



COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Local Government Act 1972

Notes of a MEETING of Compton Parish Council

held on **Wednesday 20th November 2024 at 7pm**

At Pucks Oak Barn

For the transaction of the under mentioned business

Present: Cllr S Mallet (in the chair), Cllr R Nagaty.

2 members of the public

In attendance The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

As the meeting was not quorate, these are informal notes . All items are deferred to the January meeting

106/24 Apologies for Absence: were received from Cllrs J Palca and C Sharples

107/24 Declarations of interest: Cllr Nagaty declared a pecuniary interest in all items concerning Blackwell Farm and the Solar Farm

108/24 Minutes of meeting held 8th October: deferred

109/24 Co-Option of a Councillor: deferred

110/24 Matters arising

All matters are covered by the agenda

111/24 Report from County Cllr: not received.

112/24 Report from Borough Cllrs

Spiceall/Almsgate

Catherine recently visited Spiceall and Almsgate with a GBC housing officer after receiving a number of emails from residents concerned about (mainly) parking in the area as well as other activities such as residents running electric cables across the road to get an electricity supply into one of the GBC rented garages.

The roads, pavements and verges belong to Surrey County Council and thus all matters regarding those should be reported to that authority. With regards to the blocking of the garages and the supply of electricity via cables across the road we were able to speak to a couple of residents about this on our visit and we hope that these are no longer problems. If they are please get back in touch with us.

One thing that would be helpful would be for the highways authority (Surrey County Council) to paint double yellow lines on the verges near the garages as vans parking there are preventing vehicles parking in supplied parking bays from getting in and out. It would also be helpful for the parking bays to be marked out. This will need to be requested of SCC.

Guildford Festive Fun Day - 24th November 11am-4pm

This popular event is back with a day of festive activities in the High Street: stalls, giant snow globe, choirs, music etc.

Ward Surgeries

Thursday 21st November @ 11.00 at Seahorse Pub, Shalford

Thursday 19th December @ 11.00 at Seahorse Pub, Shalford

113/24 Members report: **Local Plan**

Mrs Stephen's report, previously circulated to all members, was noted.

114/24 **Highways and Traffic Committee:**

A meeting has been arranged with SCC and Surrey Police to discuss traffic calming and to try to decide on a way forward, on the 6th December. SCC will be asked to outline next actions.

115/24 **Planning:**

- a) List of current planning applications, circulated prior to the meeting, was noted.
- b) *Solar Farm Application:* Currently waiting to hear whether GBC's approval of this application will be called in by the Secretary of State, as requested by the Parish Council, CPRE and MP Jeremy Hunt. Cllr Mallet had spoken at the GBC Planning meeting and his comments are attached to these notes. A statement had been made to the Guildford Dragon.
- c) *Harrow:* no updates had been received.

116/24 Members report: **Allotments and Environment** : *Cllr Sharples*

No report had been received.

117/24 Members report: **Youth and Recreation:** *The Clerk*

The Clerk is currently putting together an application for funding from Your Fund Surrey.

118/24 Members report: **Watts Gallery and Cemetery**

- a) Cllrs Mallet and Palca will meet with the Clerk to review the Gallery Agreement on the 28th November.
- b) Report from Mr Herbert on cemetery data project had been circulated and was noted.
- c) Report from the Clerk had been circulated and was noted.

The Clerk recommended that the whole Council meet at the Cemetery in the early spring to look at the project on the ground, which would facilitate understanding of the complexity of the work.

119/24 **Finance**

- a) Schedule of income and payments to end October, payments amounting to £7,745.49 was noted and approved.
- b) *Management report to end October:* noted and approved
- c) *Bank reconciliation to end October* verified against the bank statement by the Chairman.
- d) *Interim Audit Report:* Circulated prior to the meeting. Members noted the one comment, that the bank statement should be signed as well as the bank reconciliation, and thanked the Clerk for a good interim audit.
- e) *Draft Budget 2025/26:* members noted that the Clerk had not yet received the Band D equivalent figures and that the budget could not therefore be agreed until the January meeting, even if this meeting had been quorate. It was agreed to investigate the impact of setting aside £5,000 for a Neighbourhood Plan, £10,000 for planning and £6,000 for projects. The Cemetery data project costs will be met from this, and also from reserves if necessary.

120/24 **Back up strategy for website and cemetery records database:** date to be agreed for meeting.

121/24 Councillors Business: any further business arising from the meeting to be noted or dealt with on a future agenda.

No further matters were raised.

122/24 Date of next meeting: 15th January 2025

The meeting closed at 20.00.