



COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Local Government Act 1972

Minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Compton Parish Council held on
Wednesday 29th May 2012 at 7.00pm
In the **Village Hall** for the transaction of the under mentioned business.

Present: Cllr F Curtis (in the chair), Cllrs D Haskins, J Parsons, E Ricketts
In attendance The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

70/13 **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Cosgun

71/13 **Declarations of interest:** none were made

72/13 **Annual Return:** Figures for the Annual Return to the auditors had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Internal Auditor had examined the accounts and accompanying documents on the 15th May, and had confirmed that he was satisfied that all was in order. He had highlighted two areas which needed more rigorous control, as follows:
approval of invoices: he noted and approved that all invoices are approved by two councillors, by e-mail, that the payment is set up by the Clerk by internet banking, and is approved by the chairman before the payment is made. However, The Clerk took Members through the figures on the annual return and responded to any questions.
Approval of the Annual Return to the External Auditors was PROPOSED by Cllr Haskins, SECONDED by Cllr Curtis, with all in favour.
The Annual Governance Statement was completed and approved by Council, its approval being PROPOSED by Cllr Parsons, SECONDED by Cllr Haskins, with all in favour.

The large amount of funds kept in the current account was questioned by Cllr Parsons. The Clerk explained that the bank is currently operating a roll-over investment with £20,000, which is taken from the current account and put back with the interest earned, on a monthly basis. This is earning a much higher rate of interest. The deposit account attracts no interest at all, and the Clerk will discuss options with the bank.

73/13 **Allocated Reserves**

Members acknowledged the high level of cash currently held, at £63,363 at the end of the financial year to 31st March 2013. The following was agreed:

Due to uncertainty about the future management of the chapel, no decision would be made regarding the earmarking of reserves until this is resolved.

Additional monies, not budgeted for, will be used in the coming year on the new village caretaker, and on legal fees for the chapel agreement and to resolve the village hall anomaly. The Council may also get involved in SCC's linksman scheme.

Once these are resolved, a decision will be made on both the earmarking of reserves, and the level of precept for 2014/15.

74 **Internal Auditor**

Cllr Parsons PROPOSED that Mark Mulberry be appointed as the Council's Internal Auditor for the year 2013/14. This was SECONDED by Cllr Ricketts, with all in favour.

75/13 **Councillors Business**

Village Hall: agenda item for the July meeting, to review the current situation and to agree the appointment of a new solicitor to act for the Parish Council should the deadline presented remain unmet.

Fly tipping: further fly tipping has occurred in Down Lane. The Clerk will report to GBC.

Village Plan: the Parish Plan committee had met the previous week and had agreed not to proceed with this, because of the lack of people wishing to be seriously involved. However, an inventory of assets and land would still be useful. It might be possible to approach the University to see if they

have someone who is prepared to take this on, for a fee. The Clerk will advise SCA of the decision.

76/13 **Date of next meeting:** Wednesday 17th July, 7pm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8pm