

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Monday 3rd February, 2014 at 7pm** in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

Those present: Councillors D. Aldis (Chair), M. Pinfold, P. Whitworth (until 8pm), K. Simms, P. Burnett, L. Moss, M. Birtwistle and A. Strong (from 7:10pm).

In attendance: District Councillor Virginia von Celsing and the Parish Clerk.

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

3170 Apologies for absence

There were none.

3171 Any declarations of pecuniary interest by members or the Clerk

KS item 3190.

**3172 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public
Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**

There were none.

3173 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th January, 2014

It was resolved that the minutes were accurate. They were then signed by the Chairman.

3174 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 6th January, 2014

There were none.

3175 To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing

£3500 has been awarded to the Scout Group through the members bid process.

The Pang Valley Flood Forum will have a meeting soon. The Environment Agency and Thames Water will attend.

3176 Clerk's report

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

AS arrived.

3188 Planning Applications

a) To consider the following new applications:

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
14/00057/ PACOU	Communications House, Wallingford Road, Compton, RG20 6QR	Proposed change of use of Class B1(a) offices to residential accommodation. No external alterations.	For information only
13/03244/ FULD	20 Manor Crescent, Compton, RG20 6NR	Part demolition of existing dwelling house (single storey element) and construction of new dwelling house.	OBJECT

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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
13/02497/ FUL	Green Cottage, Coombe Road, Compton, RG20 6RQ	Installation of Solar P.V. panels on ground.	NO OBJECTIONS	Granted
13/02752/ HOUSE	1 Burder Court, High Street, Compton, RG20 6NJ	Single storey side extension.	NO OBJECTIONS	Granted

3177 To consider the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and Local Plan Consultation

The SHLAA was extensively discussed. The Clerk is to compile the comments and circulate a document for approval by the council.

PW left the meeting.

3178 To consider allowing some payments to be made electronically

BALC have advised that new financial regulations will be available later this month, taking into account electronic payments, so this item was deferred.

3179 To consider the grounds maintenance contract for 2014

It was resolved to continue using Scofell as the grounds maintenance contractors and to accept the quote from SCS Landscape Management for weed killing and control of worm casting.

3180 To consider contributing to the 74 bus service

It was resolved that the Parish Council is unable to contribute towards this service under the spending powers available.

3181 To consider replacing the standpipes at both allotment sites with agricultural water troughs

Due to the expenditure required, further quotes are needed. The item was deferred.

3182 To consider the allotment rent for 2014/15

It was resolved to increase the allotment rent to £15 for a full size plot and £7.50 for a half size plot.

3183 To consider the future and funding of Compilations

Making Compilations available online was discussed. An article or survey in Compilations may be required.

3184 To consider purchasing signs informing motorists that speed enforcement action takes place in the village

It was resolved to purchase 4 signs at a cost of £10 per sign.

3185 To receive an update on the Churchyard

William Stone has agreed in principle to provide the extra land required. The Parish Council wished the minutes to reflect that they are aware the Parish Council does not have a legal obligation to provide a new graveyard; however, they wanted to provide one for the community.

3186 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village

Speed monitoring was taking place earlier on this day.

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3187 To receive an update on Superfast Broadband

The application has been accepted by DEFRA.

3189 To receive reports on the following:

a) Recreation Ground

Risk assessments need to be introduced for the play area. DA and the Clerk will form a checklist for the play equipment.

c) Rights of Way

Byway 2 is in a poor state of repair. AS will contact Paul Hendry.

3190 To approve cheques due for payment

It was resolved to sign the cheques listed below.

Invoice Date	Cheque No.	Payee	Amount	Description
31 Dec	102394	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	£18.18	Emptying of bin at Daycare Centre for Dec
6 Jan	102395	D. Moss	£55.00	Litter picking Dec
17 Jan	102396	West Berkshire District Council	£693.00	Annual charge for dog bin emptying 2013-14
28 Jan	102397	S. Marshman	£431.16	Clerk's salary and expenses for 4 weeks
30 Jan	102398	D. Moss	£55.00	Litter picking Jan
2 Dec	102399	1 st Compton Scout Group	£2,500.00	£1000 grant, £1500 interest free loan (minute 3128)
17 Jan	102400	Compton Parochial Church Council	£350.00	S137 grant (budgeted minute 2883)

3191 Correspondence

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 2.

3192 Matters for consideration and information

KS thanked the council on behalf of 1st Compton Scout Group for providing funding. The building work can now be started.

PB is now a village agent.

Meeting closed 9:05pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Council Meeting:** Monday 3rd March, 2014 at 7pm in the Village Hall

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