

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

**Councillors:** **Fiona Curtis (Chairman) \***  
**Marian R Williams (Deputy Chair)\***  
**Martin J Foran \*** **Kanak Patel \***  
**Carolyn Maslin \*** **David Haskins \***

(\* attended meeting)

**In attendance:** **Mrs Maryon Lordan (Parish Clerk)**  
**Approx 3 members of the public**

**Apologies:** **Cllr Tony Rooth, Cllr Mark Bills, P C Nick Sharpe**

**9173 Minutes of the last Meeting held 15 September 2010**

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

**9174 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising.

**9175 Public Forum – No questions had been received from the public.**

**9176 To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors and Neighbourhood Police Officer**

In the absence of P C Nick Sharpe, the Clerk reported the following :

- i) Public be vigilant ; Burglaries are high in jewellery and electrical items. Scrap Metal theft is also widespread at the moment. If you receive a door-to-door caller requesting buying Scrap Metal, please ring the Police on: 0845 125 2222.
- ii) SelectiveDNA is a company who supply markers with special ink, which the Police find helpful in tracing stolen goods. Order kits from telephone: 01689 860757, or website: [www.selectaDNA.co.uk](http://www.selectaDNA.co.uk)

**9177 Chairman's Report**

- a) The Members agreed the new start time of 7.00 pm to commence at the next Parish Council Meeting, 19 January 2011.
- b) Adoption of Telephone Kiosk – Awaiting news from GBC as to whether we need a Licence and if so, what the costs are.
- c) ERH Holdings – A letter has been received from the Office of the Traffic Commissioner stating that the work has now been completed and the interim

licence and application has been withdrawn, as previously agreed with ERH Holdings.

- d) Community Gangs – Next date for work is w/c 24 January 2011. Email any works to the Clerk/Chairman.
- e) Electoral Boundaries – The Chairman reported that changes to electoral boundaries are more likely to affect areas with large shared facilities (hospital) or train station and on this basis Compton was unlikely to be affected.  
Cllr Haskins reported a Consultation is to be held at some time. **DH**
- f) Surrey Minerals Plan - Notice of Meeting at County Hall – 8 December at 10 am re *Submission to Minerals Examination – Proposed Additional Sites – Eashing Farm*  
Cllr Haskins confirmed he would attend. **DH**
- g) Highways – It was agreed that relevant information from SCC’s weekly information bulletin would be circulated by the Clerk.
- h) Film Location – All the various organisations are happy to take part in this. Cllr Haskins agreed to supply the chairman with allotment images. **DH**

**9178 Compton Speed Watch -** CSW have been very active in the village in the past 2 months, and operates on a weekly basis. Apart from The Street and New Pond Road extra operations were in place at Priorsfield Road and Withies Lane. In PFR 28-30 vehicles were recorded in one hour, speeding. Councillors thanked CSW volunteers for their time and assistance.

**9179 Traffic Report -** At a recent meeting with SCC Highways & CTC it was reported that SCC has been subjected to 20% cuts with 10% to come. Transport/traffic has been badly hit apart from major safety issues, and planned projects will go on a long waiting list.  
The police have agreed to conduct a covert speed/volume study in Down Lane to provide a comparison between figures after Hindhead Tunnel and Watts Gallery re-open. There are plans for community assistance to clear footpaths and an on-site visit to evaluate suitability for ‘*unsuitable for HGV’s*’ signage, in The Avenue, Polsted Lane & Down Lane.  
VAS signs and traffic calming equipment – it is hoped to purchase these shortly with funds from Grant Aid/Tony Rooth’s £1k pledge/fund raising events.  
The Parish Councillors recorded their thanks to Mr Ken Miller for his report.

#### **9180 Planning**

**Monkshatch Garden Farm -** The Chairman said that GBC was setting up a meeting (date to be announced) to report back details resulting from the review of this case. **ML**

**Parish Working Group - Travellers & Gipsy Sites -** Cllr Haskins reported he had attended a meeting at Loseley Estate regarding this subject. There was nothing to report regarding Compton. He will keep Councillors apprised of further developments. **DH**

**9181 Recreation Ground –** Cllr Patel requested clearance of shrubbery at the corner of the Green/Polsted Lane. The Clerk said she would Email Cllr Patel with details of who to contact at GBC. **ML**

**9182 Allotments -** Cllr Maslin thanked the Clerk for organising the visit of GBC Rat Catcher - this will now take place on a monthly basis. A new rule regarding bonfires had been initiated, these can only take place during the months November – March.

**9183 Watts Chapel -**

- i) Cllr Williams reported an increase in revenue from the Donations Box, particularly since July and the Symposium.
- ii) The Trustees of Watts Gallery had approved the ‘Collaboration’ document, in principle. The relationship between the Gallery and the Chapel were developing well.
- iii) Cllr Mark Bills has kindly agreed to donate £1.50p of the sales of all books ‘*Watts Chapel – A Guide to the Symbols of Mary Watts’s Arts & Crafts Masterpiece*’ to the Parish Council. Councillors recorded their thanks to Cllr Bills for his generosity.
- iv) Plans were still being discussed regarding the ‘niche’ set up and selling point in the Chapel.

**9184 United Charities of Compton**

Cllr Foran explained United Charities of Compton was part of the Henry Smith Charity. At a recent meeting of UCC it was agreed to support:

- a) 31 Compton households with £60.
- b) Donation of £2k to COMPO.

**9185 Village Hall**

Councillors were pleased with the new pictures hanging in the Committee Room. The Clerk was asked to send of thanks to the VH Committee. **ML**

**9186 Financial Matters**

*i) Schedule of Income & Expenditure to 1-11-10*

Councillors approved the Income & Expenditure together with cheque detail (previously circulated), showing a balance of Cash at Bank: £24,060. It was noted that the second precept had been received and that the contingency fund was unlikely to remain intact due to a couple of legal bills that may come through this financial year for unpredicted but necessary work relating to Parish Council assets.

*ii) Precept 2011-12*  
Councillors resolved to set the precept at £30k for the 2011-12 financial year.

*iii) Budget 2011-12*  
Budget to be presented at the next meeting. Councillors will present any projects they wish to see included by year end along with ideas of costs and methods of fund raising, where applicable.

*iv) Grant Aid 2011-12*

The Clerk reported that the application for Grant Aid had been successful.

- a) VAS Signs - £2,800
- b) Play area – renew ‘wet pour’ in accordance with ROSPA report £750
- c) Cemetery Path construction - £2,500

- d) Village Map - £500

**9187 Other Business**

a) **Quality Council Scheme** - The Chairman suggested to Councillors that Compton should consider the merits of attaining accreditation for Quality Council Status. However, to enable Compton to receive this status, all Councillors would have to go on training (for which there may be funds available). Cllr Foran asked what the advantages were.

i) Funding power

ii) QCS has an important role in improving the quality of management and administration of parish and town councils.

The Government encourages local councils to consider qualifying for this status.

The Clerk would have to apply for Certificate in Local Council Administration,

(CiLCA) which meets the QPS schemes requirement for a 'qualified clerk'. The

Chairman said there may be a possibility that Compton could employ the services

of a locum clerk for certain instances. Policies relating to Localism and QCS are

still developing and it was agreed we should retain an interest.

b) Elections were to take place in May 2011. It was agreed to post an item in the COMPTON NEWS for March 2011. **ML**

c) Queen's Diamond Jubilee June 2012 – to be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Foran said possible project could be the Village Sign. **MJF/ML**

d) Cllr Maslin said the 30 mph sign at the end of the village had been bent back. Cllr Foran said he would have a look at this. **CM/MF**

e) Digital Map of Cemetery – Cllr Haskins said this was coming along well. The Clerk said she would give him a copy of the complete plan. **ML/DH**

f) Compton Common – Cllr Haskins said that The Withies Public House would fund tree work in Withies Lane, this was not a conservation area. **DH**

g) Cllr Maslin asked for a Village Clean Up to be arranged in March 2011. Item COMPTON NEWS for January 2011. **ML**

**9188 Items for December COMPTON NEWS**

- i. **POLICE REPORT**
- ii. **PICTURES IN COMMITTEE ROOM**
- iii. **NEW START TIMES P C MEETINGS**
- iv. **SSHAC MEETING AT COUNTY HALL - 8 DECEMBER 10 am**
- v. **TRAFFIC UPDATE**

**9189** To note dates (all Wednesdays at **7.00 pm**) of future Council meetings:

<b>19 January</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>16 March</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>18 May</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>20 July</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>21 September</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>16 November</b>	<b>2011</b>

*The Meeting closed at 8.50 pm*