

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 7th November, 2016 at 7:00pm in the Wilkins Centre, Burrell Road.

Those present: Councillors D. Aldis (Chair), M. Birtwistle, P. Burnett, L. Moss, M. Pinfold, R. Pinfold, K. Simms, A. Strong and I. Tong (from 7:35pm).

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

The meeting started at 7:00pm.

3987 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. I. Tong (arrived 7:35pm).

3988 Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk

MB on item 3996, IT on planning application 16/02819/LBC2.

3989 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public

Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest

There were none.

3990 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd October, 2016

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

3991 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 3rd October, 2016

There were none.

3992 To receive a report from our District Councillor

Planning application 16/02365/FUL Scilla, High Street, Compton was called in at the parish council's request to the Western Area Planning Committee. The parish council employed a planning consultant to speak on their behalf. This application was granted.

Planning application **16/01418/OUTMAJ** Land at Old Station Business Park, High Street, Compton has gone to appeal. West Berks Council will be arguing against the application as it is not part of the DPD.

Speed limit review meetings will now be held yearly. A previous meeting with Jon Winstanley has indicated a 20mph limit may be considered in the village from the surgery to the railway bridge. VvC will find out when the parish council will need to submit requests by for the next meeting.

VvC attended the latest Patient Representation Group meeting and hopes to attend the next meeting also.

VvC has attended various meetings regarding the A34. It is the Highways Agency's responsibility rather than that of West Berkshire Council. Three local MPs are involved in discussions with the

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Transport Minister. DA attended a meeting of local parish chairmen. They decided to offer support to the A34 Action Group.

A consultation on the budget for West Berkshire Council is currently running.

IT arrived (7:35pm).

VvC has received many comments regarding the new footway running from Greens Yard. The Clerk has written to the conservation officer regarding her comments and VvC will follow this up. VvC will meet with IT to discuss further. There seem to have been discrepancies with the process as the PC have been unable to comment on the design and there seems to have been no consideration as to how to protect the wall during construction or to liaise with the residents of Compton Manor.

New consent was given this year for 20 Manor Crescent to construct a driveway to their property across the green outside. This should not have been given without consulting the district councillor and parish council as per processes agreed previously. Residents appear to be using this as a parking area which is not allowed.

3993 Clerk's report

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

DA and the Clerk will meet with the BBSRC this week.

3994 Planning Applications

a) To consider the following new applications:

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
16/02819/ LBC2	6 Compton Manor, High Street, Compton, RG20 6NJ	Replacement of 3 windows.	NO OBJECTIONS

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

There were no applications requiring call in.

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Response from CPC	WBC Decision
16/01989/ HOUSE	5 Lowbury Gardens, Compton, RG20 6NN	Retrospective shed in the garden.	No objections	Granted
16/02121/ CERTP	21 Fairfield, Compton, RG20 6PJ	I am planning to replace the entire hedge with feather board fencing of 2000mm in height using concrete fence posts.	Not consulted	Refused
16/02365/F UL	Scilla, High Street, Compton, RG20 6NL	Demolition of existing bungalow and replacement with new two storey dwelling.	Object	Granted
16/02401/ HOUSE	28A Shepherds Mount, Compton, RG20 6QZ	Front porch.	No objections	Granted

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- 3995 **To consider purchasing lot 25 (Amenity areas within Compton Village - part of Recreation Ground, land at Gordon Crescent and land on corner of Manor Crescent and Burrell Road) and some or all of lot 7 (Scout Hut and pasture land) from the Compton Estate**
 The Clerk has registered the parish council's interest in both lots.
 It was resolved to set up a working party, consisting of KS, IT, MB, AS and RP, to report back on both proposals.
- 3996 **To consider whether to reinstate the removed salt bins from Shepherds Rise and Shepherds Mount and to consider whether to provide salt for use by parishioners**
 There is now one bin present outside number 32 after West Berkshire Council removed all bins in their ownership. It was resolved not to purchase further salt bins or provide salt.
- 3997 **To consider the adoption of a graffiti policy**
 An example policy was discussed. This example will be adapted to the parish council and will be considered at the next meeting.
- 3998 **To consider creating a policy that Compton Parish Council will request prosecution for any damage to its property, or action (verbal or physical) against any of its members, representatives or officers**
 In the latest instance of graffiti, the offender was under 16 so this will be dealt with by the Youth Offending Team.
 A policy will be drafted for consideration at a future meeting.
- 3999 **To consider quotes to carry out maintenance on the noticeboard**
 It was resolved to accept a quote for £300.
- 4000 **To consider the purchase of twenty 'event' poppies**
 It was resolved to obtain 20 event poppies at a cost of £60. DA will put these up around the village.
- 4001 **To consider quotes to purchase goal posts**
 It was resolved accept the quote from Scofell to install new goal posts to make a second pitch in the Recreation Ground. A grant has been approved from West Berkshire Council for half of the cost.
- 4002 **To consider quotes to purchase a village sign**
 Some examples of art work for the sign were viewed.
- 4003 **To discuss and consider options for the website**
 This was deferred to the next meeting.
- 4004 **To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**
 Anything reported by phoning 101 will be distributed on the Thames Valley Alert system.
 Milk cartons have been stolen from the school and used to for vandalism in both Compton and Aldworth.
 It is believed the new swing in the Recreation Ground is being tampered with. Lock thread has now been supplied to stop further tampering.
- 4005 **To receive reports on the following:**
 e) **Allotments**
 DA has spoken to the relevant household about the enclosure of allotment land. This will now be fenced off as part of the grazing land and the terracing will be renewed.

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As brambles are prevalent on some of the fencing of the grazing land, the fencing will not be replaced.

f) Patient Representation

The Downland Practice claim the 60% of appointments at Compton are 'no-shows'. The IT issues have now been resolved and the new partners say they are willing to come to Compton.

i) Parish Assets and Management

DA and the Clerk are meeting with the BBSRC at their request.

It was resolved to engage Rob Jobson to provide formal legal advice on defining the responsibilities between the legal title holder and the Village Hall Management Committee. If the costs are expected to be greater than £600 then it will need to be considered again by the council.

4006 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.

4007 Correspondence

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 3.

MB and the Clerk wish to attend the 'End of Year Processes' course and the Clerk wishes to attend the 'Planning Framework' course.

4008 Matters for future consideration and information

Steve Tweed attended to discuss next year being the 50th anniversary of Foinavon winning the Grand National. He and others have planned a village celebration to commemorate the anniversary that will include an open day at Geoffrey Deacon's stables on Saturday 1st April. The parish council were open to suggestions of how they can help with the celebration.

Organising the Christmas display and events is continuing. There will be a lighting up ceremony on the 2nd Dec, a children's event on 16th Dec and a carol service on the 22nd Dec. A post box for Father Christmas will be available in the shop until the 18th Dec.

The Downs school will produce some ID badges for the parish council.

Meeting closed 9:40pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Parish Council Meeting:** **Monday 5th December, 2016 at 7pm** in the Wilkins Centre

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