

## Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Held on Monday 6th March 2023 in the Wilkins Centre, Compton. Commencing at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Councillor Dave Aldis, Chair

Councillor Rebecca Pinfold, Vice-Chair

Councillor Tracy Brown

Councillor Jude Cunningham

Councillor Stephen Dearns (from 7:05pm)

Councillor Linda Moss Councillor Alison Strong Councillor Sharon Tiller

Members Absent: Councillor Ian Tong

Officers Present: Sarah Marshman, Clerk/RFO

**In Attendance:** 0 Members of the Public

### **Minutes**

22/23-226 To receive, and consider for acceptance, apologies for absence from Members of

the Council

Resolved: To accept apologies from Councillor Ian Tong.

22/23-227 To receive any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registerable

Interests or Non-Registerable Interests and to consider any requests for dispensation from Members declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest There were no declarations of interests or requests for dispensation.

22/23-228 To receive:

Questions or comments from members of the public regarding items on the agenda

Representations from any member who has declared an Other Registerable

Interest or a Non-Registerable Interest

There were no questions, comments or representations.

### 22/23-229 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023

Resolved: Members agreed the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true record. The Chair signed the minutes.

### 22/23-230 To discuss any matters arising from the previous meeting

The Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk have met with a representative from Sovereign. Sovereign will produce an initial feasibility study to investigate potential solutions to the parking issues in Gordon Crescent.

### 22/23-231 To receive a report from the District Councillor

The District Councillor sent her apologies.

### 22/23-232 To review the minutes and recommendations from the following committees:

Committee	<b>Meeting Date</b>	Minute Numbers	Recommendations
Planning	21/02/23	PLN22/23-20- PLN22/23-26	None
Personnel	21/02/23	PER22/23-027- PER22/23-035	<ol> <li>1.Full Council should consider scheduling The Knowledge and Core Skills locally for all councillors.</li> <li>2.Full Council should update the Training and Development Policy to reflect new course titles and require councillors to refresh their training each election period.</li> <li>3.All councillors carrying out important roles should make notes on what they do.</li> </ol>

Councillor Stephen Dearns arrived.

# 22/23-233 To receive an update and review recommendations from the following working parties:

Burial Ground – The council's planning consultants will submit the planning application shortly.

Digital – The council needs a central repository on which to store council information. The Digital Working Party was requested to research a solution for this. Street lighting – Now the most recent work has been completed, AS will arrange for the working party to meet the contractors on site to discuss the next phase. Sports Pavilion – CCTV installation has taken place. The CCTV Policy needs updating before the CCTV is used. The Village Enhancement Working Party will review signage in the Recreation Ground.

Allotments – The allotment renewals will take place at the same rate as this year. The School Road Allotment Manager will arrange for a structural assessment of the shed onsite.

### 22/23-234 Planning Applications:

### 22/23-234.1 To consider the following new planning applications:

23/00316/FUL 1 - 2 Ilsley Gardens, Ilsley Road, Compton - Rear ground floor extension to No.1 and No.2 Ilsley Gardens. Rear first floor extension to No.2 Ilsley Gardens. General internal alterations to both.

Resolved: To submit a response of no objections.

# 22/23-234.2 To consider whether to request the District Councillor calls in any planning applications to the Western Area Planning Committee

No applications were requested to be referred to the Western Area Planning Committee.

# 22/23-234.3 To consider whether to refer any planning applications for further response from the Council's planning consultants

No applications were requested to be referred to the Council's planning consultants.

## 22/23-234.4 To receive a report on recent planning decisions taken by West Berkshire Council

The following decisions have been reported by West Berkshire Council since the last Parish Council meeting:

- 22/03139/HOUSE Bramley Cottage, High Street, Compton, RG20 6NL The construction of a single storey contemporary garden building to be used as a home office. Approved.
- 22/03000/FUL Office, MSD Animal Health, Churn Road, Compton, RG20 6PP Retention of Portakabin building sited at Churn Road for a period of 260 weeks
  from the date of expiry of their original planning application, reference
  20/01161/FUL which was granted on the 16th July 2020. Approved.

#### 22/23-235 Finance:

### 22/23-235.1 To consider approving the payments listed on the Finance Report

Resolved: To approve the payments listed in the Finance Report in Appendix 1.

#### 22/23-235.2 To note the most recent bank reconciliations

Resolved: To note the bank reconciliation figures as provided in the Finance Report in Appendix 1.

#### 22/23-235.3 To receive any reports from the Internal Controller

The Internal Controller still needs to review this year's accounts. The Clerk will meet with the Internal Controller to assist with the software.

### 22/23-236 To receive the Clerk's report

An extra meeting is needed and will be arranged prior to the APM on 21st March.

# 22/23-237 To clarify the position of the council on dogs in the Recreation Ground and on the football pitch

The Village Enhancement will review the situation of dog fouling in the Recreation Ground and will redesign the sign for rules of use of the Recreation Ground to

include information regarding CCTV. The Clerk was requested to publicise the CCTV once in use and to advise that the council will consider including a rule that dogs are only allowed in the Recreation Ground on leads if fouling of the Recreation Ground and, in particular, the football pitch, continues.

#### 22/23-238 To consider increasing the funding available for the Coronation event

Resolved: To increase the budget from £400 to £600. The extra £200 is to allow for expenditure in the current financial year, with the remaining £400 available in the new financial year.

# 22/23-239 To consider the installation of a dog waste bin to be installed near the entrance to footpath 16A near The Downs School

Resolved: The Clerk will seek permission from West Berkshire Council to install a bin in this area. If permission is given, the council will review costs at the next meeting.

### 22/23-240 To consider quotes for stump grinding in the Newbury Lane allotments

Stump grinding of 3 stumps £1,355

Resolved: To accept a quote from Almond Arbosists for stump grinding of three stumps at a cost of £1,355.

### 22/23-241 To consider investing funds in the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund

The Council agreed that further research was required so this item was deferred.

### 22/23-242 To agree a new date for the May meeting

Resolved: To hold the May meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. This is delayed due to the additional Bank Holiday set for the Coronation.

### 22/23-243 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village

It was noted that fly tipping has taken place on a track between Compton and East Ilsley. A digger was stolen from Wilson Close.

### 22/23-244 To receive reports on the following

There were no updates.

### 22/23-245 To discuss matters for future consideration and for information

Sports Pavilion – the Council needs to review the operations needed and locate volunteers to share this work.

The Clerk will contact the church to see if someone would be able to talk about the set-up and future plans at the Annual Parish Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:40 pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:		
Annual Parish Meeting: Tuesday 21st March 7 pm		
Additional Full Council Meeting: Tuesday 21st March 6:30	30 pm	
Full Council Meeting: Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 7 pm		
Chairman:	Date:	

## Appendix 1: Finance Report

### Status at last bank reconciliation 31st January 2023

Account		Amount
Unity Trust Current Account		£28,226.43
Unity Trust Savings Account		£123,398.96
Lloyds Multipay Corporate Card		-£31.27
	Total	f151.594.12

### **Income received until 30th January 2023**

Account	Income Detail		Amount
Current	Sports Pavilion/Pitch Hire		£160.00
		Total	£160.00

### Payments made on Lloyds Corporate Card to be approved

Method	Date	Payee	Payment Detail	Amount
CC	03-Feb	Lloyds	Monthly card fee	£3.00
CC	20-Feb	Flexispot	Office chair	£249.99
CC	26-Feb	Microsoft	Office software	£11.28
				£264.27

### Payments from Unity Trust Current Account to be approved

Method	Date	Payee	Payment Detail	Amount
DD	03-Feb	ICO	Yearly registration fee	£35.00
BACS	09-Feb	IJ Agricultural	Replace bollards in Recreation Ground	£210.00
BACS	09-Feb	Spires Legal Ltd	Legal advice	£130.80
BACS	09-Feb	Almond Arborists	Tree work in Recreation Ground	£490.00
DD	20-Feb	Southern Electric	Street light electricity Jan	£75.68
DD	20-Feb	Vodafone	Mobile phone	£23.03
DD	24-Feb	Southern Electric	Sports Pavilion electricity Q4	£438.43
DD	28-Feb	Nexus	Microsoft	£11.28
BACS	06-Mar	Staff Costs	Staff Costs Feb	£1,741.33
BACS	06-Mar	Compton Village Hall	Grant	£50.00
BACS	06-Mar	Triangle Management	Refuse disposal	£114.00
BACS	06-Mar	Castle House Joinery Ltd	3 benches	£2,125.76
BACS	06-Mar	Sparkx	Street light replacement	£23,796.00
BACS	06-Mar	Compton Village Hall	Hire of Wilkins Centre for Christmas lunch	£20.00
			Total	£29,261.31

### **Transfers**

Method	Date	From Account	To Account	Amount
DD	16-Feb	Unity Current	Lloyds	£96.59
			Total	£96.59