to attend for some of the time if they were able to do so. Posters had been received to advertise the event. The Chairman wished to thank the owner of the village shop who had undertaken to copy posters and insert them in copies of this week's local paper.

7: Graffiti: It was noted that the graffiti had been removed from the bus shelter

**2467 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**

LM said she had nothing to report.

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- 2468 **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**  
Copies of the ‘Surrender of lease’ document between the Trustees of the Village Hall and West Berkshire Council had been circulated.
- 2469 **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**  
AS said there was nothing to report this month.
- 2470 **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 holding an Open Day at the Compton Swan on 13<sup>th</sup> September, from 2pm to 8pm.
- 2471 **To receive an update on the current churchyard situation**  
A letter from the Team Minister for Compton and East Ilsley to WBC Planners had been circulated. The Clerk said he was now awaiting contact from a local landowner.
- 2472 **To receive from the sub-committee set up to consider use of the Recreation Ground football pitches a report recommending charging principles and setting out specific proposals for the groups that will be using the Recreation Ground this coming season**  
PW said that the sub-committee had not met so no recommendations were forthcoming. AS said she was seeking advice about charging for land that had been given to the Parish Council. The Chairman asked the committee to meet and present recommendations to the next Council meeting.
- PW gave the Clerk documentation about possible grants from Sport England towards additional facilities.
- 2473 **To approve the purchase of two “No unauthorised vehicles” signs at a cost of £96 including VAT**  
Proposed by KS, seconded by LM and carried.
- 2474 **To consider the offer of play equipment to the Parish Council and agree the next actions**  
TK said that the equipment was too large for the pre-school playgroup and the cost of taking it up, transporting it and re-installing it would be high. She proposed that the Council did not pursue this matter any further. This was seconded by PS and was carried.
- 2475 **To consider an email from West Berkshire Council concerning the updated Village Design Statement, agree actions and form an appropriate response**  
The Clerk said that it would be necessary to engage in a full consultation exercise concerning changes to the current design guidelines before WBC would consider adopting them formally. KS proposed that the Clerk should initially send to WBC planners (including those producing the IAH SPD) the updated guidelines that had been agreed by Councillors in March 2011, saying these were an updated expression of the wishes of the local community. The process to be followed for the formal adoption of updated guidelines could then commence. This was seconded by PS and was carried.
- 2476 **To consider possible celebrations / events in Compton to mark the London Olympic Games and Paralympic Games and the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen in 2012**  
Following discussions, members believed it was worth considering an event, possibly for local children, to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen in 2012. TK proposed that she liaise with the leaders of local youth groups and children’s organisations and also float the idea in Compilations, asking for help and support. In seconding this offer, DA thanked her for this proposal, which was then carried.

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**2477 To consider the disbandment of the Compton Flower Show committee and discuss options for the cups which have been presented at the annual Flower Shows**

Members were sad that the Flower Show Committee had agreed to disband. DA offered to talk to the current chairman to get a better understanding of the situation.

**2478 Planning Applications**

**a) To consider the following amended application:**

<b>App. Ref.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposed Work</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
11/00586/FULMAJ (Amended drawings and plans)	15-20 Fairfield and land to the rear of 14-20 Newbury Lane, Compton	4 3-bedroom houses, 6 2-bedroom houses and 2 1-bedroom flats together with external works, car parking and access road. Replacement car spaces on site.	The additional drawings and amended plans had been sent <b>for information only</b>

Members asked our District Councillor to “call-in” this application as they did not believe the Council’s original objections had been met e.g. the redevelopment would not conserve or enhance the character of the village. They also wished that one of the conditions in any approved application should be that a Local Lettings Plan should apply to Phase 2 (not Phase 1) of the redevelopment.

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

<b>App. Ref.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposed Work</b>	<b>Compton PC Recommendation</b>	<b>WBC Decision</b>
11/00926/HOUSE	9 Yew Tree Stables, Compton RG20 6NG	Installation of a Solar Thermal Array on the roof.	NO OBJECTION	GRANTED
11/00971/HOUSE	4 School Road Compton RG20 6QU	Single storey extension to rear and side extensions	NO OBJECTION	GRANTED
11/01352/NONMAT	The Laurels, Ilsley Road, Compton RG20 7PG	Application for a non-material amendment: Erection of 3 detached dwellings and associated parking		APPROVED

**2479 To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing**

VvC gave a brief report and said that she would let the Clerk know when the Planning Committee meeting to consider the Fairfield redevelopment would be held.

**2480 To receive reports on the following:**

- a) **Recreation Ground:** PS said he had repaired the playground surface with the wet pour kit. He said that some cars had been driven onto the Recreation Ground recently and he would put up the “No Unauthorised Vehicle” signs when they arrived.
- c) **Rights of Way:** AS said that she had contacted WBC regarding the No Cycling signs and they would look at Footpath 15 and Meadow Close.
- d) **Village Hall:** MP said that the fete had raised £3,300 to date, not counting the Vodafone sponsorship which was awaited.
- e) **Patient Representation:** AS said she hoped to attend the next meeting on 15 September

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2481 **To approve cheques due for payment**

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

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Description
29-July	102175	SSE Contracting	£129.28	Street lighting rechargeable repairs for June quarter 2011
9-Aug	102143	Glasdon UK Ltd	£321.30	New dog waste bin (Wallingford Road)
31-Aug	102144	Kingdom Signs Ltd	£96.00	2 x 'No unauthorised vehicles' signs
31-Aug	102145	D Moss	£55.00	Litter picking - August
4-Sep	102146	Ron Palmer	£540.65	Clerk's salary etc for 5 weeks to 4th September

2482 **Correspondence**

The Correspondence list is at Attachment 2. DA said he hoped to go to the next District / Parish conference on 18<sup>th</sup> October.

2483 **Matters for consideration and information**

- TK asked about clearance of the stretch of the River Pang that ran alongside the Recreation Ground, which was the responsibility of the Parish Council. Members agreed that this needed to be done and the Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for the work for approval at the next Council meeting. This should include cutting the 2 banks, clearing (and removing) the vegetation and any other material from the river bed and clearing the nettles from the 2 bridges.  
The Clerk was also asked to contact WBC to clear the nettles from the short stretch of footpath that runs along the north side of the Pang between the Recreation Ground and Lowbury Gardens.
- KS gave the meeting a progress report about the Scout Hut, saying that 2 leases were now required which would involve extra costs.

The meeting closed at 9.10pm.

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

- **Council Meeting Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm NOTE CHANGED DATE**
- **Council Meeting Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm**

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