



COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Notice of Parish Council meeting

Local government Act 1972

Minutes of a meeting of Compton Parish Council, held on

Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 7.00pm

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

Public forum:

1. Village projects: it had been agreed by the Village Association, working with the Parish Council, to install adult exercise equipment on the Green, subject to consultation. A piece will go into the next edition of Compton News, seeking views. Mr Miller and Cllr Sharples will liaise.
2. Parking in the village: the Club and the Village Hall still have problems with parking when they are holding a function. They asked that the parish council re-visit their decision not to pursue this. Members agreed to review the parking at the next full council meeting. Mr Burtenshaw suggested that club and hall users use the Gallery car park and use Compo to access the village. It was agreed to consider the viability of this option and Mr Burtenshaw was thanked for the proposal.

Present: Cllrs N Nagaty, C Sharples.
County Cllr Matt Furniss
Alistair Burtenshaw, Director, Watts Gallery
Ken Miller, Traffic committee
Emma Terry
2 members of the public

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

01/18 **Election of meeting Chairman:** Cllr Nagaty was elected at Chairman of the meeting.

02/18 **Apologies for absence:** had been received from Cllr Bradley and Graham.

03/18 **Declarations of interest:** *members are requested to disclose, in accordance with the Local Code, both the existence and the nature of any personal or pecuniary interests they may have in relation to matters for consideration on this agenda.*
Cllr Nagaty declared a pecuniary interest in the Blackwater Farm development.

04/18 **Minutes of Parish Council meeting September and November 2017**
These were agreed as a correct record of the meetings and signed by the Chairman.

05/18 **Matters Arising**
To consider any matters not dealt with by the agenda
a) *Village projects:* discussed above.
b) *Monkshatch:* discussed under 07/18.

06/18 **Councillor co-option**
As the meeting was not quorate, it was agreed to defer the co-option of Ms Terry to the March meeting. She was welcomed to the meeting and joined the discussions.

07/18 **Report from County Cllr:**
Cllr Furniss was thanked by members for taking action over Monkshatch. Cllr Furniss advised that the gate needed re-hanging and the site is not completely level but the Borough Council did not want to import soil to the site. GBC will seek costs against the owner. He advised that the Borough Council have no control over the Forestry Commission notice to restore the trees.
Cllr Furniss reported as follows:
1. SCC has a new Chief Executive Officer.
2. B3000 New Pond Road Rail bridge: a public meeting will be held in February, at Shalford Village Hall. Network Rail will send a letter out to all residents, and there will be a complete

- road closure for a week.
3. A meeting will be held shortly with the police's casualty reduction officer, to review speed limits.
 4. A meeting will be held in the following week concerning Down Lane. The current scheme for the lane will cost £12,000. A discussion will take place on the amount that the County Council can contribute and the scheme will be reviewed to ascertain whether it is still appropriate.
 5. Cllr Furniss had used his personal allowance to help bridge the funding cuts in his division, mainly on footpaths and bridleways.
 6. The Avenue: Cllr Furniss had raised the problems on this road with Highways.
 7. AQMA: Cllr Furniss is waiting to hear from GBC regarding the consultation process and hoped this would be available in the next couple of weeks.
 8. Cllr Sharples voiced the Council's disappointment that no Borough Councillors had attended the meeting and no report had been received. Cllr Furniss believed that they were both very tied up with the Local Plan, which had now been submitted to the Planning Inspector.
 9. Cllr Sharples highlighted the inaccuracy of the police report, which did not mention the accident outside his house in November of last year. He was also disappointed that there was never now a police representative at meetings. Cllr Furniss explained that the GU postcode has an increasing crime problem and that GBC and Surrey Hills have jointly financed a police officer to help deal with the problem, which emanates from London and abroad.
 10. Cllr Furniss offered a walk around the village with members and it was agreed that this should take place in March.
 11. Members allowance: Cllr Furniss welcomed applications, but pointed out that SCC maintenance projects would take priority.

08/18 **Report from borough Cllrs**

Members noted that Borough Councillors do not attend Compton Parish Council meetings and do not send a report, and expressed their dissatisfaction with this. The Clerk will write and convey the Council's view.

09/18 **Report on police and crime statistics:** crimes in Compton reported in November as follows: 1 drugs crime in Almsgate, 1 criminal damage on or near Eastbury Lane, 1 burglary on or near Priors Close. Members noted that the arson and damage caused by an out of control car had not been recorded. The Clerk will raise this with the Sergeant.

10/18 **Report on Local Plan:** Mrs Steven's report had been circulated prior to the meeting and is attached to the minutes as Annex 1.

Cllr Nagaty reported as follows:

- a) The Secretary of State has appointed an independent Inspector to conduct an examination into the soundness of the Plan.
- b) Land in Wanborough has been divided into plots and put up for sale for potential development.

11/18 **Members report: *highways***

1. *Down Lane*

A site meeting will be held in the next few weeks to agree the further work needed to complete the 'Quiet Lane' initiative.

2. *Speed & Volume Checks in the Street*

The results from the survey conducted by G John Surveys using tubes positioned across the road close to the Green, were invalid. The readings showed a significant fall off in traffic volumes recorded over the four-week period commensurate with a battery problem. After testing the equipment and speaking to the manufacturer, Mr John concluded that the equipment was in good working order but believes the connections may have been tampered with.

He has agreed to re-do the survey but with different equipment. This will take place before the end of March, which will still be in time for the hearing on the Local Plan. The tubes will be locked into the data box on the new kit, so should be more tamper proof.

The original invoice has been cancelled and a new invoice will be issued with 50% travel costs added for the re-run. This still works out considerably cheaper than competitors who have not been responsive.

3. AQMA - Traffic Pollution

Following the declaration of an AQMA in the Street, the formal consultation process will be started by GBC in the next two weeks. This will involve residents in the Street close to the zone, local businesses and the Parish Council.

4. Average Speed Cameras

A preliminary meeting has been held on a feasibility study to see if such a scheme is within financial reach of the village and a second meeting is expected shortly and will include an individual who acts as the key contact between the Police and SCC in the local Safety Partnership.

5. Accidents in the Street close to the Harrow

Following the spate of accidents close to Cllr Sharples home, a site meeting was held with SCC who have agreed to make the kerb (which a number of cars involved have hit) more obvious and for a slow sign to be painted on the road coming up to the Harrow. The main cause of these accidents however was recognised as speed and further thought will be given for additional measure to slow the traffic through Compton.

12/18 Members report: allotments and environmental projects:

Cllr Sharples reported as follows:

1. Pollarding has been completed on the willows in Withies Lane.
2. Ditch at the allotments: Cllr Sharples and the Clerk will meet with the new handyman to see if he can undertake this work.
3. Grass is encroaching on the pavement along the Street and needs to be cleared to make access possible to wheelchair users and pushchairs.

13/18 Members report: youth and recreation

The Clerk is sourcing a new bin.

14/18 Members report: Watts Gallery and Cemetery

Mr Burtenshaw accepted members' concerns about the maintenance of the cemetery and agreed that its care needs to be prioritised. This will be discussed in more detail at the next cemetery committee meeting.

15/18 War Memorial:

Cllr Sharples is in discussion with the conservationists. The Clerk is dealing with the application to the War memorial Trust for funding.

16/18 Members report: planning:

Cllr Graham had reported as follows:

GBC have used contractors to reinstate the land at Monkshatch whose profile had been materially changed without Planning Consent. The owner had been served with a reinstatement order by GBC but failed to respond.

Other Planning Applications include:

1. The Withies requesting permission to convert storage areas to B&B accommodation, and extend their guest room; however, there are no documents available from GBC to review.
2. Mellersh Farm requesting permission to turn a cowshed into a shop; Cllr Graham had notified Carolyn Maslin about this.
3. Landscape design changes relating to the installation of the Physical Energy casting by Watts gallery, which Chris has discussed with Alistair.

17/18 Members report: village hall:

Cllr Graham had reported as follows

The only significant issue from the Village Hall Committee is that of parking on the Green. On a particular day in late 2017 a complaint was received from the Old Congregational Church (corner of Spiceall) about parking in front of their property, due to there being events at both the Club and the

Village Hall simultaneously. The VHC are aware that the PC looked at the possibility of controlled parking on the Green, but are not aware of the outcome; they would like to make it known that this is a continuing problem, which should be addressed.

18/18 **Village sign:**

Cllr Sharples is liaising with the contractors. He suggested that the sign be unveiled by children from the parish on the 1st May and that this ceremony should form part of the Annual Parish Meeting. This proposal was welcomed and it was suggested that the meeting start earlier, at 6.30pm.

19/18 **Finance**

- a) *Management report to 31st December:* noted and approved.
- b) *Receipts and expenditure for November and December:* the expenditure of £5542.04 for the period was noted and approved.
- c) *Bank reconciliation: statement to 31/12/17:* noted
- d) *Budget for 2018/19:* Members agreed that the Council's precept request should remain at £22,460, supported by the Local Council Tax Support Scheme of £1841, and approved the budget for the coming year.
- e) *Internal audit:* the internal auditors interim audit report will be circulated on receipt.

20/18 **Clerks report**

Annual Litter pick: this will take place on the 24th March, starting at the village club at 10.30am and finishing with soup and rolls at mid-day. It will be combined with a cemetery working party.

21/18 **Councillors business:** *for noting or including on a future agenda*

1. Cllr Sharples referred to the obstructive lighting at Eastbury Manor. The Clerk confirmed that this had been reported to GBC Enforcement.
2. Cllr Sharples proposed that all members and the Clerk circulate a report in the middle of the month where there is no council meeting, in order to ensure that projects continue to move forward. This was agreed and the Clerk will administer the format of the report.

22/18 **Correspondence:** *to be noted*

None had been received.

23/18 **Dates of meetings:**

Full Council:	21 st March
	16 th May
Annual Parish Meeting	1 st May.