



# COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH OF COMPTON

### Local Government Act 1972

Minutes of a meeting of Compton Parish Council held on

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 7.00pm**

In **Pucks Oak Barn** for the transaction of the under mentioned business.

**Present:** Cllrs A Burtenshaw, P Graham, J Palca, C Sharples.  
Cllr R Nagaty at 9pm  
Patricia Kaczmarek, Carless Adams,  
3 representatives from Robertsons Nursing Home  
8 members of the public

In attendance The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

1. Members received a presentation from Carless Adams, Architects, on proposals for a replacement nursing home on Robertsons Nursing Home site.
  2. The Avenue: residents were not in favour of a 30mph speed limit and wished it to be changed to access only. This would be possible if the junction at New Pond Road/Binscombe was improved. It was agreed to organize a site meeting with Cllr Matt Furniss.
  3. Parking at the entrance to Spiceall: cars are parked on the corner, dangerously. The Clerk to discuss deterrents with Highways.
  4. Willow stump on the Green: this is an eyesore and should be removed.
  5. Roadside of the Green: work needs to be done to improve this area and deter traveler access.
  6. a bin is needed at the entrance to the footpath by the junction with the allotments, Polsted Lane and Withies Lane.
  7. The water main by the phone box is sinking.
  8. There is a pothole at the top of the bridge.
- 001/20 **Election of Chairman:** Cllr P Graham, Proposed by Cllr Sharples, Seconded by Cllr Palca, all in favour.
- 002/20 **Apologies for Absence:** had been received from Cllr Nagaty and Cllr Patel.
- 003/20 **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Burtenshaw declared a pecuniary interest as Director of Watts Gallery.
- 004/20 **Minutes of November full council meeting:** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
- 005/20 **Matters Arising:**
- a) *Air Quality:* Cllrs Burtenshaw and Graham had met to discuss, not only air quality in the village, but how it could be publicised to those passing through the village that it is a rural area and should be treated as such. Members discussed signs, traffic calming, islands in the road, speed limit written on the road and extra signs at the entrance to the village. Cllr Sharples will take this forward. The Clerk will contact Colin Davis, Surrey Hills advisor, to ascertain his charges for a meeting in the village.
  - b) *Electric vehicle charging points:* the only realistic place would be Watts Gallery, but it is not accessible 24 hours a day, which is a requirement.
  - c) *Annual Parish meeting:* Clean Air to be discussed.
- 006/20 **Reports from County Cllr:**  
None received.

007/20 **Report from Borough Cllr R Nagaty:**

*Tabled later in the meeting:*

- a) Pond Farm has been selling Christmas trees.
- b) 'Future Guildford': GBC is issuing a number of redundancies and a lot of experienced people will be leaving.
- c) The Chinthurst Farm proposal for 28 houses had been refused.
- d) Limnerslease: Cllr Nagaty is helping an investigation into the high level of rates that they are paying.
- e) Slyfield: the proposal is to move the sewage works and clean the land for affordable housing.
- f) Cllr Nagaty is speaking to Highways about access to Blackwell Farm and widening of the A3.
- g) Travellers: Cllr Nagaty reported that Hendrick Jurk is completing the work to the bund at Shaford and will then turn his attention to Compton.

008/20 **Report on police and crime statistics:** 9 crimes were reported in November: 1 anti social behaviour at Spiceall; 1 violence and sexual offences at Almsgate; 3 other theft at Fowlers Croft; 1 vehicle crime and 1 violence and sexual offences at Eastbury Lane; 1 burglary at Compton Heights; 1 public order at Down Lane.

The Clerk has written to the Borough Inspector.

The Clerk has advised residents, through the News of the theft of post.

009/20 **Members Report: local Plan: Annex 1**

- a) *Donation:* £15 received from a local resident. This was noted with appreciation.
- b) *Ockham Parish Council:* members decided not to give a token contribution towards their appeal.
- c) *Result of Legal Challenge:* Mrs Stevens will be asked to write a piece for the News, to advise residents of the outcome.
- d) The Parish Council will support Mrs Stevens letter to Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

010/20 **Members Report: Highways:**

1. AQMA

The new traffic order prohibiting a right turn from the Street into Down Lane came into force just before Christmas. The only current signage is just a small road sign on the Down Lane side of the Street and traffic is not noticing this and is continuing to turn right. I understand that the new large sign scheduled for the opposite side of the Street will not be in place until mid-February. I am still waiting for a diagram setting out the detail of this planned sign. Members agreed that the proposed sign is totally inappropriate in a conservation area, and is also very unclear. It needs to be smaller and clearer.

2. The Avenue

- 2.1 The Godalming end of the Avenue is part of Waverley and I understand that when SCC had a recent site meeting with Waverley Borough Council concerning the plan to make the Avenue "No vehicles except for access", Waverley objected and this means that the original plan cannot now proceed. The reason they objected was that they do not want to send more traffic to have to navigate the dangerous junction that is Binscombe and New Pond Road.
- 2.2 Waverley then suggested reducing the speed limit in the Avenue from the national limit to 30mph and Surrey seem keen on this. As the Avenue is unlit, that would mean many "30" repeater signs being installed. The police have said that they would support a 30mph limit although they will not have the resources to enforce it.
- 2.3 I have suggested to SCC (Bahram Assadi) that immediate steps to improve the Binscombe / New Pond Road junction should be a priority and that I could not see any sense in spending money to put a 30mph limit on the Avenue as I did not think this would have any real impact on either the number of vehicles using that road or their speed. Also, having a lot of traffic signs in a very rural road would be unsightly.
- 2.4 I would prefer to see this money go towards a solution to the problem of the Binscombe / New Pond Road junction. If this junction can be improved, then perhaps we could subsequently get Waverley's support to look again at making the Avenue a "No vehicles except for access" road.
- 2.5 I was asked if 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 above was the Parish Council's view and I explained that I would be proposing this at the next Parish council meeting. Could Bahram please be contacted when the Parish Council has discussed this and agreed the way forward.

Members agreed that they would support points 2.3 and 2.4.

Cllr Burtenshaw reported that the proposed markings on the pedestrian strip in Down Lane had not yet been done, and were due by the end of the October 2019.

011/20 **Members Report: Allotments and Environment**

- a) *Bunds in Shalford*: Cllr Sharples noted that the Borough Cllrs had said that they had arranged these bunds, and asked that they be requested to help with further bunds in Compton.
- b) *Litter pick*: 14th March, 2020.

012/20 **Members Report: youth and recreation**

The new swing seats and fence panel have been installed and an application made to the County Cllrs allowance for their cost and for installation.

013/20 **Members Report: Watts Gallery and Cemetery**

- a) **Annex 4**: report from Gallery director
  - i. Cllr Burtenshaw tabled pictures of the work done to the Chapel roof. A display will be put together for the APM. It had been possible to use existing tiles for the roof, both ones that had been taken off and cleaned, and also ones stored elsewhere in the cemetery. It will be necessary to arrange for a roofer to remove new growth from the roof every 3 to 5 years.
  - ii. The next step is work to the Cloisters.
  - iii. Internal work will be carried out later in the year
  - iv. The Clerk will advise the Gallery how many interments, on average, are carried out each year, and how many have a service in the chapel.
- b) **Cemetery committee**: minutes of the December meeting: noted.
- c) **Agreement**: A meeting to be arranged, The Clerk will circulate possible dates.
- d) **Chapel path**: following a site meeting and report from a local undertaker, a path was installed on the right of the chapel.

014/20 **Members Report: Planning:**

*One Application for Tree Works has been submitted* since the last report for the meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> November 2019:

Coneycroft farm: application to fell 6 hawthorns and trim Oaks and Sweet Chestnuts in a wood (Badbarrow Hill), following an application for earlier work last quarter, which was approved. The operation is essentially maintenance.

The application last quarter by Eastbury Manor to dismantle the fallen limb of a tree with a TPO behind the house was deemed not to require permission.

*Two Planning Applications have been submitted since our last meeting in November, both within a conservation area.*

One is for a double garage to replace a single one (Compton Glebe), the other for a garden shed (Puttocks Cottages, Withies Lane). I have no objections to either, from the Parish's perspective.

015/20 **Members Report: Village Hall:**

Cllr Graham reported that the village hall committee had met in December and resolved from henceforth to meet 4 times a year instead of 6, as better communications have lessened the necessity for face to face meetings.

016/20 **Clerks Report**

- a) *Annual Parish meeting*: this will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.
- b) *Phone box*: additional uses: it was agreed that consideration will be given to this.

017/20 **Finance**

- a) **Annex 8**: Schedule of income and payments November and December: Members approved a total outlay for the period of £27,421.14.
- b) **Annex 9**: *Management report to end December 2019*: noted.
- c) **Annex 10**: *Bank reconciliation to end December 2019*: agreed.
- d) **Annex 11**: draft budget and precept request for 2020/21. Members agreed the draft budget and a 10% increase in precept request, with a total precept for the coming year of £27176. Proposed by Cllr Graham, Seconded by Cllr Sharples, all in favour.

018/20 **Councillors Business: any further business arising from the meeting, to be noted or dealt with on a future agenda**

- a) Bus shelter at the A3 end of the village: Watts Gallery suggested taking it on, to use for their publicity. Cllr Sharples would prefer it to be used for village purposes, as it is a village

asset and was restored by village volunteers.

019/20 **Correspondence:**

a) *Surrey Hills Management Plan 2020-2025*

020/20 **Dates of meetings:**

*18<sup>th</sup> March*

*Annual Parish meeting: 1<sup>st</sup> April*

*Annual meeting: 20<sup>th</sup> May*

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.