

COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN COMPTON VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 17 March 2010 - 7.30pm

Councillors: **M J Foran (Chairman) ***
M R Williams *
C Maslin * **M Bills ***
Kanak Patel * **D Haskins ***
County & Borough Councillor, Tony Rooth * (part-time)
Special Constables: Owen Morgan, Phil Budin *(part time)
Apology for absence: Cllr F Curtis
(* attended meeting)

In attendance: Mrs Maryon Lordan (Parish Clerk)
Approx 12 members of the public

9118 Minutes of the last Meeting held 20 January 2010

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

9119 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

9120 To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors and Neighbourhood Police Officer

Two Special Constables – Owen Morgan and Phil Budin reported there are currently 3 persons being investigated for local burglaries in the Shalford & Tillingbourne area. Since their arrests the burglary rate has gone down significantly but they did not want people to become complacent about security of their homes.

Aware of recent good weather – the public should make sure they close all windows when leaving the house.

Country Watch : this is up and running. Police hope to have an official launch planned for the summer. If any rural establishments such as farms, stables, etc wish to join then please get in touch direct: 0845-1252222 ext 30063 or wsguildfordsnt2@surrey.pnn.police.uk quoting 'Country Watch new enquiry'.

9121 Speed Restrictions/Traffic Calming

i) *Traffic Committee – Draft Questionnaire* - In Cllr Curtis' absence, the Chairman reported that this had been emailed to certain residents who were on the Traffic Committee's database. This is to support a Safety Plan for the Village. The Questionnaire will also be distributed with the April Compton NEWS in hard copy. When this data has been collated, the Traffic Committee will produce the Village Plan and send this to residents in draft form with the Compton NEWS at the end of May, prior to submitting the final version to Surrey County Council by the end of June.

ii) *ERH Holdings* – The Clerk reported that The Traffic Commissioner had replied to the Parish Council, copies of their letter circulated at the meeting. ERH Holdings has offered up an undertaking that their authorised goods vehicles will not enter or leave the operating centre via Compton Village and the Traffic Commissioner has agreed to the grant of an interim licence on trust that this will be adhered to. It is estimated the work should be completed by August/September 2010, depending on weather conditions.

iii) *Down Lane* - Cllr Tony Rooth took questions from Down Lane residents regarding their concern over the increase in traffic with regard to ERH Holdings and Watts Gallery, once this was open again, particularly with regard to coaches/parking. They asked for consideration of:

- 1 New signs into Compton will start by the B3000 round-about (off A3 south-bound B3000 ramp at the top of the village), and not just after Down Lane by Brook Cottage as proposed at present.
- 2 30mph speed limit proposal for Down Lane as well as 20mph on B3000 through village. Ideally as the traffic plan is supposed to be holistic in its approach it would make sense to apply a 20mph limit for Down Lane as part of the broader Village traffic plan, as well as accommodate the pedestrian issues that will arise with the re-opening of Watts Gallery and projected 50,000 visitors per annum
- 3 One way system for Down Lane to be after the last house on the lane (Old Barn Cottage), and not after Watts Gallery as proposed at present which would otherwise materially affect 6 properties on Down Lane.

Cllr Rooth said he would look into this.

iv) *Rumble Strips* - Cllr Rooth said that removal cost was the key to this problem. SCC would match the contribution Cllr Rooth said he would make from his personal allowance (£1,500) if the Parish Council would make up the difference (£2,000). The Chairman asked if the Parish Council could be told, should SCC decide to go ahead.

v) *Pot Holes* - Cllr Rooth said due to the extremely bad winter, repair work was estimated at £100k, which SCC do not have. Cllr Haskins commented that SCC had agreed a 5-year lighting contract with Skanska of £74M, across the county. Cllr Rooth said this had been projected some time ago.

9122 Planning – nothing to report.

9123 Recreation Ground & Playground - The Clerk said thanks to Chris Harvey the bin was now being emptied a regular basis.

9124 Allotments -

- i) *Shed damage* - Cllr Maslin confirmed that the shed repair work had been carried out – *see Minute 9091*.
- ii) *Ride On Mower* – Cllr Maslin said that the Allotment Committee were offering to pay for the maintenance of this vehicle. The Chairman thanked them for this financial assistance.

9125 Watts Chapel & Cemetery

- i) *Fundraising* - Cllr Williams said that Mr Chris Frost had been co-opted onto the Cemetery Committee to help with fundraising.
- ii) *Grant Aid* – The Clerk confirmed that quotes in relation to repair of brickwork, well head and lych gate had been sent to GBC regarding the Parish Council’s application to carry-over remaining grant aid into the new financial year.
- iii) *Future expenditure* - It was agreed that Cllr Williams would contact Nicola Westbury, Architect, to check the position with regard to the Parish Council’s projections. The Chairman commented that Councillors were aware of the financial constraints on the Parish Council. **MW**
- iv) *Watts Gallery Symposium* – Cllr Bills said possible donations would come from the proposed Symposium being held in July 2010. There was to be a half day exhibition in St Paul’s Cathedral followed the next day at Compton Village Hall, featuring on Watts Chapel. Further details at the next meeting.
- v) *Chapel* - The Chairman thanked Cllr Bills and Cllr Haskins for offering to do Chapel duties during Chris Harvey’s leave, and Peter Lordan filling in the odd day where necessary. The Clerk to draw up a rota.. **ML**

9126 United Charities Nothing to report

9127 Village Hall - The Chairman said that Capt Peter Barnett was standing down as Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. The Clerk was asked to write a letter thanking him for his long standing commitment. **ML**

9128 Financial Matters

- i) *Income & Expenditure* - The previously circulated Balance Sheet was presented being 11 months to February 2010. The current account balance showed credits: current a/c £990.54 deposit a/c £6,700. The new precept would be (total) £30,000, available half in mid April, and the second half in October 2010.
- ii) *Asset Register* – Members reviewed the current register and noted it was up to date and included all current assets.
- iii) *Risk Register*- The assessments in the register were discussed including potential difficulties with the steep, uneven paths in the cemetery in bad weather. The updated register was approved.
- iv) *Budget 2011-12* – Draft budget was discussed and agreed subject to final approval at the next meeting.
- v) *Cemetery* - Cllr Williams posed the question whether Watts Cemetery & Chapel could have separate income and expenditure. It was agreed that this was the ideal but impractical with the current state of the PC’s finances. Cllr Haskins thought that it could not afford to run itself, at this stage. It would be necessary if further substantial grant aid were secured.

9129 Other Business

- i) Cllr Haskins mentioned a new scheme, ‘ALLOTMORE’ a modern approach to allotments. Based on a membership scheme, offering clubhouse and café etc., the point being to increase revenue.
- ii) *CCCC* Cllr Haskins said he had received information from Adam Owen, GBC Countryside Management, regarding a long term plan called Compton

Common Clearance & Conservation (CCCC). The Parish Council agreed to Cllr Haskins handling this project.

- iii) *Emergency Plan* The Clerk said she had been asked by GBC whether Compton had an 'emergency plan' ? The Clerk said she would forward contact details to Cllr Haskins, who offered to liaise with GBC on this. **ML**
- iv) *Village Clean Up* - Saturday 20 March – The Clerk reported litter picking equipment was organised, and it was hoped that many people would turn out. The date had been advertised in the February COMPTON NEWS.
- v) *Burial Certificates* - The Clerk said a new supply would have to be ordered soon; the Council to consider if there was to be a new format. To be discussed at the next meeting. **ML**
- vi) *Parking in the Village* – Mr Tony Bugbird drew the Parish Council's attention to this need.

9130 Items for April COMPTON NEWS

- **VILLAGE CLEAN UP – Saturday 20 March 2010**
- **POLICE NEWS**
- **CCCC – see for miles further now – article**

9131 To note dates (all Wednesdays at 7.30 pm) of future Council meetings:

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

The Meeting closed at 9.45 pm