



COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Compton Parish Council, held on

Wednesday 21st March 2018 at 7.00pm

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

Present: Cllrs P Graham, R Nagaty, K Patel, C Sharples, E Terry
1 member of the public

In attendance: Alistair Burtenshaw
The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

24/18 **Election of meeting Chairman:** Cllr Graham was elected as meeting chairman, proposed by Cllr Sharples, seconded by Cllr Patel, all in favour

25/18 **Apologies for absence** were received from Cllr Bradley

26/18 **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.

27/18 **Minutes of Parish Council meeting January 2018:** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman, after the following amendment:
07/2018.2: the road will be closed for 12 weeks, not 1.

28/18 **Matters Arising**

To consider any matters not dealt with by the agenda

21/18a: Lighting at Eastbury Manor: the obtrusive lighting was no longer being used.

21/18b: bi-monthly report: the report was distributed to all councillors, with the minutes of the January meeting, in mid-February.

29/18 **Councillor co-option**

Members agreed the co-option of Emma Terry to the Parish Council, having previously seen her CV and heard a short presentation.

Proposed by Cllr Sharples, Seconded by Cllr Graham, all in favour. Cllr Terry joined the meeting.

30/18 **Report from County Cllr:**

Cllr Furniss had hoped to attend the meeting, but was delayed.

31/18 **Report from borough Cllrs**

No report had been received, but Cllr Parsons had undertaken to answer questions from members.

32/18 **Report on police and crime statistics:** 7 crimes in were reported in Compton January, as follows: 1 violence and sexual offences in Priors Close; 2 drugs crimes in Down Lane; 1 anti social behaviour and 1 criminal damage at Street end of Down Lane; 1 anti social behaviour at Fowlers Croft; 1 violence and sexual offences at Spiceall.

Members noted that the police headquarters at Mount Browne were to close and re-locate to premises between Leatherhead and Dorking. The Guildford police station will remain open.

33/18 **Report on Local Plan: Annex 1**

A report had been received from Mrs Stephens, as follows:

- a) **Local Plan timeframe:** The Public Examination of Guildford's Local Plan is due to begin at 10am on June 5th in the Council Chamber, Millmead House, Millmead, GU2 4BB. Programme Officer Chris Banks has been appointed to ensure that the examination process is carried out soundly and fairly. If anyone has any questions about the process, Chris can be contacted at:

bankssolutionsuk@gmail.com. Tel: 01903 783722; Mobile: 07737 786425

The Inspector is expected to publish Matters, Issues and Questions, plus guidance notes for participating in the hearings (including the procedure for submitting written hearing statements), at the end of March/beginning of April. A hearings programme will be issued at the same time.

- b) *Article 4 direction granted in Wanborough:* The Council has now reversed its decision not to grant an Article 4 Direction to the fields west of Blackwell Farm at Wanborough, which are currently being sold off to property investors. Lead Councillor for Planning Paul Spooner invoked an emergency Article 4 Direction on the land as of 12 Feb 2018 for six months, but this will lapse unless further action is taken by GBC.
- c) *£81m loan to build student residences* Guildford Borough Council has voted to borrow £81m for the purpose of building student housing for the University of Surrey. GBC aims to help accelerate the University's growth by 4,000 students.
- d) *Waverley Local Plan:* The Waverley Local Plan Inspector's Report was published on February 1. Given that Guildford's Local Plan will be presided over by the same Inspector, there are a number of key points in this report worth noting:
- The Inspector opted for a 25% increase in land supply above the demographic need to improve 'affordability'. This means that the number of dwellings per annum (dpa) in Waverley will increase from 396 to 495. It is the Government's belief that over-building will reduce prices. However, this is debatable, and would depend on house builders releasing land banks and building houses quickly, which would be counter to their shareholders' interests.
 - He obliged Waverley to take half Woking's shortfall, ie 83 dpa over Waverley's plan period.
 - He added a further 12 dpa to allow for migration from London.
 - The Inspector decided that green belt policy was completely overridden by the need for housing.
 - Landscape designations, eg Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Areas of Great Landscape Value, are played down in some locations, but not in others.
- e) *Solum development:* The contentious redevelopment plans for Guildford Station (Solum), which were rejected by Guildford Borough Council and town-centre residents groups, have been approved on appeal. The development will provide 438 new homes and 1,877 sqm of new offices.

Criticism of the scheme was widespread, and focused on the scale of the buildings, the impact on adjoining infrastructure, and disregard of the Guildford Vision Group's proposed new east-west crossing of the River Wey, which would relieve congestion in the town centre.

Following legal advice, the council has decided against trying to overturn this decision through a judicial review (which would have to demonstrate that due process had not been followed).

- f) *RGP:* Following the publication of additional transport evidence, the Green Balance/Local Plan Sub-Committee have submitted a series of technical questions to traffic consultant RGP. We are awaiting a quotation for the cost of addressing these questions. It is not anticipated that this will be significant.

- a) *Down Lane:* Following a site meeting, we are waiting for a scheme to be presented to

improve pedestrian safety when crossing the road close to the Gallery.

SCC are happy for a replacement surface to be laid on the strip designated for pedestrians but they have no current funding available.

- b) *Speed & Volume Checks in the Street:* Following the failed first attempt, G John Surveys have just reinstalled tubes across the road close to the Green. They will be there for a month and we should have results by the end of April.
- c) *AQMA - Traffic Pollution:* As part of the consultation process, GBC have asked for comments on their proposed suggestions to mitigate the pollution effect in the Street and I will be preparing, in conjunction with the occupants of the three properties involved, a reply on behalf of the Traffic Committee. This will be circulated to Parish Councillors before it is submitted to GBC.
- d) *Average Speed Cameras:* As expected, the initial response from the Police was not encouraging but Cllr Furniss is having further discussions on this topic. We will not let this subject drop, particularly as this a clear way of helping with the AQMA problem.
- e) *Accidents in the Street close to the Harrow:* Following the report to the last meeting, I can confirm that SCC have now placed an order for marking the kerb more clearly and putting a SLOW sign on the road. This work is scheduled to be carried out between April and June 2018.

35/18 **Members report: allotments and environmental projects:**

- a) *Ditches at allotments:* the Clerk and Cllr Sharples will meet with the handyman to look at the job of clearing the ditches.
- b) GBC parks department have done a lot of work around the Green and have removed all the Ash trees.

36/18 **Members report: youth and recreation**

- a) The Clerk reported that the chains for the swings would be replaced shortly, and that they would be made slightly shorter.
- b)

37/18 **Members report: Watts Gallery and Cemetery**

- a) *Cemetery Committee meeting:* will take place on Thursday 22nd March, deferred due to bad weather.
- b) *Family activities at Limnerslease:* the Gallery are organising regular, family orientated, art based activities, which will cost in the region of £7,000 pa to run. He proposed a 'golden ticket' for each family in Compton, so that they would have free access, and requested funding support from the Parish Council. **Agenda item:** May meeting.
- c) *Environmental controls:* the Gallery are working on controls such as managing waste water .
- d) *Gravestone:* members noted that the white marble gravestone in the cemetery was not new, as had been thought, but had been cleaned.
- e) *Chapel:* the lighting is in the process of being replaced, which has transformed the chapel.
- f) *Conservation work:* conservation students were scheduled to start some low level conservation work in the chapel the following week. It would be possible for members of the public to stand at the door and look it, but likely that the Chapel would be completely closed over Easter.

38/18 **War Memorial:** The Clerk continues to liaise with the War Memorial Trust.

39/18 **Members report: planning:**

Cllr Graham reported that, during the period since the last full Council meeting, there had been two tree applications, two appeals against refusals and three new planning applications. Physical Energy has been approved. Mr Burtenshaw hoped that the statue would be put in place in the summer.

40/18 **Members report: village hall:**

Cllr Graham reported that the committee was due to meet the following week. He was aware that they wished to re-visit the issue of parking in the village and it was agreed to organise a working party to discuss this in more depth.

- 41/18 **Village sign**
Cllr Sharples reported that the sign will be in position for unveiling on the 1st May. It was agreed that he, Cllr Bradley and the Clerk would liaise on arrangements for the event, which would be combined with the Annual Parish meeting. Cllr Sharples reported that he had been promised some funding towards the costs, which was welcomed.
- 42/18 **Finance**
a) *Management report to 28th February:* noted and approved
b) *Receipts and expenditure for January and February:* the expenditure of £8417.88 for the period was noted and approved.
c) *Bank reconciliation: statement to 28/2/2018:* noted and approved.
- 43/18 **Clerks report**
a) *Annual Parish meeting:* to take place on 1st May. The sequence of events would be as follows: unveiling of village sign by the children of the parish, hopefully accompanied by Morris Dancers to lead parishioners from the Club and to dance at the sign. Return to the Club for short speeches from County and Borough Councillors, an update on traffic and parking, and refreshments.
b) *Litter pick:* the Clerk updated members on arrangements for this event, to take place on the 24th April. A cemetery working party would take place at the same time
c) *Handyman:* the Clerk gave a short resume of Mr Holloway's work for the last month.
d) *GDPR:* the Clerk updated members on the forthcoming legislation and the need to take steps to secure data. Documentation will be tabled for approval at the Annual meeting.
- 44/18 **Councillors business:** *for noting or including on a future agenda*
No further matters were raised.
- 45/18 **Correspondence:** *to be noted*
None has been received.
- 46/18 **Dates of meetings:**
Annual Parish Meeting 1st May
Annual meeting 16th May

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm