



COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Local Government Act 1972

Minutes of an EXTRAORDINARY meeting of Compton Parish Council held on
Tuesday 11th June 2024 at 7.00pm
In Pucks Oak Barn for the transaction of the under mentioned business.

Present: Cllr S Mallet (in the chair), Cllrs K Hecker-Meschede, R Nagaty, J Palca, J Saunders, J Saunders
In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

066/24 **Apologies for Absence:** were received from Cllr S James, who has also now resigned from the Council due to an employment move.

067/24 **Declarations of interest:** *Councillors are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest which they may have in any item of business on the agenda no later than when that item is reached. Unless dispensation has been granted, you may not participate in any discussion of, or vote on, or discharge any function related to any matter in which you have a pecuniary interest as defined by regulations made by the Secretary of State under the Localism Act 2011. You must withdraw from the room or chamber when the meeting discusses and votes on the matter*
Cllr Nagaty declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 069/24b as a neighbour of the proposed development.

068/24 **Finance**

- a) *Internal Auditors report:* members noted the auditors report and the actions recommended. There was only one, that the reserves are high and should be considered at the budget setting stage for next year.
Cllr Palca pointed out that our Financial Regulations stipulate that a bank reconciliation should be verified on an annual basis. Also that no members would be able to involve themselves in the budget discussion if they were 2 months in arrears with their council tax. This was noted.
- b) *Annual Governance Statement:* members considered and responded to the statements as set out, in conjunction with the internal Auditors report. Proposed by Cllr Mallet, Seconded by Cllr K Hecker-Meschede, all in favour.
- c) *Accounting statements 2022/23:* approved in conjunction with the Internal Auditors report. Proposed by Cllr Mallet, seconded by Cllr Nagaty, all in favour.

The Clerk advised that the Annual Governance and Accounting return would now be sent to the external auditor, and members of the public given the opportunity to examine the council's accounts.

069/24 **Planning:**

- a) The Harrow: The Appeal to the refusal of the first planning application has been accepted by the Planning Inspectorate. The Parish Council have objected to the second application.
- b) Solar Farm/Blackwell Farm: Highways England will not submit a decision until after the end of July. The Clerk had not received a response to her letter to Michael Gove, requesting that the application be called in.

070/24 **Playground**

Cllr Saunders is seeking funding for the shortfall.

071/24 **Councillors Business:** *any further business arising from the meeting, to be noted or dealt with on a future agenda*

- a) *Cameras for Compton:* this campaign was started by Fiona Curtis, and thanks were recorded to her.
- b) *Support:* Jeremy Hunt has pledged to do all that he can to achieve Average Speed Cameras for Compton. Cllr Mallet will speak to the Liberal Democrat candidate, Paul

Follows.

- c) *Fatalities*: Cllr Sharples pointed out that there had been 3 fatalities due to road traffic accidents in Compton, and none in Chiddingfold, Bramley or Witley, all of which now had Average Speed Cameras.

072/24 **Dates of next meeting:**
19th July

The meeting close at 20.00.