

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Monday 5th January, 2015 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

Those present: Councillors D. Aldis (Chair), M. Pinfold, K. Simms, P. Burnett, R. Pinfold, M. Birtwistle, I. Tong and A. Strong (from 7:10pm).

In attendance: District Councillor Virginia von Celsing and the Parish Clerk

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

3427 Apologies for absence

There were none.

3428 Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk

There were none.

3429 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public

Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest

There were none.

3430 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st December, 2014

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

3431 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 1st December, 2014

There were none.

3432 To approve the minutes of the planning committee meeting on 18th December, 2014

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

3433 Matters arising from the minutes of the planning committee meeting on 18th December, 2014

VvC was requested to call in planning application 14/03145/OUTD should the application be recommended for approval.

3434 To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing

VvC gave a brief report.

AS arrived 7:10pm.

3435 Clerk's report

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

3436 To consider the draft budget and precept for 2015/16

It was resolved to accept the draft budget and to increase the precept from £26,660 to £28,000 with any additional expenditure to be met from reserves.

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- 3437 **To consider endorsing the Flood Risk Mapping proposal from the Pang Valley Forum and supporting the participation of Compton in the initiative**
It was resolved to endorse the proposal.
- 3438 **To set up a subcommittee and agree terms of reference to update information leaflets and promote the village**
It was resolved to set up a working party of MB, AS and LM.
- 3439 **To consider the risk assessment**
This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- 3440 **To consider adopting a complaints policy**
It was resolved to adopt the policy.
- 3441 **To consider adopting a freedom of information policy**
It was resolved to adopt the policy.
- 3442 **To consider adopting a press and media policy**
It was resolved to adopt the policy.
- 3443 **To consider writing a letter of complaint to West Berkshire Council**
This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- 3444 **To consider employing a litter picker**
The role needs to be advertised again.
- 3445 **To consider quotes for the cleaning of the war memorial**
The council are awaiting quotes. This item was deferred to the next meeting.
- 3446 **To consider activities commemorating World War I**
There was no update.
- 3447 **To consider suggestions for the enhancement programme**
There was no update.
- 3448 **To receive an update on the Cemetery**
The pre-application was submitted to West Berkshire Council and has been acknowledged. The council is awaiting a response.
- 3449 **To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**
It was highlighted that the Parish Council should encourage residents to ensure every incident is reported to the police.
- 3450 **Planning Applications**
a) **To consider the following new applications:**
There were none.
b) **To receive a report on West Berkshire Council recent planning decisions**

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App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Response from CPC	WBC Decision
14/01861 /FULD	The Croft, Cheap Street, Compton, RG20 6QH	Division of plot and construction of a new 3-bedroom house; partial demolition of boundary retaining wall to Cheap Street and partial demolition of outbuilding shared with neighbour.	OBJECT	WITHDRAWN

3451 To receive reports on the following:

c) Rights of Way

Bridleway 7 – Some of the hedges require cutting. The Clerk was requested to contact the owner.

d) Village Hall

The visit from Father Christmas raised over £500 which will be split between the Air Ambulance, Compton Preschool and the Village Hall.

e) Allotments

Water usage at School Road is very high. There has been a leak at Newbury Lane allotments which is being repaired as an emergency.

f) Patient Representation

There is a new practice manager. Chieveley is running a trial of opening on a Saturday.

3452 To approve cheques due for payment

PYMT METHOD	Invoice Date	CHQ No./ PYMT ID	Payee	Amount	Description
CHQ	9 Nov	300001	IJ Agricultural & Equestrian Fencing	£236.40	Repair broken gatepost in car park at Rec. Ground
CHQ	22 Sep	300002	Almond Arborists	£800.00	Dismantle and removal of willow and leylandii
CHQ	24 Dec	300003	SSE	£736.14	Electricity supply 24 Sep-23 Dec
Web	29 Dec	W001	Unity Trust Bank	£6.00	Initial charge on opening pre-paid card
Web	22 Dec	W002	IJ Agricultural & Equestrian Fencing	£48.00	Replace post on car park at Rec. Ground
Web	6 Jan	W003	S. Marshman	£470.35	Clerk's salary and expenses for Dec
DD	24 Dec	DD001	Thames Water	£27.84	Water at Newbury Lane allotments 4 Sep – 4 Dec
DD	24 Dec	DD002	Thames Water	£74.15	Water at School Road allotments 4 Sep – 4 Dec

3453 Correspondence

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 2.

3454 Matters for consideration and information

The Parish Council thanked Patricia Burnett on behalf of the parish for the Christmas meal PB organised for the community.

English Heritage has delisted the field between the Railway Station and the Church.

Meeting closed 8:40pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Parish Council Meeting: Monday 2nd February, 2015 at 7pm** in the Village Hall

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