

**Compton Parish Council**

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

**MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 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, R. Pinfold and A. Strong (from 7:08pm).

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

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

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**3216 Apologies for absence**

There were none.

**3217 Any declarations of pecuniary interest by members or the Clerk**

MP and RP item 3233, application 14/00457/HOUSE.

**3218 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public  
Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**

There were none.

**3219 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2014**

It was resolved to accept the minutes. They were then signed by the Chairman.

**3220 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2014**

There were none.

**3222 Clerk's report**

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

**3223 To decide the best option to formulate a Parish response to the coming WB request for feedback on flooding**

The Compton Flood Group is holding a meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April. The Parish Council agreed the Flood Group should provide a response to WBC, with a draft being shown to the PC first.

**3224 To consider the adoption of new Financial Regulations**

It was resolved to remove the optional line to seek credit references in order for councillors to become signatories. It was resolved to adopt the financial regulations.

**3221 To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing**

Council tax will not be raised on the coming year.

**3225 To consider moving the bank account to Unity Trust Bank**

This will be added to the next agenda to allow further research.

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**3226 To consider renewal of the street light maintenance contract with SSE Contracting Ltd**

The Clerk will try to obtain two further quotes.

**3227 To consider the Clerk attending a VAT course**

It was resolved the Clerk should attend the VAT course.

**3228 To consider the internal auditor to perform the audit for the 2013/14 financial year**

It was resolved to use Heelis and Lodge for the internal audit.

**3229 To discuss commemorating World War I**

Suggestions included cleaning up the war memorial, including the surrounding gravel area - PW volunteered to apply weed killer to this area – installing a plaque about then and now in Compton, and placing the roll of honour on a plaque. This will be considered further at the next meeting.

**3230 To receive an update on the Churchyard**

It was agreed that this should be referred to as a cemetery in future. MB will contact William Stone.

**3231 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**

The Church has been vandalised. This has been reported to the police. It is believed to have occurred around 4/4:30pm on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

**3232 To receive an update on Superfast Broadband**

BT has formed a solution, using the Defra funds, to provide 100% coverage to Compton. This should be provided by September 2015 – subject to survey.

**3233 Planning Applications**

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

<b>App. Ref.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposed Work</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>14/00006/ FUL</b>	Uplands Stables, Downs Road, Compton, RG20 6RE	Retrospective, application for the retention of 3 of 4 approved mobile homes for site workers for a further temporary period of time.	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>
Comments: The Parish Council would like the term 'temporary' to be defined.			
<b>14/00007/ FUL</b>	Uplands Stables, Downs Road, Compton, RG20 6RE	Retrospective application to retain existing farm barn.	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>
<b>14/00457/ HOUSE</b>	11 Manor Crescent, Compton, RG20 6NR	Two storey rear extension.	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>
<b>14/00560/ HOUSE</b>	Uplands Cottage, Downs Road, Compton, RG20 6RE	Section 73A : Variation of Conditions 2: Approved plans, and 3: Materials, of planning permission 12/01019/HOUSE : Single and two storey rear extension to detached dwelling following demolition of rear parts of the house.	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>

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<b>14/00621/ LBC2</b>	Forge House, 1 Horn Street, Compton, RG20 6QS	Minor amendments to fireplace, proposal relating to application 11/01850/LBC2. Rebuild fire place using reclaimed brick, remove redundant metal projecting straps and form new slab for multi fuel burner.	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>
<b>14/00624/ LBC2</b>	Forge House, 1 Horn Street, Compton, RG20 6QS	Minor amendment to flooring proposals contained in 12/03103/LBC2	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>
<b>14/00647/ LBC2</b>	Forge House, 1 Horn Street, Compton, RG20 6QS	Minor amendment to 11/01850/LBC2 for replacement of existing metal Crittal window with new timber double glazed small door from mezzanine level to flat roof for maintenance.	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>

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

<b>App. Ref.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposed Work</b>	<b>Compton PC Recommendation</b>	<b>WBC Decision</b>
<b>14/00008/ NONMAT</b>	Uplands Cottage, Downs Road, Compton, RG20 6RE	Non-material amendment to planning permission 12/01019/HOUSE: Single and two storey rear extension to detached dwelling following demolition of rear parts of the house. (Amendments) : (a) Timber cladding to cover defective and mismatched brickwork, (b) Windows amended to suit internal re-planning of first-floor accommodation	<b>Not consulted</b>	<b>Refused</b>
<b>13/03244/ FULD</b>	20 Manor Crescent, Compton, RG20 6NR	Part demolition of existing dwelling house (single storey element) and construction of new dwelling house.	<b>OBJECT</b>	<b>Refused - Appeal in progress</b>

**3234 To receive reports on the following:**

**c) Rights of Way**

The footpath by the potential cemetery site has been closed by WBC. Byway 2 needs more filling material. AS will contact WBC.

**d) Village Hall**

New signs are in place on the Village Hall and the Wilkins Centre. The Wilkins Centre is no longer operating as a day care centre.

**g) Parish Council Web Site**

There have been issues updating the site resulting in the minutes not being uploaded – this has now been resolved. The new Standing Orders are now available online.

**3235 To approve cheques due for payment**

It was resolved to sign the cheques listed below.

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Invoice Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Description
28 Feb	102408	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	£5.04	Bin at Daycare Centre for Feb
7 Mar	102409	Thames Water	£34.69	Newbury Lane allotments 12 Dec 2013 – 5 Mar 2014
20 Mar	102410	West Berkshire District Council	£589.28	Compilations Feb/Mar 2014
20 Mar	102411	BALC	£295.61	Subscription 2014-15
27 Mar	102412	Southern Electric	£750.97	Electricity supply charges 24 Dec 2013 – 26 Mar 2014
28 Mar	102413	SSE Contracting Ltd	£964.44	Street lighting maintenance charge March quarter
31 Mar	102414	SSE Contracting Ltd	£55.00	Street lighting rechargeable repairs March quarter
31 Mar	102415	Scofell Landscapes Ltd	£573.74	Monthly grounds maintenance
1 Apr	102416	S. Marshman	£428.46	Clerk's salary and expenses for 5 weeks to 5 <sup>th</sup> April
1 Apr	102417	Compton Village Hall	£336.00	Hire of Welstead Room 2013-14
6 Apr	102418	D. Moss	£55.00	Litter picking March
12 Mar	102419	Almond Arborists	£600.00	Tree work in Pre-school area (minute 3110)
12 Mar	102420	Almond Arborists	£850.00	Storm damage emergency tree removal (authorised by Clerk/Chair)

**3236 Correspondence**

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 2.

A letter of thanks was also received from Bill Evans for the naming of Evans Way.

**3237 Matters for consideration and information**

DA will contact the IAH to discuss setting up liaison meetings.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

- **Annual Parish Council Meeting:** **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 at 7pm** in the Village Hall
- **Annual Parish Meeting:** **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2014 at 7:30pm**

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