

**Compton Parish Council**

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

**MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2014 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

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

In attendance: District Councillor Virginia von Celsing and the Parish Clerk.  
4 members of the public and 1 reporter.

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

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**3193 Apologies for absence**

There were none.

**3194 Any declarations of pecuniary interest by members or the Clerk**

MB, MP and DA item 3199.

**3195 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public  
Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**

There were none.

**3196 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2014**

It was resolved that the minutes were accurate. They were then signed by the Chairman.

**3197 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2014**

There were none.

**3198 Receive an update on flooding from Peter McGeehin**

Peter is involved in discussions for the necessary works to aid the future prevention of flooding. He will be involved with the Pang Valley Forum and will ensure all the issues affecting Compton are listed for necessary works. There are plans for improvements to the culverts along Ilsley Road. Cheap Street is still suffering from significant amounts of surface water which is threatening the houses there. A watch group is being organised to help monitor this situation.

The Parish Council wish to record their thanks to Peter McGeehin and to the members of the public who have assisted with the flooding and to Richard Benyon and Virginia von Celsing for visiting and helping.

**3200 To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing**

A two day scrutiny about flooding will be held by West Berkshire Council once the flooding has finished.

**3201 Clerk's report**

The Clerk went through her report, which is at Attachment 1.  
MB and the Clerk carried out an internal control audit on the 13<sup>th</sup> February.

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- 3202 **To consider implementing new Standing Orders**  
It was resolved to adopt the new standing orders.
- 3203 **To consider implementing new Financial Regulations**  
The new model financial regulations have not yet been issued. This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- 3199 **To consider potential applicants for co-option**  
Two candidates were interviewed by the Parish Council. It was resolved to co-opt Rebecca Pinfold to the Parish Council.
- 3204 **To consider the risk assessment**  
It was resolved to adopt the risk assessment.
- 3205 **To consider carrying out regular playground inspections**  
It was resolved to adopt the playground inspection document.
- 3206 **To receive an update on the SHLAA**  
A response has been prepared from the Parish Council, which is at Attachment 2.
- 3207 **To consider a meeting about the future of the Downland Practice in Compton**  
AS will set up a working party to discuss and arrange a meeting with the Downland Practice.
- 3208 **To receive an update on the Churchyard**  
There was no update.
- 3209 **To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**  
There have been issues with traffic during the flooding due to lack of care.
- 3210 **To receive an update on Superfast Broadband**  
The whole of Compton should now be receiving superfast broadband.
- 3211 **Planning Applications**
- a) **To consider the following new applications:**  
There were none.
  - b) **To receive a report on West Berkshire Council recent planning decisions**  
There were none.
- 3212 **To receive reports on the following:**
- a) **Recreation Ground**  
There is a large area currently under water. No football can be played at the moment.
  - b) **Football Pavilion**  
Richard Benyon has suggested possible funding to improve the appearance of the football pavilion.
  - f) **Patient Representation**  
A healthy eating group has been set up in Compton. The car park work at Chieveley is due to start.

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3213 **To approve cheques due for payment**

It was resolved to sign the cheques listed below.

Invoice Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Description
11 Feb	102401	HMRC	£75.28	PAYE
31 Jan	102402	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	£30.78	Emptying of bin at Daycare Centre for Jan
11 Feb	102403	G. Owen	£165.50	Emergency purchase of sand and sand bags (authorised by Chair)
6 Feb	102404	West Berkshire District Council	£707.14	Compilations Oct/Nov
6 Feb	102405	West Berkshire District Council	£707.14	Compilations Jun/Jul
28 Feb	102406	S. Marshman	£431.16	Clerk's salary and expenses for 4 weeks
30 Jan	102398	D. Moss	£55.00	Litter picking Feb

3214 **Correspondence**

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 3.

3215 **Matters for consideration and information**

A tree has been removed from the Recreation Ground as it fell during the recent high winds.

Meeting closed 9:30pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Council Meeting:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 at 7pm in the Village Hall

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