

COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN COMPTON
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 20 January 2010 - 7.30pm**

Councillors: M J Foran (Chairman) *
M R Williams *
C Maslin *
Fiona Curtis *
Mark Bills *
David Haskins * (* attended meeting)

Apologies: County & Borough Councillor Tony Rooth
PC Nick Sharpe

In attendance: Mrs Maryon Lordan (Parish Clerk)
5 members of the public

9103 Minutes of the last Meetings held 18 November and 17 December 2009

Minutes of the above meetings were approved and the Chairman signed them as a true record.

9104 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

9105 To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors and Neighbourhood Police Officer

a) *Neighbourhood Police Officer*

Although not able to attend, PC Nick Sharpe sent the following message:

There had been 21 visits from Surrey Police (Roads Policing Unit and Safer Neighbourhood Team) conducting speed enforcement during 2009. This resulted in 7 Endorsable Fixed Penalty Notices for speeding, 1 for driving whilst using a mobile and 1 person reported for a tax disc offence. About 31 vehicles were stopped and the drivers were given 'driver alert education' as an alternative to a speeding ticket due to their speed levels. The highest speed recorded in the village was 49mph.

b) *SCC Funding*

Cllr Curtis said that funding for minor improvements (under which the proposed village safety scheme expenditure would fall) had already been reduced from £1m to £320k and that 2010 funding was likely to be reduced by half again or cut altogether. She said the Village Safety Plan would continue in the hope that more funding would be available for prioritised schemes at some point in the future. John Prior asked whether details of the scheme could be discussed and whether solutions would be made on the basis of numbers of votes, as this would negate the views of residents in lower populated roads. Cllr Curtis, said that details relating to the proposal would only be made when results of the questionnaire had been received following public consultation, which was taking place throughout January. The proposal was a safety scheme and would concentrate on casualty reduction and accident 'hot

spots'. Suggestions relating to risk minimisation would be considered too, but the serious lack of funding reduced their chance of approval. The aims of the scheme and the schedule of events / activity leading up to its submission were given out and posted in the NEWS, the village website and the e mail database.

9106 Speed Restrictions/Traffic Calming

a) *Compton Traffic Committee (CTC)*

Cllr Curtis presented a letter to the Councillors and asked for their approval. CTC hope to send this to all Compton residents on their database. It includes a proposal for Compton Village Safety Plan 2010 and a Schedule of meetings at the Village Hall. Councillors approved the letter.

(copy attached to Minutes)

The Chairman thanked Cllr Curtis for the work she was doing in this area.

b) *Compton Speed Watch*

John Dobson told the Council that volunteers had carried out a CSW just before Christmas but caught no cars speeding. It was agreed this was probably due the increased police presence.

c) *NewPond Road B 3000*

The Clerk was asked to contact Cllr Tony Rooth and find out when works to the railway bridge would now take place. **ML**

9107 Surrey Minerals Plan – Development Plan Documents/Surrey Waste Plan Consultation 6 November – 18 December 2009

The Clerk said she had returned the Questionnaire to SCC on 10-11-09.

9108 Planning

09/P/00363 - Appeal against GBC's refusal to grant Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use to establish whether the buiklding and associated land has been used as a single dwelling house for more than four years before the date of this application. The Clerk had written to the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol on behalf of the Parish Council outlining their support of GBC's decision. **ML**

9109 Recreation Ground & Playground - nothing to report

9110 Allotments - nothing to report

9111 Watts Chapel & Cemetery

a) *Mrs Enderby*

Cllr Williams said she and the Clerk had met Mrs Enderby to discuss the possibilities of moving the yew hedge near her late husband's grave. Mrs Enderby had provided papers outlining her request, a copy of which was given to each Councillor. Councillors resolved, that as the Parish Council were not at fault in any way, any expense should be met by Mrs Enberby. It was agreed to arrange a site meeting of Councillors to enable them to come to a decision.

ML

- b) The Clerk read out suggestions regarding improvements to the Cemetery received from Mrs Enderby. The Council asked the Clerk to write and thank her for her comments.

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- b) Cllr Bills said that planning permission had been lodged with GBC for a 'brown' sign to be put on the A3, advertising Watts Gallery.

9112 United Charities Nothing to report

9113 Village Hall

Cllr Bills said he did not attend the last Village Hall Meeting but had been told that some Grant Aid allowance had to be used by March 2010. The Clerk was asked to write to GBC outlining the Village Hall/Parish Council's intentions of expenditure in the year 2010. **ML**

9114 Financial Matters

- a) *Approval of Schedule of Income & Expenditure to December 31 2009*

The Council approved the above Accounts and noted:

Current Account: £7233

Deposit Account: £6,700

A donation from the Watts Preservation Trust Fund Committee of £5k had been received towards works, including Surveys of Arboriculture ; Wildlife; Cloister Roof; Architect; and tree work that had taken place during the latter part of 2009.

A note of thanks was recorded to the Watts PTFCommittee for their generous donation. *(breakdown attached to Minutes).*

- a) *Increase in Precept/Funding*

The Chairman to write a letter to be published in the COMPTON NEWS outlining the Parish Council's increased expenditure.

- b) The Chairman said that necessary work on Cemetery Lodge was quite urgent.

- c) A comment came from the floor that increasing the non-resident's allotment rental could bring in more revenue.

9115 Other Business

- a) *Cllr David Haskins – Business Plan for Compton*

The Chairman asked if this item could be on the Agenda for the next P C Meeting.

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- b) *Cllr Fiona Curtis – P C Ideas for Revenue*

Cllr Curtis told the PC she had one or two ideas / thoughts to accompany David's Business Plan. This item will also be on the Agenda for the next P C meeting.

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- c) *Compton Fete*

The Council approved the date of Saturday 22 May 2010 for this to take place. The Clerk would make sure the grass was cut a week beforehand. **ML**

- d) *Nominate a Small Village Shop*

The Council approved nominating the Shackleford Village Stores. **ML**

- e) *Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill*

The Council agreed to write to Anne Milton, MP to lobby support for this. **ML**

- f) *Policing Meeting 29 January at East Horsley VH.*

The Clerk reminded Councillors to attend, if they were able.

9116 Items for September COMPTON NEWS

- * **Chairman's Letter re Precept**
- * **VILLAGE CLEAN UP – Saturday 20 March 2010**

9117 To note dates (all Wednesdays at 7.30 pm) of future Council meetings:

17 March 2010
12 May 2010 (Annual Meeting & Parish Assembly)
14 July 2010
15 September 2010
17 November 2010

The Meeting closed at 9.45 pm