



# COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of Compton Parish Council, held on  
**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 at 7.00pm**  
At Pucks Oak Barn for the transaction of the under mentioned business

**Present:** Cllrs A Burtenshaw, P Graham, R Nagaty, K Patel, C Sharples  
Cllr Furniss  
4 members of the public  
**In attendance:** The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

## Public Session:

1. Cars in field at Ponds Farm: Cllr Furniss advised that enforcement action had been taken the previous year and there is a charge on the land, but it is owned in trust, which makes enforcement of this charge complicated. A QC is now examining the papers in the hope of finding a resolution.
2. Parking at the Royal Surrey: It was agreed that the charges are excessive and it was suggested that a letter be written to the chief executive.
3. Fly tipping: it was noted that if this is on private land, it is the landowner's responsibility.
4. Parking: two recent funerals, followed by a wake at the village club, had caused parking issues.
5. Willow on Green: concern was expressed about the state of one of the willows next to Spiceall. The Clerk confirmed that she had raised this matter with Mr Jurk on more than one occasion.
6. Harrow: it was noted that the Thai Restaurant at the Harrow had now closed.

## AGENDA

- 20/19 **Election of meeting Chairman:** Cllr Graham, Proposed by Cllr Nagaty, seconded by Cllr Patel, all in favour.
- 21/19 **Apologies for absence:** all members were present.
- 22/19 **Declarations of interest:** .  
a) Cllr Nagaty declared a pecuniary interest in the proposed Blackwell farm development as he is a neighbour.  
b) Cllr Burtenshaw declared a pecuniary interest in Watts Gallery, as Director.
- 23/19 **Minutes of Parish Council meeting January 2019:** these were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
- 24/19 **Matters Arising**  
To consider any matters not dealt with by the agenda  
a) *Posts on grass verge:* this work has been completed.  
b) *Removal of waste bins outside the Bowling Green:* a request to take bins inside properties was included in the Newsletter. Cllr Furniss advised that the Borough Council had removed the offending bins.  
c) *Time Capsule:* deferred  
d) *Communications: Facebook:* deferred  
e) *Annual Parish Meeting: 10<sup>th</sup> April:* members agreed the content and speakers as follows:  
Theme: The Future of Compton  
Speakers: Fiona Curtis on the Local Plan; Cllr Graham on the Parish Council; Ken Miller on Traffic and AQMA; Cllr Burtenshaw on the Gallery.  
The clerk will arrange a series of boards on local issues, for residents to add their comments.  
The Clerk will arrange refreshments.  
f) *Litter pick Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March:* this had been very successful, with the best number of volunteers ever and a substantial amount of rubbish collected. As usual, the Borough Council had been slow to collect this.

- 25/19 **Report from County Cllr:** Cllr Furniss reported as follows:
- a) The Avenue: it has been agreed that the Avenue will have a vehicle prohibition, based on the type of vehicle.
  - b) SCC budget: SCC is gradually achieving a balanced budget.
  - c) An additional £12m has been agreed for a winter weather programme, with an additional £8m in the current year.
  - d) Cllr Furniss had recently been appointed to the cabinet for Highways.
  - e) Cllr Furniss will have £5,000 in the new financial year to spend on community projects. He also expected to have a small amount for highways elements, split between roads and paths and bridleways.
  - f) Members discussed the pedestrian marking on Down Lane, which had broken away as a result of poor workmanship. This had been reported.
  - g) Village signs: Cllr Sharples reported that these are in a poor condition. It was agreed to ask the Shere clerk for information on their gateways, which Cllr Furniss would arrange to have costed up.
- 26/19 **Report from borough Cllr:** Cllr Furniss reported on behalf of Cllr Parsons as follows:
- a) Local Plan: this was currently in the second round of inspection, the Inspector has declared the Plan fundamentally sound. Members discussed their concerns at the volume of new housing and the issues this would cause for traffic and general infrastructure. GBC had built a 40% increase on the ONS figure of 330 houses pa, agreeing instead of 462 pa.
  - b) The Borough Council has been successful with funding, and has £53m for the Slyfield area regeneration.
- 27/19 **Report on police and crime statistics:**  
Cllr Sharples expressed concern at the increased criminal activity in the parish. It was agreed to invite the police to a parish Council meeting to discuss this in more depth.
- 28/19 **Report on Local Plan: Annex 2**
- a) *Local Plan sub committee report:* this had been circulated prior to the meeting and the contents were noted and accepted by all present. Attached to the minutes.
  - b) *Annex A:* members **resolved** to discuss the contents of this annex in closed session, due to the confidential nature of the report.
- 29/19 **Members report: highways: Annex 3**
- a) *Oak posts for repeater signs:* SCC would replace repeater sign posts with oak posts, if funded by CPC. Members agreed to explore the funding of posts, at approx. £80-£90 each.
- 30/19 **Members report: allotments and environmental projects:**
- a) *Litter bins:* the clerk had received a request for consideration of litter bins at the end of Spiceall and/or close to the entrance of the woods by the allotments. Members agreed to explore this.
  - b) *Promotion of village shops, businesses, etc:* by signage and other advertising. The Clerk would ask the Club what they would find useful.
- 31/19 **Members report: youth and recreation**
- a) *Zipwire:* Grant funding from GBC iro £7,000. Total cost iro £20,000. Members agreed not to proceed until the total costs of challenging the Local Plan are understood.
- 32/19 **Members report: Watts Gallery and Cemetery**
- a) *Minutes of meeting 1<sup>st</sup> March: Annex 4*
  - b) *Spiritual energy:* Cllr Burtenshaw reported that discussions are progressing well and it is hoped that it will be in place by the end of July.
  - c) *Cemetery:* The Gallery have been successful in obtaining £40,000 of funding for restoration work and are still fund raising.

- 33/19 **Members report: *planning:***  
Cllr Graham reported that there had been no controversial planning applications over the last two months: two applications for tree work, one for renovation work for an old cottage, to bring it to 21<sup>st</sup> century standards.
- 34/19 **Members report: *village hall:***  
Cllr Graham reported that, following the departure of two trustees from the village, the village hall committee were seeking new trustees and hoped to have identified possible candidates.
- 35/19 **Finance**  
a) *Management report to 28<sup>th</sup> February:* this was noted and agreed.  
b) *Receipts and expenditure for January and February:* the total expenditure for the period of £2601.28 was noted and agreed.  
c) *Bank reconciliation: statement to 28/02/2019:* noted and agreed.
- 36/19 **Councillors business: *for noting or including on a future agenda***  
No further matters were raised.
- 37/19 **Correspondence: *to be noted***  
a) Guildford Environmental forum newsletter
- 38/19 **Dates of meetings:**  
Parish Council: Annual Meeting: 16<sup>th</sup> May  
  
Annual parish meeting 10<sup>th</sup> April.
- 39/19 **EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**  
In accordance with the provisions of Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (admission to Meetings) Act 1960 members agreed that the press and public be excluded from the meeting by reason of the confidential nature of the business to transacted: Local Plan, options

39/19 **Options for appointment of barrister to support Parish Councils at a potential legal challenge to the Guildford Local Plan:**

Members considered the paper presented by Mrs Stevens as Annex A to her report, and agreed to the following recommendation:

The Local Plan sub-committee recommend commissioning Richard Kimblin QC to assess whether the Parish Council has grounds for a legal challenge. Although Dr Kimblin is at the top end of the Parish Councils agreed budget for this work, the subcommittee believes that they have secured one of the top QCs in the country, who specialises in Planning and Highway matters, for a reduced price.

Compton Parish Council **agreed** that, once the Planning Inspectors Report has been published, they would instruct Dr Kimblin to consider whether the Parish Council has a case for a judicial review. The cost of this appraisal will be £2,500. Worplesdon Parish Council has indicated that it would be prepared to contribute up to £2,000 for this initial study.

**Proposed** by Cllr Burtenshaw, **Seconded** by Cllr Graham, all in favour.