

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Monday 11th April, 2016 at 7pm in the Welstead Room, Compton Village Hall.

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

In attendance: The Parish Clerk and 3 members of the public.

8-8:40pm Keith Neil Smith (Clarity), Mark Bassett (Freeths LLP) and Jason Highet (Peter Cundell Developments).

The meeting started at 7pm.

3793 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr. M. Birtwistle and District Councillor Virginia von Celsing.

3794 Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk

The Clerk declared a pecuniary interest in 3803, KS declared an interest in 3801 and AS in 3802.

3795 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public

Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest

There were none.

3796 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th March, 2016

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

3797 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 7th March, 2016

There were none.

3798 To receive a report from our District Councillor, Virginia von Celsing

VvC sent her apologies.

3799 Clerk's report

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

The installation of the new swing will begin this Thursday.

3800 To consider the Flood Warden attending the Inside Government's policy forum on flooding

It was resolved that if the Flood Warden felt it was an appropriate event to attend the Parish Council would fund the fee for the forum and the expenses involved in travel.

3801 To receive a report back from those who have met with the executive committee for the Scout Hut

DA and MB met with Rob Hill from the committee. The current outstanding balance of the loan is £1200. It was resolved to allow this to be paid back over 10 years at £120 per year.

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3802 To consider providing grounds maintenance for the Church yard

A quote has been received from our contractors of £150+VAT for each cut. DA is meeting with them tomorrow and will discuss the quote further before a decision can be made.

3803 To consider which pension scheme to join for automatic enrolment and the required start date

New government legislation requires all employers to have a pension scheme. The Clerk has researched the options available and DA and MB have looked at the possible schemes available. This needs to be set up by 1 May 2017, however it was suggested that it may be appropriate to begin the scheme as soon as possible and fund from reserves. The Clerk was requested put together the figures for the next meeting.

3804 To discuss the possible installation of a footpath on Downs Road

This item was wrongly described and should have been about a 'footway off Aldworth Road'. It was discussed that the land is not being made available and thus a footway could not be installed.

3805 To consider the Clerk attending a course on Cemetery Legal Compliance

It was resolved for the Clerk to attend this course and for expenses to be covered. A copy of the information supplied on the course should be stored centrally.

3806 To consider the provision of WIFI to parish council meetings

IT had investigated possible options for accessing the internet during meetings. DA will contact the Village Hall Management Committee to find out if they are likely to install an internet connection at the Village Hall and express that the parish council would be interested in assisting with the cost and providing advice.

8:00pm - The business of the parish council was suspended at this point in order to allow a presentation to the council by Keith Neil Smith (Clarity), Mark Bassett (Freeths LLP) and Jason Hight (Peter Cundell Developments) on a possible future planning development on the land east of Yew Tree Stables and north of School Road.

8:40pm – The meeting was resumed.

3807 To consider quotes for a company to devise an initial strategy for a neighbourhood plan

A list of potential companies was provided and the Clerk was requested to pick a few from the list to contact.

3808 To receive a report from Ian Tong on the proceedings of the district/parish conference

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

3809 To consider activities to commemorate the Queen's 90th birthday

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

3810 To consider activities commemorating World War I

There was no update.

3811 To consider suggestions for the enhancement programme

There were no new suggestions.

3812 To receive an update on the Cemetery

DA and the Clerk met with Brian Mursell who is now working on some designs.

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3813 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village

There have been a few incidents of car vandalism/damage.

3814 Planning Applications

a) To consider the following new applications:

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Recommendation
16/00570/ HOUSE	6 Lowbury Gardens, Compton, RG20 6NN	New bathroom window.	NO OBJECTIONS
Comments: No orange notice has been displayed in breach of the regulations. Please investigate why and report back.			
16/00635/ HOUSE	Chaubury, Aldworth Road, Compton, RG20 6RD	Proposed garage, proposed replacement front porch ad proposed porch (extended roof) to the east.	NO OBJECTIONS

b) To consider whether to request our District Councillor call in any planning applications to the Western Area Planning Committee

No applications were requested to be called in.

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

App. Ref.	Location	Proposed Work	Response from CPC	WBC Decision
12/02349/ OUTD	Land Adjacent To 4 Ilsley Gardens, Ilsley Road, Compton, RG20 7PF	Outline application for erection of a detached dwelling with associated parking. Matters to be considered Access and Layout.	Object	Granted
15/02921/ MDOPO	Tithe Barn Close (AKA Greens Yard), Compton,	Modification of the obligation of approved application 11/01159/XOUTMAJ - Development of 25 residential units with ancillary buildings and access from the High Street, Compton.	Object	Granted
16/00145/ HOUSE	5 Lowbury Gardens, Compton, RG20 6NN	Single storey rear extension.	No objections	Granted
15/01296/ OUTD APP/W034 0/W/15/31 40591	Roden Farm, Compton, RG20 6PU	Erection of a replacement dwelling.	Object	Planning inspectorate appeal Refused

3815 To receive reports on the following:

a) Recreation Ground

Reseeding of the goal mouths is required after the event on the 20th May.

c) Rights of Way

AS will report there is a tree down on one of the footpaths.

g) Communications

There is a new editor for Compilations. DA and the Clerk will meet with her.

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A letter had been received from Network Rail stating that “**From 27 May 2016 the overhead lines and associated infrastructure along the Great Western Route should be treated as “live” at all times.**”

The Clerk was requested to ensure this message was displayed on the noticeboard and displayed on the website and facebook.

h) Groundwater

The following report was received from the Flood Warden:

Groundwater level is close to the seasonal peak notwithstanding the recent showers. An emergency this year is very unlikely. The Aldworth Road bridge improvements (including the watercourse crossing for the proposed cemetery) are scheduled for May. Work is progressing through the Pang Valley Flood Forum on the possibility of using the West Berkshire Groundwater Scheme to alleviate flood risk in Compton. The next PVFF meeting is scheduled for the end of April.

3816 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.

3817 Correspondence

The Clerk went through her report, which is at Attachment 3.

3818 Matters for future consideration and information

It was suggested that the council should do some walks around the village.

It was suggested that a volunteer register for the village could be created.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

- **Parish Council Meeting:** Monday 25th April, 2016 at 7pm in the Village Hall
- **Annual Parish Council Meeting:** Monday 9th May, 2016 at 7pm in the Village Hall
- **Annual Parish Meeting:** Wednesday 18th May, 2016 at 7pm

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