

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 8th January, 2018 at 7:00pm in the Wilkins Centre, Burrell Road.

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

In attendance: The Parish Clerk and James Dawson (Beeswax Dyson).
1 member of the public.

4340 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors M. Pinfold and A. Strong and District Councillor Virginia von Celsing.

4341 Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk

There were none.

**4342 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public
Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**

James Dawson from Beeswax Dyson spoke to the Parish Council. Beeswax Dyson have been approached by West Berkshire Council, offering the opportunity of making a submission to its call for sites. James informed the Parish Council of the sites that would be submitted. James confirmed Beeswax Dyson is setting up an affordable housing development at their site in Lincolnshire and would be willing to look at a similar possibility in Compton in the future.

A local resident raised concerns regarding the speed of traffic travelling just outside the village on Newbury Road and with the speed limit past The Downs School being 40mph. The Parish Council explained that they had spoken to West Berkshire Council regarding the 40mph speed limit, but WBC was unwilling to reduce the speed limit further along this stretch as no children need to cross the road. It was suggested the resident contact the police with regards to speeding outside of the village. The Parish Council offered their support in raising awareness.

4343 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th December, 2017

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

4344 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 4th December, 2017

An update on the survey for the burial ground was requested. Planning permission has been agreed at the Western Area Planning Committee meeting and DA and the Clerk will meet with the architect to discuss in conjunction with the conditions imposed on the permission.

4345 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th December, 2017

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

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4346 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 18th December, 2017

There were none.

4347 To receive a report from our District Councillor

VvC sent her apologies.

4348 Clerk's report

The Clerk's report is at Attachment 1.

4349 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

It was resolved not to request any applications be called in.

c) To consider whether to refer any planning applications for further response from our planning consultants

It was resolved not to refer any applications to the planning consultants.

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Response from CPC	Decision
17/01445/ FUL	The Lodge, High Elms, Aldworth Road, Compton, RG20 6RD	Part Retention of The Lodge to provide ancillary workshop and garaging to Walnut House	Object	Approved
17/02020/ COMIND	Mayfield Farm, Ilsley Road, Compton, RG20 7BR	Construction of a grain drying and storage facility including the demolition of an existing building.	No objections	Approved
17/02814/ HOUSE	3 Westfields, Compton, RG20 6NX	Single and two storey extension. Larger replacement window - east elevation.	No objections	Approved
17/02864/ HOUSE	6 Whitewalls Close, Compton, RG20 6QG	Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.	No objections	Approved
17/02914/ FULD	Nielia, Downs Road, Compton, RG20 6RE	Demolition of existing dwelling, erection of replacment dwelling and garage.	No objections	Approved
17/03156/ HOUSE	The Laurels, Ilsley Road, Compton, RG20 7PG	Two single storey extensions to rear of existing house with pitched/flat roofs.	No objections	Approved
17/03194/ NONMAT	Old Station Business Park, Wilson Close, Compton, RG20 6NE	Non material amendment to add drawings and reference numbers by way of condition in order to formally list all approved drawings of approved permission 00/00964/FUL for Construction of three two storey light industrial units in one block of three units.	N/A	Approved

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- 4350 **To consider the budget and set the precept for 2018/19**
Some adjustments to the draft budget were made. It was resolved to adopt the budget and to set the precept for 2018/19 at £42,000.
- 4351 **To consider quotes for the printing of the neighbourhood development plan questionnaire**
It was resolved to accept a quote from John Dollin Printing.
- 4352 **To consider quotes to refill the salt bin on Shepherds Mount**
The Parish Council agreed that they have no power under which they can fund the refilling of the salt bin. It was suggested a group of residents could apply for a grant in order to refill the salt bin.
- 4353 **To receive a report on a recent incident involving loose dogs in the recreation ground and to consider any action(s) to be taken**
It had come to the attention of the Parish Council that someone was attacked in the Recreation Ground by two dogs off the lead. The police are involved with the incident. The Clerk was requested to include information in Compilations reminding residents that dogs must be kept under control at all times.
- 4354 **To discuss potential permissive paths**
This item was deferred to the next meeting as the Rights of Way Councillor was not present.
- 4355 **To discuss the installation of a village sign**
This item was deferred.
- 4356 **To consider quotes for the street lighting maintenance contract**
This item was deferred.
- 4357 **To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**
There have been a few attempted break ins, including on Downs Road however security alerted the owners and the perpetrators were disturbed.
- 4358 **To receive reports on the following:**
- d) Village Hall**
MB met with the secretary of the Village Hall Management Committee. Our legal advice is virtually identical to that received by the VHMC and therefore the Parish Council and the VHMC need to agree the boundary and who is responsible for what and create a formal agreement.
 - h) Groundwater**
The following report was received from the Flood Warden:
The groundwater level is very low. It began its seasonal increase on Christmas day, which is late and reflects the relatively dry autumn weather. The long range rainfall forecast that I have seen suggests there is little prospect of sufficient rainfall for just a flowing watercourse this season.
The poor state of the watercourse in the vicinity of Wilson Close has been reported to WBC Streetcare and the Environment Agency. Debris has built up just downstream of the Rec/Coppice culvert; formally the PC holds riparian responsibility for this reach. If the debris is not cleared during January I will revert.
On 9th January a meeting will be held between the PVFF, EA and TWU to follow-up on the Birmingham University/West Berkshire Groundwater Scheme project. In November the PVFF Technical Committee circulated a paper arguing that more work should be commissioned, and subsequently I have done follow-up research that supports this conclusion. The EA and TWU attitudes will become clear at this meeting. Meanwhile the

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PVFF will hold its first full meeting as a newly incorporated charitable body at the end of the month

i) Parish Assets & Management

The Clerk was instructed to contact William Stone regarding the land transfer for the burial ground.

j) Neighbourhood Development Plan

The first meeting of the steering group is scheduled for 10th January, at which the questionnaire shall be agreed for distribution to all households in Compton.

4359 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.

4360 Correspondence

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 3.

4361 Matters for future consideration and information

The provision of doctors in Compton was discussed with respect to the number of doctors leaving the practice. AS will be requested to follow this up.

PB thanked the Parish Council for their support for the Christmas day lunch. Fundraising through the Christmas events, the meat draw the shop and the pub has raised funds towards the running costs that must be met.

The Clerk was requested to report that the road sign on Shepherds Mount needs refitting.

Column 6 on Burrell Road has a major fault. Our contractors have contacted the manufacturers to arrange repair.

IT has digitised all meeting minutes from 1991-2015.

Meeting closed 20:49.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Parish Council Meeting:** Monday 5th February, 2018 at 7pm in the Wilkins Centre

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