

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Monday 7th October, 2013 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

Those present: Councillors D. Aldis (Chair), M. Pinfold, P. Whitworth, M. Birtwistle, P. Shanks, L. Moss, K. Simms and A. Strong (from 7:08pm)

In attendance: The Parish Clerk.

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

3078 **Apologies for absence** were received from Councillor P. Burnett and District Councillor Virginia von Celsing.

3079 **Any declarations of pecuniary interest by members or the Clerk**
There were none,

3080 **To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public**
Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest
There were none.

3081 **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2nd September, 2013**
Proposed by MB, seconded by PW and carried. They were then signed by the Chairman.

3082 **Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 2nd September, 2013**
There were none.

3083 **To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing**
Apologies were received from VvC.

3084 **Clerk's report**
The Clerk went through her report, which is at Attachment 1.
A new tenant has been found for the untenanted grazing land at Newbury Lane allotments.

3085 **To consider quotes to apply selective weed killer to the Recreation Ground**
Three quotes had not been received in time. This shall be put on the next agenda.

AS arrived.

3086 **To consider quotes to repair the roundabout**
PS proposed the repair be carried out by Playground Services. Seconded by MP and carried.

3087 **To consider quotes for the removal of three trees from the Recreation Ground**
When Almond Arborists carried out the work in the Recreation Ground, three trees were considered to have died and were removed with permission from two councillors. DA proposed to ratify the expenditure. Seconded by PS and carried.

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3088 To consider possible road names for the ‘road with no name’

The Parish Council discussed possible names to approach West Berkshire Council for this road. PW proposed this road should be called ‘Hampstead Norreys Road’. Seconded by KS and carried.

3089 To discuss the disconnect between Ridgeway signage and web site information

The signage on the Ridgeway indicates that no vehicular access is permitted, however, the Ridgeway website indicates that vehicular access is permitted between 1st May and 30th September. Due to the internet information, the police cannot issue penalties despite the signs on the Ridgeway. The Clerk is to write to Paul Hendry and Elaine Cox at West Berkshire Council to find out how they propose to rectify this.

3090 To consider the grounds maintenance contract details for 2014

Suggestions were made to improve the specifications of the grounds maintenance contract. The Clerk is to request advice from the Environment Agency as to the appropriate times to have the Pang ditch cleared.

3091 To consider quotes for the cutting back of two trees in the Recreation Ground

SSE has not provided the quote for this work yet.

3092 To receive an update on the Churchyard

The Parish Council is awaiting communication from Mr Stone.

3093 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village

An incident of someone on the Ridgeway with a gun poking out of the window has been reported to the police.

3094 To receive an update on Superfast Broadband

West Berkshire Council has informed the Parish Council that superfast broadband will not be installed in the village. Further information will be supplied at the District Parish Conference.

3095 Planning Applications

a) To consider the following new applications:

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
13/02228/ HOUSE	4 Lowbury Gardens, Compton, RG20 6NN	Erection of conservatory.	NO OBJECTIONS
13/02389/F UL	Baxter Healthcare Ltd, Wallingford Road, Compton, RG20 7QW	Section 73A: Application for variation of condition 1: Commencement 3 years of approved application 09/01868/FUL - Removal of existing extension and erection of replacement extension, new glazed canopy, replacement windows, improved means of escape, erection of cycle storage, minor works to existing car park area to form disabled and visitor spaces and replacement light columns.	NO OBJECTIONS

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Compton PC Recommendation	WBC Decision
13/01700/ HOUSE	Woodview, Newbury Road, Compton, RG20 7RJ	Single storey side extension. Rear oak frame summer room	NO OBJECTIONS	Granted

3096 **To receive reports on the following:**

a) Recreation Ground

The posts have been installed.

c) Rights of Way

The materials have been delivered for Byway 2.

e) Allotments

The School Road water bill is very high. The Clerk to request the allotment managers provide monthly reading so this can be monitored.

f) Patient Representation

The new system has resulted in it taking 4 days to provide repeat prescriptions. Instead of returning to a 2 day turnaround, the practice intends to continue with the 4 day system. The receptionist at Compton Surgery will be retiring soon. The Clerk is to invite the Practice Manager to attend the next meeting.

3097 **To approve cheques due for payment**

Proposed by AS, seconded by KS and carried.

Invoice Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Description
15 Aug	102358	Broker Network Ltd	£1,400.74	Insurance renewal 2013/14
29 Jul	102359	P. Burnett	£300.00	Autumn Group S137 donation (minute 3042)
6 Sep	102360	Thames Water	£228.32	School Road Allotments 17 Jun – 4 Sep
31 Aug	102361	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	£30.78	Emptying of bin at Daycare Centre Aug
31 Aug	102362	Scofell Landscapes Ltd	£1,069.70	Grounds maintenance charges Aug/Sep
9 Sep	102363	Mazars	£240.00	External auditor fees 2013
24 Sep	102364	Southern Electric	£719.31	Electricity supply charges 27 Jun-23 Sep
13 Sep	102365	IJ Agricultural and Equestrian Fencing	£360.00	Fencing installed at Recreation Ground (minute 3051)
3 Oct	102366	S. Marshman	£523.75	Clerk's salary and expenses for 5 weeks to 6 th Oct
26 Sep	102367	Almond Arborists	£1,590.00	Tree work in Recreation Ground (minute 3006 & 3087)
5 Oct	102368	D. Moss	£110.00	Litterpicking Aug & Sep
25 Sep	102369	SSE Contracting Ltd	£964.44	Street lighting maintenance charge Sep quarter

3098 **Correspondence**

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 2.

C1 It was agreed that the Downs School should be permitted to use the Recreation Ground pitches, but that the council reserves the right to withdraw permission if the weather is poor.

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3099 **Matters for consideration and information**

PS – The Pre-school’s recent fundraising event raised almost £1,000.

KS – There is a new junior football team in Compton.

MB – A new team minister starts in January.

LM – Will be meeting with Paul Hendry. The litter from the use of the football pitch has been quite bad lately.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Council Meeting:** **Monday 4th November, 2013 at 7pm** in the Village Hall

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