



COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of **THE ANNUAL MEETING** of Compton Parish Council held on
Thursday 6th May at 6.00pm
By Remote Access for the transaction of the under mentioned business.

Present: Cllrs A Burtenshaw, D Haskins, S Mallet, R Nagaty, J Palca, C Sharples
In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

- 40/21 **Election of Chairman:** Cllr Palca, Proposed by Cllr Haskins, Seconded by Cllr Sharples, all in favour.
- 41/21 **Apologies for Absence:** were received from Cllr Saunders. Apologies were also noted from County Cllr M Furniss and Borough Cllr C Blow.
- 42/21 **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Sharples declared an interest in agenda item 55/21 as he is employed by the Gallery.
- 43/21 **Election of Vice Chairman:** this position remains vacant.
- 44/21 **Appointment of Member's responsibilities:** members agreed that positions should remain as present:
Local Plan: Cllr Nagaty, working with Mrs Graham and Mrs Curtis.
Highways: Cllr Haskins
Allotments and Environment: Cllr Haskins
Youth and Recreation: Cllr Saunders
Watts Gallery and cemetery: Cllr Burtenshaw
Planning: all members
Village Hall: Cllr Sharples
A new responsibility, that of communities, was added and this role will be taken by Cllr Mallet.
- 45/21 **Dates of future meetings:** members reviewed and agreed the current meeting date structure: bi-monthly meetings, from January, meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at 7pm.
- 46/21 **Minutes of Meeting held 17th March 2021:** These were agreed.
Cllr Palca's internet connection was poor and members agreed that Cllr Mallet should take the chair for the remainder of the meeting.
- 47/21 **Matters Arising:**
25/21: *Neighbourhood Plan:* a meeting will be arranged with Burpham shortly, followed by a public meeting in the early autumn, as outlined below.
25/21: *Annual Parish Meeting:* members agreed to hold this in the early autumn in order to be able to hold it in public, in view of the subject matter: potential Neighbourhood Plan.
33/21c: *Cemetery agreement:* no further action at present, although the agreement should still be reviewed at some stage.
33/21d: *noticeboard outside gallery:* to be investigated
36/21: *Gilbert White and Compton:* nothing further to report at this time.
- 48/21 **Reports from County Cllrs:**
No report had been received.
- 49/21 **Report from Borough Cllrs:**
Cllr Nagaty reported as follows:
a) *Local Plan:* it appeared this had been based on the wrong statistics. The Managing Director at GBC was asked to agree to request that GBC is involved in the review into the Office of National Statistics. Full Council had agreed that a consultant be engaged to review the Local Plan.
b) *Normandy Parish Council:* Cllr Natagy had been involved with the Council as a Borough Councillor, as the Council was inquorate and was put into special measures as a result.
c) *A3:* Our MP had raised the issue of the A3 and the need for improvements. The University want to defer any action for a year while they re-draw the plans. GBC have asked their consultant to negotiate with the university.
d) *A31:* the speed limit is to be reduced to 40mph.

- e) *Monkshatch*: work has started today on fencing, Cllr Nagaty has reported this to Enforcement.
- f) *Wanborough Fields*: enforcement action is being taken on a number of plots.
- g) *Farm adjacent to Pewley Down*: the owner had died and the farm had been put on the market, split into 4 or 5 lots. A local resident is trying to buy it in order to save it.

50/21 **Report on police and crime statistics:** 4 crimes were reported in March: 2 in Priorsfield Road: 1 public order and 1 other theft; 1 public order on The Street; 1 anti social behaviour at Almgate. It was agreed to ask the new Police Crime Commissioner to work on better communications with Parish Councils.

51/21 **Members Report: local Plan:**

Mrs Stevens report had been circulated and was noted. It was agreed to write to our MP pointing out the position of Compton if the A3 is widened. Although the village has an AQMA, people are encouraged to join and leave the A3 at Compton.

Boundary review: Cllr Nagaty reported that it was likely that the number of councils would remain the same, but there would be some significant changes.

52/21 **Members Report: Highways:**

Cllr Haskins advised that there was nothing to report, but that data was still being collected.

53/21 **Members Report: Allotments and Environment**

a) *Work to allotment entrances:* this is in hand, being delayed by the poor weather. Members discussed the rodent problem, the Clerk will discuss with the allotment committee.

b) *Litter pick 27th March:* this had been very successful, despite the lack of the usual social contact or lunch. A vote of thanks was recorded to Nick Palmer for all the work he puts into this day, from clearing the A3 slip road with a band of volunteers to collecting rubbish bags from around the parish. A token of thanks was Proposed by Cllr Haskins, Seconded by Cllr Sharples, with all in favour.

54/21 **Members Report: youth and recreation**

a) *Gate spring:* a replacement spring is expected

b) *Playground safer surfacing:* The Clerk is undertaking site meetings and estimates will be tabled at the next meeting.

c) *Posts around Green:* the village handyman is replacing the rotten posts and re-aligning the posts on the Spiceall boundary.

d) A request has been received to put a bouncy castle on the green for a birthday party. Members agreed not to allow this, as our insurance would not cover it.

e) A request has been received for a bench by the basketball court. Members agreed not to allow this, as it was considered an inappropriate place to site a bench.

55/21 **Members Report: Watts Gallery and Cemetery:**

A meeting of the Cemetery committee has been arranged for 19th May at 2pm

56/21 **Members Report: Planning:** applications and decisions since the last meeting were noted.

57/21 **Members Report: Village Hall:** bookings are slowly coming in, the hall is well run and managed.

58/21 **Finance**

a) Schedule of income and payments to end of financial year had been circulated and were noted. It was agreed to place some funds in allocated reserves, for projects and traffic calming issues. Members also discussed the potential costs of a Neighbourhood Plan. The Clerk advised that funding was available through grants.

b) *Management report to end March 2021* was noted.

c) *Standing orders:* members reviewed and approved the Council's Standing Orders. Proposed by Cllr Haskins, Seconded by Cllr Mallet, all in favour.

d) *Financial Regulations:* members reviewed and approved the Council's Financial regulations. Proposed by Cllr Haskins, Seconded by Cllr Mallet, all in favour.

e) *Internal Audit:* this is scheduled for the 20st May. The Clerk advised that it would be necessary to hold a meeting in June to approve the Annual Governance and Accounts Report, which must be approved by the 30th June.

59/21 **Councillors Business:** *any further business arising from the meeting, to be noted or dealt with on a future agenda*

a) Cllr Haskins advised that he is in the process of moving to Gosport but intended to serve on the Council until the next election

60/21 **Correspondence:**

a) *Letter of thanks from Kent Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance for the recent grant of £200*

61/21 **Dates of meetings:**

June meeting to agree the AGAR: to be arranged

July meeting: 21st July, 7pm.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.