



COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Compton Parish Council held on

Wednesday 16th March 2022 at 7.00pm

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

Present: Cllrs S Mallet, J Palca, J Saunders

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

A one minute silence was held in support of the people of Ukraine.

- 023/22 **Election of Chairman:** Cllr Palca, Proposed by Cllr Saunders, Seconded by Cllr Mallet.
- 024/22 **Apologies for Absence:** were received from Cllrs A Burtenshaw, R Nagaty and C Sharples. Apologies were also noted from County Cllr M Furniss.
- 025/22 **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Saunders declared an interest in Agenda item 038/22 as a member of both the Fete and the Jubilee committees.
- 026/22 **Minutes of Meeting held January 22:** these were approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
- 027/22 **Matters Arising:**
Public Forum: Green Canopy: the subject of a hedge at the front of the Green has been discussed with GBC but no decision has been made by them.
92/21 Traffic Calming: A date for the working party has been agreed as the 30th March at 7pm.
005/22: Housing needs survey: this has been delivered to all households
017/22: Your Fund Surrey: a declaration of intent to apply has been submitted
Footpath sign nears the Harrow: this has not yet been removed. Cllr Saunders undertook to deal with it.
- 028/22 **Clerks Report.**
- a) *Litter Pick Saturday 12th March:* this had been very successful as usual, with a very good turnout and good weather. A number of volunteers had stayed for soup and rolls after, which is always enjoyable. Thanks were recorded to the Clerk for organising this.
 - b) *Annual Parish Meeting: 20th April:* the Clerk set out the proposed timetable: the supper will be in the tea rooms, the APM in the Gallery. She proposed that people gather for a glass of wine at 7pm and move to the meeting at 7.30pm.
The meeting will consist of:
 - i. A brief resume of the parish council year
 - ii. Presentation on traffic calming: initial proposals
 - iii. Presentation on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan
 - iv. Discussion about proposed refurbishments and additions to the playground
 - v. A Gallery updateTo take roughly an hour. Then back to the tea rooms for supper and networking.
 - c) *New Access at church:* Rev'd Julian Hubbard had written to advise the Council of the plans to re-open the north door at the church in order to provide a level access. The current door has steep steps inside and is therefore unsuitable for wheelchairs, pushchairs and those with disabilities. Members agreed to discuss a grant for this work under the Finance section of the agenda
 - d) *Surrey Air Ambulance:* had written requesting a grant towards their work. Members agreed

to discuss this under the Finance section of the agenda.

- e) VAS: Nicholas Palmer had written to recommend that two of the three VAS in the village be taken out of service, leaving the hard wired one in the centre of the village. He was now the only person trained to change the batteries and in his view he and David Haskins had collected sufficient data over the years to make further collection unnecessary. Members agreed that volunteers should be sought at the APM and, if none came forward, that the VAS be sold to another parish. Grateful thanks were recorded to Nicholas Palmer for all he does in the parish.
- f) *Petsearch*: Nick Palmer had run with this scheme for some years, but it was now hardly ever used. He would ask his group of volunteers if anyone wanted to take it over, if not he would disband it.

029/22 **Report from County Cllr:**

No report had been received. The Clerk would remind Cllr Furniss of the missing 30mph sign on Priorsfield Road.

030/22 **Report from Borough Cllrs:**

No report had been received

031/22 **Report on police and crime statistics:** members were referred to the Surrey Police website. The Clerk will check the link.

032/22 **Members Report: local Plan:**

Members noted the report and the response to the Boundary Review. Thanks were recorded to Mrs Stevens for all her work and support, which was recognised as being invaluable.

033/22 **Members Report: Highways and Byways**

- a) *No Right Turn at Downs Lane*: to be included in the traffic calming discussions.
- b) The traffic calming working group will meet shortly and will report at both the Annual Parish Meeting and the next Council meeting.

034/22 **Members Report: Allotments and Environment**

No report had been received.

Members discussed the barbed wire on the footpath on the left side of Polsted Lane. The Clerk would ask the Gallery and Little Polsted for their view on ownership of this land.

035/22 **Members Report: youth and recreation:**

The following was agreed:

- a) To meet with play equipment companies for ideas.
- b) To re-investigate outdoor gym equipment, and a potential table tennis table

035/22 **Members Report: Watts Gallery and Cemetery:**

- a) Members noted the Gallery report.
- b) *Cemetery Committee*: meeting date to be finalised
- c) *Physical Energy*: members continue to support the placing of the statue at the side of the A3.
- d) *Grave in cemetery*: The Clerk will establish the ownership of the inappropriate grave and contact the family.

036/22 **Members Report: Planning:**

Members reviewed current applications and had no comments.

037/22 **Members Report: Village Hall**

No report had been received.

038/22 **Platinum Jubilee:** Cllr Saunders reported as follows:
Plans are in progress for a picnic on the Green from 12pm to 4pm. There will be bunting, family games, some form of catering and bar. A band is planned and the Mayor has been asked to attend. Cllr Saunders is working with a local resident who has strong connections with G Live and will support the provision of a band and a sound system.

039/22 **Finance**

- a) Schedule of income and payments: members noted and approved the payments for the period of £2236.40
- b) *Management report:* was noted and approved
- c) Bank reconciliation: was noted and approved.
- d) *Reserves:* Members approved the following payments from reserves:
 - i. Church: £3,000 for the new disabled access
 - ii. Jubilee Celebrations: £1,500. If not needed, this will be re-directed to traffic calming measures.
 - iii. Surrey Air Ambulance: £250
 - iv. Ukraine: £2,000, if legally allowed. The Clerk is seeking advice. Members would prefer funds to go to local projects rather than a large charity.

Allocated reserves:

- i. Playground: £5,000. The bulk of funding to come from external grants
- ii. Traffic calming: £15,000. The CVA have promised funding for this project as well.

040/22 **Councillors Business:** *any further business arising from the meeting, to be noted or dealt with on a future agenda*

Two church projects were discussed:

- a) *Singing at Christmas:* Julia Mullet is holding discussions with the Rector about carol singing with local involvement. There may be a funding request.
- b) *Opening of the new door:* a fund raising celebratory concert is planned.

041/22 **Correspondence:**

None had been received.

042/22 **Dates of meetings:**

17th May.

Annual Parish Meeting: 20th April: Watts Gallery

The meeting closed at 20.30.