

- d) Catalytic converters - Alert - If you have one fitted to your car please be vigilant, thefts are high of this equipment, at present.
- e) Cold callers P C Nick Sharpe called for the public to be aware of anyone who knocks at your front door, trying to sell you anything, please report this to Surrey Police.
- f) CSW Arrangements were under way for two police volunteers to be trained to support the efforts of CSW. Compton TC reported a large group of people awaiting training. PC Nick Sharpe suggested to let him know if there could be a joint operation with Artington.

Cllr Curtis reported:

Localism schemes News concerning the introduction of ‘Localism’ schemes, following attendance of an area meeting for Parish Councils. Possibility exists for Parish Councils to take on some services and responsibilities, currently dealt with by Regional Council. These could include, grass cutting, tree work, minor road maintenance (pot holes) VAS management and possibly small planning schemes. The concept has successfully been piloted in Sussex and we await more information concerning the benefits, liabilities and levels of work and remuneration.

9137 Speed Restrictions/Traffic Calming

Mr Ken Miller & Cllr. Curtis reported :

- a) The Traffic Committee thanked the 107 households who returned the recent questionnaire concerning the village safety plan. After sending out the survey, the limited budget for such schemes was cut altogether. Time scales have therefore altered as those set by Surrey County Council are currently on hold. The Traffic Committee will continue to develop plans for schemes that are most urgently required and for which funding can be found with a view to implementing elements before the opening of the Hindhead tunnel and re-opening of Watts Gallery (funds permitting). The Committee are awaiting information from the police and council, on receipt of which an outline plan will be drafted. This will be made available to all residents, comments will be encouraged via the email forum and via a public meeting, details of which will be circulated via The NEWS. The final plan will then be submitted to The Parish Council for approval and subject to funding being found, elements of the plan will then be implemented. Due to the lack of public funding, only low to medium cost projects can be considered at this time. The much needed crossing in the Street will be included, but as a long term request, as the cost is prohibitive to all parties at present. Funds permitting the following will be included.
 - i) The one way system in Down Lane, North of the last property.
 - ii) Additional or improvement of existing footpaths in Down Lane and by Polsted Lane. Sign changes off the A3.
 - iii) “Pedestrians in the road” signs by Eastbury Lane.
 - iv) Unsuitable for HGV signs for The Avenue, Polsted Lane and Down Lane
 - v) Installation of flashing vehicle activated signs in The Street (with the option of moving these to other identified problem areas where lines of sight permit) i.e. New Pond Road.
 - vi) Rural ‘gates’ to mark entrance into the 30 zone section of The Street.

National policies for speed limits are under review and hence can only be tackled when the outcome is known. Issues relating to Priorsfield school and its proximity to Priorsfield Road will be passed to the County school safety team for specialist advice. The issue of road resurfacing and the rumble strips is being dealt with separately. Compton could have one of the largest Community Speed Watch schemes in Surrey, and the Police

are very keen to further support this with trained police volunteer staff, again a first, so a big thumbs up to PC Sharpe & PC Redfern who facilitate this.

- b) *ERH Holdings* Mr Ken Miller told the meeting that SCC have been following the case with great interest. The Traffic Commissioner (letter of 28/4/10) has determined that an interim licence granted to the Company can continue for the duration of the work, subject to certain conditions. The finalisation of work is estimated end of September 2010, subject to weather conditions. The Traffic Commissioner has provided a contact name, Mr Mark Turner, 01483 813254 should you have any concerns to report.

9138 Planning – nothing to report

9139 Recreation Ground & Playground -

- a) Cllr Patel reported the children's play area continues to be well used, however some dog litter has been reported in the field.
- b) The ground had been mowed by GBC and another mowing was due w/commencing 17 May, just prior to the Village Fete. Unfortunately the wild flowers had been mowed down a few weeks before, but now an area has been left and they should re-seed.

9140 Allotments -

- a) Cllr Maslin said a work party had been busy and dug all around clearing much of the ditch area. More breeds of Pigs have been introduced and the hens are in good shape. There will be an Open Day at the end of June.

9141 Watts Chapel & Cemetery – Cllr Williams said :

- a) Cemetery Committee Report - Symposium – 12-13 July 2010 - Cllr Williams showed the Council the leaflet to be distributed. There would be a special plea for funds, highlighting certain items in the Cemetery which need repair/attention, giving people an opportunity to fund a particular project if they so wished.
- b) Cllr Williams showed the Council the new Logo, the Cemetery Committee had agreed on.
- b) Chapel Leaflet - Cllr Curtis showed Councillors the draft leaflet she had re-designed for a hand-out on the brief history of the Chapel. Discussion took place on whether to charge £1 for this. Cllr Bills said it would be cheaper to print black & white.

9142 United Charities Cllr Foran - Nothing to report

9143 Village Hall

- a) Cllr Bills 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 service and commitment. **ML**
- b) It was noted that the Village Hall had recently been re-decorated inside and out. The Councillors were grateful to the VH Committee for organising this.

9144 Finance

- 9144 a) **Schedule of Income & Expenditure** Councillors approved the Schedule of Income & Expenditure to 30 April 2010. The Clerk reported balance at bank as at 30/4/2010: Current £15,500/Deposit £4,700.
- 9144 b) **Draft Budget 2010-11** Councillors approved the draft Budget 2010-11, previously circulated.
- 9144 c) **Annual Return 2009-10** The draft Annual Return, previously circulated, was discussed and approved by the Council. The Clerk reported a meeting would be arranged with the internal auditor to approve the accounts. The Councillors empowered the Chairman and Clerk to carry out any minor changes that may prove necessary. The Clerk was asked to Email the final version to all Councillors.
- 9144 d) **Grand Aid** The Clerk reported GBC had now allowed an extension on the unclaimed Grant Aid application for VH £3,143/Cemetery £1,694.
- 9144 e) **Website** The Councillors approved posting Income & Expenditure figures on to the PC Website. Note Cllr Haskins suggested document should be scanned in, or saved as a PDF for publication.

9145 Other Business

- a) *Spiceall Resident* - Councillors were unable to help a resident with neighbour/hedge planting plan and advised resident to take problem to CAB.
- b) *Compton Common Clearance* – Cllr Haskins reported he had had a meeting with Adam Owen, GBC, Trees & Countryside Manager. The long term plan would be to bring the area back to daylight with coppicing and pollarding. Cllr Foran said he had received a phone call from a resident concerned about more traffic noise. Cllr Haskins to write to residents and outline the plans. **DH**
- c) *Pond at Watts Gallery* – The Clerk was asked to write to the Gallery and request reinstatement to its former glory, as soon as the building works were completed. The Clerk was also asked to find out whom the Pond belongs to. **ML**
- d) *Land Registry* - The Clerk was asked to chase Barlows, Solicitors, regarding the ongoing situation of tracing registered land in Compton.
- e) *Compton Emergency Plan* – Cllr Haskins said he had researched a template from Cranleigh, which was approved, and would be adapted to suit Compton.
- f) *Chapel – Electric Locking* – It was agreed to discuss this at the next meeting.
- g) *BT Telephone Box* - It was agreed to make a decision in the near future regarding this icon, which is in bad shape of repair. **FC**
- h) *Eastbury Signs* - It was agreed **DH** would contact Eastbury Manor.
- i) *Grants* - The Chairman asked the Clerk to investigate where we may apply for Grant availability. **ML**
- j) *CPRE Membership* - It was agreed to continue this at £29/yearly subscription.

9146 Items for May COMPTON NEWS

- * Resignation of Cllr Martin Foran as Chairman of the Parish Council.
- * Welcome to Cllr Fiona Curtis as the new Chairman
- * Report from PC Nick Sharpe
- * ERH Holdings, brief update, The Traffic Commissioner has provided a contact name, Mr Mark Turner, 01483 813254 should you have any concerns to report.
- * Traffic Report – Cllr Curtis to supply (*see attached to these Minutes*)
- * Symposium – Village Hall/Watts Chapel July 2010

9147 To note dates (all Wednesdays at 7.30 pm) of future Council meetings:

14 July 2010
15 September 2010
17 November 2010

The Meeting closed at 10.10 pm