

**Compton Parish Council**

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

**MINUTES of the COUNCIL MEETING**

Held on **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 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, L. Moss, M. Birtwistle (from 7:03pm) and A. Strong (from 7:06pm).

In attendance: The Parish Clerk.

The meeting started at 7.00pm.

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**3147 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from District Councillor Virginia von Celsing.

**3148 Any declarations of pecuniary interest by members or the Clerk**

PS item 3156, KS item 3154.

**3149 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public  
Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**

There were none.

**3150 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2013**

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

**3151 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> December, 2013**

Item 3131: DA has identified two potential sites.

MB arrived.

**3152 To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing**

VvC provided a report. The Scout Hut members bid meeting is later this week. A meeting of 5 parish councils with Gigaclear also takes place this week.

**3153 Clerk's report**

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

**3154 To consider the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment and Local Plan Consultation**

Several councillors aim to attend the meeting with WBC to discuss this on 4<sup>th</sup> February. This was deferred to the next meeting.

AS arrived.

**3155 To consider what action should be taken regarding the Downland Practice**

PB attended the recent Patient Rep meeting. The practice is hoping to make improvements with doctors attending the Compton surgery once the IAH development is completed. The surgery is

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now staffed by two people. It was agreed to invite the Practice Manager to the next meeting to discuss the future of the Compton surgery. AS will draft an invite.

**3156 To consider what action should be taken regarding a lime tree in the Recreation Ground**

It was resolved to request a tree preservation order be placed on the tree.

**3157 To discuss setting up a Compton Business Directory**

KS has advertised the idea in Compilations. One response was received.

**3158 To consider what action to take with advertising debtors and the future funding of Compilations**

Payments totalling £312 are still outstanding for advertising placed in Compilations during 2012. It was resolved that that these advertisers will be left in for one more issue and then removed unless payment is received. It was resolved that the Clerk should request payment in advance for advertising in 2014, offering a 10% discount to those that do.

**3162 To consider the grounds maintenance contract details for 2014**

The specifications were agreed and the Clerk will request quotes.

**3159 To consider the draft budget for 2014/15**

It was resolved to increase the precept by 4% to £26,660 and to accept the draft budget.

**3160 To consider contributing to the 74 bus service**

This was deferred to the next meeting.

**3161 To consider a request for £25 voluntary subscription to the Berkshire Local Heritage Forum**

This was deferred for future consideration.

**3163 To consider the addition of signage around the village directing to the Village Hall Complex**

The Clerk is to request Highways install signs on the walls either side of the entrance to Manor Crescent pointing to the Village Hall Complex and will continue researching signage for the front of the Village Hall.

**3164 To receive an update on the Churchyard**

There was no update.

**3165 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**

Three of the streetlights owned by the Parish Council have been blown out with air gun pellets. This will be reported to the PCSO.

**3166 To receive an update on Superfast Broadband**

An article was placed in Compilations which received some interest. £20,000 needs to be raised through private donations.

**3167 Planning Applications**

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

<b>App. Ref.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Proposed Work</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>
<b>13/02497/ FUL</b>	Green Cottage, Coombe Road, Compton, RG20 6RQ	Installation of Solar P.V. panels on ground.	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>
<b>13/02752/ HOUSE</b>	1 Burder Court, High Street, Compton, RG20 6NJ	Single storey side extension.	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>

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**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>13/02389/ FUL</b>	Baxter Healthcare Ltd, Wallingford Road, Compton, RG20 7QW	Section 73A: Application for variation of Condition 1: Commencement 3 years of approved application 09/01868/FUL - Removal of existing extension and erection of replacement extension, new glazed canopy, replacement windows, improved means of escape, erection of cycle storage, minor works to existing car park area to form disabled and visitor spaces and replacement light columns.	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>	<b>Granted</b>
<b>13/02500/ HOUSE</b>	8 School Road, Compton, RG20 6QU	Construction of a conservatory to the side of the property	<b>NO OBJECTIONS</b>	<b>Granted</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>	<b>Granted</b>

**3168 To receive reports on the following:**

**a) Recreation Ground**

This is currently very wet and the football pitch is not suitable for use.

**d) Village Hall**

Santa's visit raised £465 for the Pre-school.

**3169 To approve cheques due for payment**

<b>Invoice Date</b>	<b>Cheque No.</b>	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Description</b>
2 Dec	102384	A. Strong	£21.00	Key cutting (minute 3111)
30 Nov	102385	Veolia ES (UK) Ltd	£30.60	Emptying of bin at Daycare Centre for Nov
13 Dec	102386	Thames Water	£7.19	Newbury Lane Allotments 5 Sept - 11 Dec 2013
14 Dec	102387	Heelis & Lodge	£145.00	Internal audit fee 2013
16 Dec	102388	SLCC	£64.50	Renewal of SLCC membership (half cost shared with EIPC)
16 Dec	102389	West Berkshire District Council	£707.14	Compilations
24 Dec	102390	Southern Electric	£735.14	Electricity supply charges 24 Sep - 23 Dec 2013
3 Jan	102391	S. Marshman	£517.20	Clerk's salary and expenses for 5 week
30 Dec	102392	SSE Contracting Ltd	£439.08	Rechargeable repairs Dec quarter 2013
23 Dec	102393	SSE Contracting Ltd	£964.44	Street lighting maintenance charge Dec quarter 2013

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3170 **Correspondence**

The Correspondence Report was presented and is at Attachment 2.

3171 **Matters for consideration and information**

DA suggested inviting representatives to discuss the Parish Plan at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Council Meeting:** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2014 at 7pm in the Village Hall

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