



COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notice of Parish Council meeting

Local government Act 1972

Minutes of a meeting of Compton Parish Council, held on

Wednesday 15th March 2017 at 7.00pm

At **Pucks Oak Barn** for the transaction of the under mentioned business

Present: Cllrs P Graham, P Hunt, C Sharp, R Nagaty, K Patel
County Cllr G Johnson
Borough Cllrs M Parsons and T Rooth
2 members of the public

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

Public forum: *Village minibus:* Mr Miller advised that, as a result of collaboration between the Gallery and the Village Association, the Village Association is now holding substantial funds that had been allocated to replacing the minibus. The new mini bus is now in use and is kept at the Gallery. The Village Association has decided to distribute the funds back to the two villages, with 70% going to Compton and 30% to Puttenham, and will work with the Parish Council on village projects.

22/17 **Election of meeting Chairman:** Cllr P Graham was elected as Chairman, PROPOSED by Cllr Nagaty, SECONDED by Cllr Patel, with all in favour.

23/17 **Apologies for absence:** all members were present.

24/17 **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Nagaty declared a pecuniary interest in the Blackwater Farm development. Cllr Hunt declared a pecuniary interest in the Watts Gallery funding proposals.

25/17 **Minutes of Parish Council meeting January 2017:** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman, after the following amendment:
The donation to the phone kiosk is £1,000.

26/17 **Matters Arising**

101/16 United Charities: deferred to May meeting. Cllr Graham explained that it had become increasingly difficult to find an appropriate way of using the money given to the charity and either a different approach had to be found or the United Charities would have to be wound up. Cllr Hunt offered her help in discussions, as the Gallery had received funds from the Henry Smith Charity. Cllr Nagaty suggested that a number of elderly people could not afford carers, and perhaps help could be given here. The Clerk advised that the Charity is holding funds, but has not received any further income as it has not spent any in the last two years.

107/16: Adoption of Phone Box: the Parish Council have adopted the phone box. Cllr Sharples hopes that it will be possible to use the handyman at Field Place to help with the repainting and repairs to the box. Mr Dennis Brenninkmeijer of Field Place has kindly offered to pay for this work up to a maximum of £1,000.

27/17 **Report from County Cllr**

Cllr G Johnson:

Ditches: Members thanked Cllr Johnson for arranging for some ditches to be cleared. It had been planned to clear the ditches around the allotments, not the ones on Polsted Lane. Cllr Johnson will ask Highways to return.

Surfacing at Spiceall: it has not been possible to make progress on this, as the delamination means that the holes are not deep enough for action by Highways.

Fly tipping: members agreed that it did not seem to have increased since charges were introduced, and noted how good the Borough Council fly tipping service is. Cllr Johnson advised that the layby on the A31 has now been cleared up.

Cllr Johnson advised that this would be his last meeting before the County Council elections in May and was thanked for all his support.

Cllr Johnson and Cllr Rooth left the meeting.

28/17 **Report from borough Cllrs**

Cllr M Parsons

Dunsfold: the application for development has been called in by the Secretary of State and there will be a public enquiry. It will be around 9 months before a decision is made.

Local Plan: the consultation for Regulation 19 will commence around the 12th June and will run for 6 weeks. Observations will only be accepted on changes that have been made to the Local Plan since the last consultation. It is hoped to submit the Local Plan to the Secretary of State in December of this year, and he will nominate an inspector to review it. It is then hoped to adopt the plan in September of 2018.

29/17 **Report on police and crime statistics**

The Clerk directed members to the Surrey Police website, which gives up to date statistics on crime in the area. She will include these statistics on the agenda for the May meeting.

30/17 **Report on Local Plan:** attached to the minutes.

It was noted that Highways England had made a number of objections to the Local Plan, but had then withdrawn them. Mrs Stevens is using FOI to try to find out the reason.

31/17 **Members report: *highways***

1. Under the Local Plan Committee report, Karen Stevens has covered traffic issues emanating from the Local Plan.
2. The final part of the Down lane Quiet Lane initiative is due to take place in the next few weeks. SCC has still to discuss with the owner of the property on the corner of Down Lane and the Street the detail of the plan to put fencing on the edge of their garden. Mr Miller has a meeting with Bahram Assadi and Rob Fairbanks shortly and will report back.
3. The cost of adding a data logger to the permanent VAS unit installed in the Street outside Cypress Farm would be in the region of £350, and will be met from the CVA's project fund. The logger will give ongoing access to the traffic volumes and speeds which could be very useful in fighting the village's corner in the continuing debate on planning issues.
4. Air Quality Monitoring: a GBC report last November advised that 'the levels of NO2 at one monitoring site on the B3000 in Compton Village merit urgent investigation and review in advance of determining a possible AQMA designation'. GBC installed more sophisticated measuring equipment in the Street in February and is continuing to monitor NO2 levels and will have a report by June or July.
5. The Avenue: Cllr Sharples stated that a resident had complained that this road is a rat run, and proposed that the Parish council should investigate traffic calming measures as it is a vital village road. Mr Miller advised that there are 'unsuitable for HGV' signs, but this will be discussed in more detail at the next traffic committee meeting.

32/17 **Members report: *allotments and environmental projects***

Ditches at allotments and Polsted Lane: Cllr Sharples advised that Cllr Johnson had originally agreed to fund the cost of clearing the ditches at the allotments. As he had used his allowance, he asked Highways to do the work, and a misunderstanding arose which resulted in Highways clearing ditches on Polsted Lane. It was hoped that they would return to do the ditches at the allotments. The Clerk will ask for a site meeting.

Willows at Withies Lane: Planning permission has not yet been received to pollard the willows. This work will now be deferred to August and a date set to carry it out.

33/17 **Members report: *youth and recreation***

Playground: the new equipment and fencing is currently being installed.
Cllr Patel reported that there are moles on the Green.

34/17 **Members report: *Watts Gallery and Cemetery***

- a) *Minutes of cemetery committee meeting 10th March*: had been circulated. The volunteer work party to tidy the graves and remove dead flowers and inappropriate items was agreed to be a good idea, and the Clerk will organise.
- b) *Watts Gallery funding proposals: chapel and seating at amphitheatre*: Cllr Graham PROPOSED, SECONDED by Cllr Nagaty that £5,000 pa be granted for the next 3 years towards the restoration of the gesso panelling and new lighting in the Chapel. Members noted that the Chapel is the property of the Parish Council, who have put it into the expert care of the Gallery to ensure its future and agreed that this implied an obligation on the part of the Parish Council to assist with restoration where possible and appropriate. Cllr Sharples PROPOSED, SECONDED by Cllr Patel that £2,500 per annum be given for the next 3 years for Bench 1, to create an outdoor amphitheatre next to the Pilgrims Way. Members noted that in both cases, giving these grants would unlock funding from other sources.

35/17

War Memorial:

Cllr Sharples has received a quotation of £650 to install electricity for a light. An application has been made to the War memorial Trust for the renovation work. The ash tree behind has been removed by Eastbury Manor.

36/17

Members report: *planning*: list of applications determined by GBC had been circulated. Land at Priorsfield Road: the owner will be asked to remove the metal fencing.

37/17

Members report: *village hall*: minutes of the management committee's recent meeting had been circulated. Cllr Graham advised that bookings are slightly down on last year, but generally the hall is in good shape.

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Village sign:

Mick Pinner is working on the terracotta panels. The work is expected to take around 15 weeks, and will cost approximately £2550 plus vat.

The craftsman who was originally contracted to do the oak sign has returned to Germany, so Cllr Sharples is seeking another craftsman. He has been advised that Surrey Wildlife Trust have craftsmen who do work in Norbury Park.

Cllr Sharples proposed that the sign is unveiled by the children of Compton.

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Finance

- a) *Management report to 30th February*: had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted.
- b) *Receipts and expenditure for January and February*: the list had been circulated prior to the meeting and the expenditure for the two months of £16,502 was noted and approved.

40/17

Clerks report

- a) *Annual litter pick: 25th March*: commencing at 10am at the Club, and finishing at around mid-day with soup and bread. Sarah Baskerville is kindly supplying homemade soup. The Clerk will provide litter pickers and rubbish bags. High visibility vests have been previously distributed to councillors, the Clerk has purchased some more.
- b) *Annual Parish meeting: 3rd May at Watts Gallery*: the theme is heritage, the Clerk is contacting speakers and organising refreshments.

41/17

Councillors business: *for noting or including on a future agenda*

Compton Album: Cllr Sharples proposed that this be copied and the original kept at the Surrey Heritage centre. He will report further at the next meeting.

Toddler Group: Cllr Sharples believed that this would be welcomed in Compton, as there is nothing of this nature at present. He will do some research and report at the next meeting.

Physical Energy: Cllr Hunt reported that the fourth Physical Energy is being cast and the intention is for it to be placed by the A3, at the junction for the B3000. A meeting is planned with SCC Highways shortly.

Priorsfield road: a member of the public reported that hedges on Priorsfield Road are protruding

onto the pavement and making them impassable. The Clerk will write to the house owners once she has been advised which houses these are.

42/17 **Correspondence:** there was no new correspondence.

43/17 **Dates of meetings:** 17th May, Annual Meeting . Annual Parish Meeting: 3rd May.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.20pm