

**Compton Parish Council**

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

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

In attendance: The Parish Clerk.

The meeting started at 7pm.

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**3712 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from District Councillor Virginia von Celsing

**3713 Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk**

There were none.

**3714 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public  
Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**

There were none.

**3715 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2015**

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

**3716 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2015**

There were none.

**3717 To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing**

VvC sent her apologies.

**3718 Clerk's report**

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

**3719 To consider the draft budget for 2016/17**

Some further alterations were made to the draft budget. The allotment fees were discussed as part of the budget discussions and it was resolved that there should be no increase in the allotment fees provided the size of a full and half allotment is agreed before March.

If there is an underspend on electricity in the year, the remainder should be earmarked towards the cost of replacement street lights.

It was resolved to adopt the draft budget and to set the precept for 2016/17 at £29,000. It was noted this would mean the council would run at a small deficit which would be taken from reserves.

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3720 **To acknowledge receipt from West Berks Council of the developer contributions from planning applications:**

- a) **11/01159/XOUTMA Greens Yard, High Street, Compton**
- b) **11/02277/FULD Pangside, School Road, Compton**
- c) **12/01760/XFULD Former Bank, High Street, Compton**

It was resolved to acknowledge receipt of the following amounts from West Berkshire Council to be used on open spaces:  
11/01159/XOUTMA £29,696.49, 11/02277/FULD £4,108.57 and 12/01760/XFULD £2,013.52.

3721 **To consider quotes for a company to devise an initial strategy for a neighbourhood plan**  
This item was deferred as no quotes have been received.

3722 **To consider quotes for an architect for the cemetery**  
It was resolved to accept the quote from Mursell & Company (Newbury) Limited. The Chair and Clerk will arrange to meet with the company to further discuss the work.

3723 **To consider writing to Richard Benyon with regards to the IT issues at the Compton surgery**  
It was resolved to write to Richard Benyon, acknowledging the work our district councillor has already done and asking RB to liaise closely with her and requesting if there is any funding he can access to help with the technology issues. AS will draft a letter and distribute to the council.

3724 **To consider the specifications for a laptop and to select one**  
It was resolved to set a maximum budget of £1,000 and for the Clerk and the Vice-Chairman (MB) to purchase a suitable model.

3725 **To consider activities commemorating World War I**  
There were no new suggestions for discussion.

3726 **To consider suggestions for the enhancement programme**  
Further quotes are required for the swing so this item was deferred.

3727 **To receive an update on the Cemetery**  
An architect has been agreed in item 3722.

3728 **To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**  
A car was vandalised in the layby by the telephone box on New Year's Eve.

3729 **Planning Applications**

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

| <b>App. Ref.</b>           | <b>Location</b>  | <b>Proposed Work</b>  | <b>Recommendation</b> |
|----------------------------|--|---|-----------------------|
| <b>15/03066/<br/>FUL</b>   | Woodrows Farm,<br>Aldworth, RG8 9RS                          | Convert the existing roof storage space within an open fronted agricultural storage building to form ancillary accommodation to the main dwelling. The accommodation will consist of one bedroom, en suite and living area. | <b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>  |
| <b>15/03138/<br/>HOUSE</b> | 2 Warnham<br>Cottages, Warnham<br>Lane, Compton,<br>RG20 7PW | Rear extension and alterations.   | <b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>  |

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

VvC has been unable to call in planning application 12/02349/OUTD Land Adjacent To 4 Ilsley Gardens, Ilsley Road, Compton as this should have been done at the time the initial application was made.

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

There were none.

**3730 To receive reports on the following:**

**c) Rights of Way**

Paul Hendry from West Berkshire Council says WBC will continue to supply materials for spreading on this footpath but there is a question of who will spread it now the Pirbright Institute is closing. This surface has been reported as in need of repair but PH has stated he believes the surface is ok. DA/AS to provide further photos to WBC

**h) Groundwater**

Compton has been placed on flood alert today.

**3731 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.

**3732 Correspondence**

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 3.

A letter and an email had been received from residents of Gordon Crescent regarding the difficulty of parking in Gordon Crescent and the parking situation outside the village hall. The Clerk was requested to reply to the residents saying they sympathise, however, they have no powers to carry out any actions with regards to improving the parking situation in Gordon Crescent. The Clerk was also requested to write to the Village Hall Management Committee to ask that their booking documents request users park in the car park at the rear of the hall.

**3733 Matters for consideration and information**

There is a shortfall on the fundraising for the defibrillator, we are awaiting a formal request with figures for consideration.

The idea of requesting a 20mph or other traffic calming measures on the High Street near the shop was discussed. This will be placed on the next agenda.

The Compton Surgery is allowing the Village Agent to use a room.

The Parish Council thanked Patricia Burnett for once again holding a very successful Christmas Day celebration at the Wilkins Centre and PB thanked everyone who had supported her. PB requested the council consider paying the electricity costs for the event. This will be placed on the next agenda.

Meeting closed 9:10pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Parish Council Meeting:** **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2015 at 7pm** in the Village Hall

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