

## **Compton Parish Council**

**Chairman: Dave Aldis**

**Clerk: Sarah Marshman**

### **MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2013 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

Those present: Councillors D. Aldis (Chair), M. Pinfold, P. Whitworth, P. Shanks, K. Simms and P. Burnett, M. Birtwistle (from 7:03pm), L. Moss and A. Strong (from 7:07pm).

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

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

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**3121 Apologies for absence**

There were none.

**3122 Any declarations of pecuniary interest by members or the Clerk**

KS and AS item 3128, MB item 3134.

**3123 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public  
Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**

There were none.

**3124 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2013**

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

**3125 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2013**

There were none.

MB arrived.

**3126 To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing**

VvC highlighted a recent meeting about restoration of the River Pang, which was attended by the flood warden for Compton.

LM and AS arrived.

The Councillors discussed recent issues with the Downland Practice with VvC.

**3127 Clerk's report**

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

**3128 To consider a request for funding from the Scout Group towards the toilet refurbishment**

The member of public voiced their support for the request and the Parish Council also received an email of support. KS estimated the total cost of the work to be £13,000. The Parish Council has already committed to donating £500. The Scout Group requested an additional £500 grant and to receive a loan of £1,500 which would be paid back through the £200 s137 donation the Parish Council makes to the Scout Group each year.

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MB proposed to donate a further £500 and to provide a loan of £1,500, to be paid back over a maximum of 10 years but that the agreement should be made with all users of the Hut so that if the Scout Group should fold in the future, the other users would still meet the cost. Seconded by DA and carried.

**3129 To consider offering some or all of the monies set aside and returned for the Superfast Berkshire project to the Rural Communities Broadband fund**

DA proposed not to offer any money at this stage. Seconded by KS and carried.

**3130 To agree the cost of replacing a street light**

During attempts to repair Column 2 Burrell Road, the light was found to be unsafe and was replaced with an LED light by SSE Contracting. MB proposed the Parish Council make payment for the replacement light. Seconded by LM and carried.

**3131 To consider the addition of extra street light in the vicinity of the bus shelter**

DA will assess possible positions for the light. The Clerk is to request a quote from SSE, write to the developers of Fairfield to request a footway light is placed along the footpath from Fairfields to Newbury Lane, and to contact Highways to see if any s137 money is available.

**3132 To grant dispensations to all Councillors for consideration of the precept**

DA proposed all Councillors be granted dispensations. Seconded by AS and carried.

**3133 To discuss the draft budget for 2014/15**

The draft budget was discussed. The Clerk was requested to report on the funding of Compilations at the next meeting.

**3134 To consider the allotment rent for 2014/15**

The Clerk is to locate further information and this shall be put on the agenda for February's meeting.

**3135 To consider contributing to the 74 bus service**

This was deferred to the next meeting.

**3136 To consider a request for £25 voluntary subscription to the Berkshire Local Heritage Forum**

This was deferred to the next meeting.

**3137 To consider the grounds maintenance contract details for 2014**

The Clerk was requested to get an indicative breakdown from Scofell for the next meeting to ensure the right balance of the work done and the cost is met.

**3138 To consider the addition of signage around the village directing to the Village Hall Complex**

The Clerk is to research 'rustic' signs for discussion at the next meeting.

**3139 To receive an update on the Churchyard**

There was no update.

**3140 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**

The issue of dogs attacking other dogs in the Recreation Ground was discussed. MB is to write something a piece for Compilations reminding dog owners that they are responsible and should keep their dogs under control at all times. The Clerk is to research the cost of a sign for the Recreation Ground.

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3141 **To receive an update on Superfast Broadband**

There was no update.

3142 **Planning Applications**

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
<b>13/02607/ HOUSE</b>	18 Manor Crescent, Compton, RG20 6NR	Extension and alterations.	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>
<b>13/02780/ FUL</b>	Towyn, High Street, Compton, RG20 6NL	S73A application. Replacement residential dwelling and double cart shed garaging. To include two storey side projection for ground floor utility room and WC and first floor en-suite bathroom.	<b>OBJECT</b>

Comments:  
They have not provided sufficiently clear information as to what the changes are i.e. no supporting drawings.

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Compton PC Recommendation	WBC Decision
<b>13/01351/ FUL</b>	Hamilton Cottages, Hockham Road, Compton, RG20 6QL	Two replacement dwellings and garage/carport to each property - Revision of approved scheme ref: 13/00217/FUL. Properties constructed to satisfy Sustainability Statement in lieu of CSH Level 4.	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>	<b>Granted</b>
<b>13/02228/ HOUSE</b>	4 Lowbury Gardens, Compton, RG20 6NN	Conservatory and two sheds.	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>	<b>Granted</b>
<b>13/02419/ NONMAT</b>	15-20 Fairfield And Land To The Rear Of 14-20 Newbury Lane, Compton, RG20 6PJ	Application for Non Material Amendment of approved planning reference 11/00586/FULMAJ. Amendment: To revise the roof tile to Plots 1 and 2 from the currently approved Redland Concrete Plain tile, Colour: Brown 02 to Redland DuoPlain interlocking, Colour: Rustic Brown.	The Parish Council are not consulted on Applications for Non Material Amendments	<b>Granted</b>

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<b>13/02211/ NONMAT</b>	1 Westfields, Compton, RG20 6NX	Non Material amendment to planning permission 12/02507/HOUSE - Two storey side and rear extension and single storey rear extensions including demolition of existing single storey garage and rear structures and alterations to driveway - (Amendment) change from a flat roof and parapet wall to a pitched roof with roof lights on the single storey behind the house.	The Parish Council are not consulted on Applications for Non Material Amendments	<b>Granted</b>
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3143 **To receive reports on the following:**

**f) Patient Representation**

DA attended Ann's leaving do. The collection on behalf of the village raised £129.

3144 **To approve cheques due for payment**

Invoice Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Description
30 Oct	102376	Scofell Landscapes Ltd	£534.85	Monthly grounds maintenance charge Oct
30 Oct	102377	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	£43.38	Emptying of bin at Daycare Centre for Oct
18 Nov	102378	Playground Services Ltd	£480.00	Repairs to whirlybird roundabout
29 Nov	102379	S. Marshman	£445.11	Clerk's salary and expenses for 4 weeks to 1st Dec
27 Nov	102380	Compton Bananaz	£200.00	S137 donation (minute 2883)
28 Nov	102381	BALC	£72.00	Finance training (1 councillor + half cost for Clerk to attend)
4 Nov	102382	Southern Electric Power Distribution	£1,326.49	Replacement of Col 2 Burrell Road (minute 3130)
1 Dec	102383	D. Moss	£55.00	Litter picking Nov

3145 **Correspondence**

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 2.

3146 **Matters for consideration and information**

The Clerk was requested to write to the contractors working at the gas works to request the lights are turned down at night.

PB attended a NHS meeting regarding financial cuts.

DA had received a complaint on the quality of the new LED foot lighting suggesting the spread of the light is less. As it is purely footway lighting and not street lighting, the Councillors felt the new lights were successful due to the better clarity of light beneath them.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Council Meeting:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 at 7pm in the Village Hall

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