

**Compton Parish Council**

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

**MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 at 7:00pm** in the Wilkins Centre, Burrell Road.

Those present: Councillors D. Aldis (Chair), P. Burnett, L. Moss, M. Pinfold, R. Pinfold, K. Simms, A. Strong and I. Tong (from 7:20pm).

In attendance: The Parish Clerk.

The meeting started at 7:00pm.

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**4017 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr. M. Birtwistle, Cllr. I. Tong (arrived 7:20pm) and District Councillor Virginia von Celsing.

**4018 Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk**

All councillors declared an interest in 4029 and were granted dispensations by the Clerk. KS declared an interest in items 4027 and 4028 and the Clerk declared an interest in 4029.

**4019 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public**

**Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**

There were none.

**4020 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**

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

**4021 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2016**

The ideas of adverse possession and village green status were raised with regards to the part of the Recreation Ground leased from the BBSRC.

**4022 To receive a report from our District Councillor**

VvC sent her apologies.

**4023 Clerk's report**

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

The Clerk was asked to look further at the possibility of listing the Institute gates and to put this on the next agenda.

**4024 Planning Applications**

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

There were none.

**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.

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

<b>App. Ref.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposed Work</b>	<b>Response from CPC</b>	<b>WBC Decision</b>
16/02409/ HOUSE	34 Manor Crescent, Compton, RG20 6NU	Single storey rear extension to provide kitchen/dining and family room facilities. All materials to match existing.	No objections	Granted

**4027 To consider a request to lead a Rule 6 party regarding planning appeal APP/W0340/W/16/3160454: 16/01418/OUTMAJ Land at Old Station Business Park High Street Compton**

A request had been received, on behalf of a group of residents from the village, for the Parish Council to lead a Rule 6 party. A Rule 6 party gets special privileges at an inquiry and a planning advisor had recommended this method as the best way to group together as one party to object to the appeal and it was best for the Parish Council to lead it. It was resolved to form a Rule 6 party and to instruct Liz Alexander from Bell Cornwell prepare and submit a document on behalf of the Rule 6 party.

IT arrived.

**4028 To consider a submission to planning appeal APP/W0340/W/16/3160454: 16/01418/OUTMAJ Land at Old Station Business Park High Street Compton**

The submission will be covered by the document that will be prepared as a result of the decision in item 4027.

**4025 To consider a request from parents of children at the Primary School regarding concerns over the crossing facilities, road layout and parking concerns**

Austen Rose, who was representing parents of children attending Compton Primary School, spoke to the parish council about their concerns regarding the road situation by the school. They believe the current road layout needs reassessment by West Berkshire Council.

DA highlighted the discussions that have been had about the possibility of introducing a 20mph limit in this area, however, this would take significant time to implement if it were allowed to go ahead.

It was suggested the parish council arrange to use SID in this area to collect data. It was also suggested the parents should collect data about the volume of cars present and parked in the area.

The parish council recommended that an email be sent to West Berkshire Council on behalf of the parents. The parish council are supportive of this but have to follow due process.

**4026 To discuss speeding and other traffic related issues**

This is related to the speed of traffic leaving the village towards East Ilsley. It was agreed the council should request a representative from West Berkshire Council come back to reassess the road.

**4029 To consider the allocation of the grant funding for 2016/17 and to consider what should happen to any unallocated funds**

It was resolved to make the following grants:

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Organisation	Use	How many members of the community benefit?		Amount Requested	Grant Agreed	Power
		Directly	Indirectly			
Apollo Explorer Scouts	Startup grant	7	20	£200.00	£200.00	S137
Beavers	New fridge for camp	20	150	£200.00	£200.00	S137
Brownies	Storage & Cooking Equip	26	150	£200.00	£200.00	S137
Cubs	Camp cooking pots	28	150	£200.00	£200.00	S137
Hut Committee	Electrical Testing	60	120	£357.60	£357.60	S137
Scouts	Camping Equip	17	150	£200.00	£200.00	S137
PCC	Church yard maintainance	village	village	£350.00	£350.00	Church yard
Pre school	Indoor climbing frame	55	275	£300.00	£300.00	S137
Autumn Group	Organ/keyboard	50	-	£300.00	£300.00	S137
Badminton Club	Equipment for junior club	20	-	£200.00	£200.00	S137
RBL	Wreaths and donation	20	-	£140.00	£140.00	S137

Amount available in budget	S137	£2,611.00
	Other power	£500.00
Amount left in budget	S137	£313.40
	Other power	£150.00
<b>Spend agreed</b>	<b>S137</b>	<b>£2,297.60</b>
	<b>Other power</b>	<b>£350.00</b>

**4030 To consider the draft budget for 2017/18**

The draft budget was discussed and will be considered at the next meeting. It was felt that care should be taken not to increase the precept to cover items that West Berkshire Council are trying to pass on to parish councils.

**4031 To consider the adoption of a graffiti policy**

This item was deferred.

**4032 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**

This item was deferred.

**4033 To consider adopting a revised code of conduct**

It was resolved to adopt the revised code of conduct.

**4034 To consider a response to the West Berkshire Council budget 2017/18 consultation**

It was resolved to respond that, with regards to the reduction of urban grass cutting, West Berkshire should pay the parish council the amount they currently budget to cover the cuts in Compton and the parish council can then arrange for the cuts through their contractors.

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**4035 To consider a response to the West Berkshire Council Community Infrastructure Levy Regulation 123 List Consultation**

The council resolved to submit a response of 'no comment' to the consultation.

**4036 To consider a response to West Berkshire Council Library Service Review Consultation**

It was resolved to submit a response stating that the council does not support any of the suggested proposals as they could not justify an additional spend of £1,560 each year for an unknown service to the parish and that the council does not have a specific power to fund.

**4037 To consider making a payment for the planting of bulbs**

It was resolved to make a payment of £20 for the planting of the bulbs.

**4038 To consider making a donation as thanks to the person who installed all the electrics for the Christmas display**

It was resolved to donate £50.

**4039 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**

There was nothing to report.

**4040 To receive reports on the following:**

**a) Recreation Ground**

The goal mouths are not in need of repair at this time.

**f) Patient Representation**

The next meeting takes place in February.

**g) Communications**

It was requested the Autumn Group look at installing internet to the Wilkins Centre to be funded by the parish council.

**4041 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.

**4042 Correspondence**

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 3.

**4043 Matters for future consideration and information**

LM provided some templates for ID badges for the council, produced by The Downs School. The council agreed on the design and LM will arrange for 10 to be made.

West Berkshire Council have stopped funding the Handybus. The buses have been offered free to organisations within the community including the Downland Volunteer Group who are currently assessing whether to take on the bus and the £7,500 cost per year.

The Autumn Group have produced a 2017 calendar to raise funds.

The Church's charity of choice this year is toilet twinning. They are attempting to raise £275 to fund a new toilet block in a third world school.

The recent issue of Compilations indicated that the removal of the salt bins had been carried out by the parish council. It was agreed a correction should be sent in as this was a result of West Berkshire Council's funding cuts programme and the parish council chose not to take on the funding of this service as they do not have the power to do so.

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IT has scanned various maps including Rights of Way information. The cloud device is now up and running.

A very good amount was raised for Remembrance Day. Good feedback had been received on the extra information that had been include about the names on the memorial during the service and they are now looking to do this at parades nearby. The poppies around the village have now been removed. Unfortunately, one was damaged and one was stolen.

The first Christmas event took place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December to light up the Christmas tree. Over 200 people attended and a raffle was drawn for one girl and one boy to switch on the lights. There are further events taking place on the 16<sup>th</sup>, a children's event, and the 22<sup>nd</sup>, a carol service. The parish council expressed their thanks to all those who had helped to organise and those that had sponsored the tree, decorations and events.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

- **Parish Council Meeting:** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January, 2016 at 7pm in the Wilkins Centre

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