

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Ron Palmer

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Monday 7th November 2011 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

Those present: Councillors D Aldis (chair), P Shanks, M Pinfold, L Moss, A Strong, K Simms and P Whitworth

In attendance: PCSO Karen Taylor, the Parish Clerk and 1 member of the public

The meeting started at 7.00pm

2511 Apologies for absence

- Councillors M Birtwistle and T Kent who were both abroad on business
- District Councillor Virginia von Celsing apologised that she would be late because of a prior meeting

2512 Any declarations of personal or prejudicial interest by members or the Clerk

- KS and AS declared a personal interest in the donation request from the Scouts, item 2526
- LM declared a personal interest in the Downs School planning application – item 2529

2513 To receive:

- **Questions or comments from members of the public**
- **Representations from any member who has declared a prejudicial interest**

There were none.

2514 To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 26 September 2011

Proposed by KS, seconded by PW and carried. They were then signed by the Chairman.

2515 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 26 September 2011

There were none

2516 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village from Councillor L Moss and PCSO Karen Taylor

The chairman welcomed PCSO Taylor, who then gave a brief update of the year to date. She said there had been just 8 ASB calls in the 10 months so far this year. She emphasised the importance of reporting all incidents and agreed to do a short article for Compilations.

2517 To consider the Clerk's report

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

- 5: Pang clearance: The Clerk said he would check that all vegetation had been removed and that the whole section had been completed.
- 7: Skip: Although permission had been given for the Clerk to obtain a small skip, it was thought that a larger one would be needed, together with a mini-digger or small JCB, if the area behind the football pavilion was to be cleared. This should be on the agenda of the next meeting.
- 9: Floodlights: MP said they had only been on once recently from 6.30pm for no more than 2 hours. The Clerk would contact SSE Contracting to find out how to switch off individual flood lights.
10. Street cleaning: The Clerk would direct the enquiring parishioner to West Berkshire Council
11. Allotment fencing: The Clerk is trying to convene a meeting with interested parties

KS asked the Clerk to follow up our enquiry into S106 money.

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District Councillor Virginia von Celsing arrived at the meeting at 7.40pm

- 2518 **To receive a report from the sub-committee set up to open discussions with Powis-Hughes on how best the Parish Council can support BBSRC in its withdrawal from the village**
AS said there was nothing to report this month.
- 2519 **To receive an update on West Berkshire Council (WBC) planning for the future of the IAH site, including the production of the Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**
DA said there was nothing to report this month, but that West Berkshire Council planners would attend the next meeting.
- 2520 **To receive an update on the current churchyard situation**
The Chairman said he had met a local landowner (with KS, the Clerk and Rev Martin Cawte) and he had agreed to give a parcel of land for the churchyard extension. The Clerk had requested permission from the Environment Agency, as it was near the River Pang, but had not yet received a reply. He had also written to the residents of 2 nearby houses and had been in contact with WBC planning. KS asked the Clerk to investigate the possibility of using S106 money to defray some of the expenses that would be incurred by the Parish Council.
- 2521 **To receive from the sub-committee set up to consider use of the Recreation Ground football pitches proposed contracts to be signed by the football clubs**
AS said the draft contracts were almost complete. She said she would circulate them in time for all members to consider and approve at the next meeting.
- 2522 **To consider possible celebrations / events in Compton to mark the Diamond Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen in 2012**
The Clerk said that there were now 5 possible ways of celebrating the event under consideration. These were:
- Commemorative mugs for the children of the village
- An open-air service on the Recreation Ground
- A hog roast or similar meal (to follow the open-air service)
- A beacon
- An event for the village / children
DA said that a small group should consider these and other possibilities, and TK had already agreed to convene a meeting of such a group in the next month.
- 2523 **To consider and agree the fees to be charged for Compilations adverts in 2012**
KS proposed that there be no increase in fees for 2012; this was seconded by PS and was carried.
- 2524 **To consider a quote from Park Leisure of £2,330 + VAT to supply and install 3 x 6m long metal posts along a 14m stretch around 3m to 5m behind the Burrell Road end of the MUGA and erect 'golf ball stop netting' to the top 2.5m of the posts**
The Clerk said he was still awaiting a response from Park Leisure to visit the MUGA to look at – and quote for repair to - the damaged gates. He said he would meet the Park Leisure representative to discuss alternatives to the above netting proposal as he and the Chairman had doubts about the feasibility of netting as a solution to the problem.
- 2525 **To consider a quote to put in 2 x 2 13-amp socket points in the football pavilion**
KS proposed that the quote of £161.41 + VAT be accepted. This was seconded by DA and was carried.
- 2526 **To consider a request from the Guide and Scout Hut Executive Committee for financial help towards the costs of renewing leases**
The 2 leases – one for the Scout hut etc and the other for a portion of the grassed area and a small copse – will be between BBSRC and the Scout Association Trust Corp, who charge individual Scout groups £550 per lease. PS proposed that the Council makes a grant of £1,100 to the Scouts and tries to recover this from S106 funding. This was seconded by MP and was carried.

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2527 To consider quotes from SSE Contracting concerning column 3 at the junction of Fairfields with Ilsley Road

a) To replace the lighting column at a cost of £434.54 + VAT

b) To transfer the single phase supply at a cost of £339.17 + VAT

The Clerk had contacted SSE Contracting about this lighting column and had been told that, although it was leaning, the work was not urgent. DA proposed that the work be deferred for now, especially in view of the redevelopment of Fairfields, but that it be kept under observation to ensure there was no deterioration. This was seconded by MP and was carried.

2528 To receive feedback from the West Berkshire Planning Committee meeting on 19 October which considered Sovereign Housing’s application to redevelop 15-20 Fairfield and land to the rear of 14-20 Newbury Lane – application ref 11/00586/FULMAJ and consider changes to our Village Design Statement (VDS) guidelines

AS and KS had attended the Planning Committee meeting. AS and VvC, who was also there, provided feedback. Disappointment was expressed that the application was granted. Discussion ensued about a Local Lettings Policy and VvC said this would only be applied to housing on a rural exception site. Following a suggestion from DA, VvC said she would contact WBC planners to press for a rural exception site to be included as part of the IAH site redevelopment plan.

It was agreed our current Design Guidelines (v3) needed strengthening. AS and KS agreed to redraft them for the next meeting, also liaising with our planning consultant. The revised document would then be submitted to WBDC planners for comment on the need to go to a full public consultation. If this is required, we would submit the set of guidelines to the planning team responsible for the SPD for the IAH site.

2529 Planning Applications

a) To consider the following planning applications:

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
11/01789/FUL	The Downs School, Manor Crescent, Compton RG20 6NU	Erect enclosure for existing pool with male and female changing rooms incorporated	NO OBJECTION Proposer: KS Secunder: AS Carried
11/01850/LBC	Forge House, 1 Horn Street, Compton RG20 6QS	Removal of garage doors and addition of new windows; addition of velux. Internal improvements to include new internal stair to replacement mezzanine level; improvement to building fabric.	NO OBJECTION Proposed: PS Secunder: DA Carried
11/02155/REM	The Laurels, Ilsley Road, Compton RG20 7PG	Approval of reserved matters following outline permission 10/03147/OUTD (Erection of 3 detached dwellings with associated parking), matters seeking consent scale, appearance and landscaping.	NO OBJECTION Proposed: KS Secunder: LM Carried

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Compton PC Recommendation	WBC Decision
11/01197/HOUSE	Bramble Field Cottage, Coombe Road, Compton RG20 6RQ	First floor addition over existing rear single storey, plus loft conversion; move bathroom from ground to first floor	NO OBJECTION	GRANTED

2530 To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing

Our District Councillor gave a brief update, including promoting of the forthcoming broadband meeting.

2531 To receive reports on the following:

- a) **Recreation Ground:** PS said he had put up the new MUGA 'Disclaimer' sign. A request from The Downs School to use the Recreation Ground was approved subject to them not specifically using the small pitches.
- e) **Allotments:** The Clerk would contact PW to obtain the name of a contractor concerning investigation of the water leak at School Road allotments.
- f) **Downland Sports Centre:** KS gave a brief report of the last meeting on 10 October

2532 To approve cheques due for payment

KS proposed that the following cheques be approved. This was seconded by DA and was carried.

Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Description
26-Sep	102181	Southern Electric	£671.31	Electricity supply charges 29 June to 23 September
29-Sep	102182	SSE Contracting	£670.61	Street lighting maintenance charge for September 2011 quarter
12-Oct	102183	R M Weavers	£536.40	Grounds maintenance for September 2011
30-Oct	102183	R M Weavers	£196.80	Grounds maintenance for October 2011
08-May	102184	Compton Village Hall	£240.00	Welstead Room hire 2010/11
31-Oct	102184	Compton Village Hall	£240.00	Welstead Room hire 2011/12
31-Oct	102185	SSE Contracting	£59.71	Street lighting rechargeable repairs for September 2011 quarter
31-Oct	102186	D Moss	£55.00	Litter picking - October
06-Nov	102187	Ron Palmer	£559.38	Clerk's salary etc for 5 weeks to 6 November

2533 Correspondence

The Correspondence list is at Attachment 2.

2534 Matters for consideration and information

KS said it was a pity there had been no fireworks display in Compton this year, as it was an important village social event. He said the Scouts were considering hosting one next year and they would welcome support from the Parish Council.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Next meeting, in the Welstead Room, Village Hall, Burrell Road, Compton:

- **Council Meeting Monday 5th December at 7pm**

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