

Compton Parish Council

Chairman: Dave Aldis

Clerk: Sarah Marshman

MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 16th November, 2016 at 7:00pm in the Wilkins Centre, Burrell Road.

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

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

The meeting started at 7:00pm.

4009 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Councillors M. Birtwistle, P. Burnett and A. Strong.

4010 Any declarations of pecuniary interests by members or the Clerk

There were none.

**4011 To receive: Questions or comments from members of the public
Representations from any member who has declared a pecuniary interest**

There were none.

4012 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7th November, 2016

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

4013 Matters arising from the minutes of the Council Meeting on 7th November, 2016

The lighting up ceremony for the Christmas tree has been moved to Saturday 3rd December as it clashes with a school disco.

4014 To consider whether to submit bids for the following lots from the Compton Estate:

- i. Lot 25 - Amenity areas within Compton Village - part of Recreation Ground, land at Gordon Crescent and land on corner of Manor Crescent and Burrell Road**
- ii. Lot 7 - Scout Hut and pasture land**

It was unanimously resolved that the parish council should make a bid for Lot 25 and that the parish council should express their interest in Lot 7 but are currently unable to bid for Lot 7 due to the need to seek funding in order to do so.

The bid for Lot 25 should highlight that the green open space of both the Recreation Ground and Gordon Crescent are hugely important to the make-up of Compton Parish, and have for more than 50 years operated as a village amenity. As such the Parish Council have been careful to protect and maintain both sites through direct financial spend and/or in a partnership approach with the current owner. Compton Parish Council’s intention, should it be successful, is to hold this land in perpetuity for future generations, ensuring its continued protection as green open space within the AONB.

With regards to Lot 7, it was highlighted that the parish council was particularly interested in the area currently let to the Scout Association. The Scout Hut and the enclosed land around it is

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identified as a community resource in the Village Design Statement and the Parish Council would like to ensure it remains available to future generations.

It was resolved to exclude the Press and Public under Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 for item 4015 on the Agenda, on the grounds that it may involve the likely disclosure of confidential information.

4015 To consider what amount should be bid for any lots that the parish council agreed to submit bids for in item 4014

It was unanimously resolved to place a bid of £15,000 to reflect that the land at the Recreation Ground and at Gordon Crescent is of particular importance to the parish as highlighted in the Village Design Statement.

4016 To consider engaging a solicitor for the process of submitting bids and completing any subsequent purchase of lots from the Compton Estate

It was resolved to engage Gardner Leader to assist in this process.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:

➤ **Parish Council Meeting:** **Monday 5th December, 2016 at 7pm** in the Wilkins Centre

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