



COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

PARISH OF COMPTON

Local Government Act 1972

Minutes of a **MEETING** of Compton Parish Council held on
Wednesday 7th December at 7.00pm
for the transaction of the under mentioned business.

Present: Cllr S Mallet (in the chair), Cllrs R Nagaty, J Palca, J Saunders, C Sharples
In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

- 113/22 **Apologies for Absence:** were received from Cllr Burtenshaw
- 114/22 **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Sharples declared an interest in agenda item 125/22, as an employee of the Gallery.
- 115/22 **Minutes of Meeting held October 2022:** these were approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
- 11622 **Matters arising**
Public session: Parking at Spiceall: this matter has been referred to GBC housing department, who have not yet commented.
Matters arising: Withies Pond: Cllr Sharples advised that he is taking action in this respect and will report when appropriate.
Aircraft noise: the agreed increase in aircraft noise has been reported to the relevant action group.
- 117/22 **Land acquisition in Compton:**
Members received a verbal report on the site visit carried out the previous month by councillors and the Clerk. It was agreed to go ahead with the acquisition, subject to legal advice, which had so far been supportive. Proposed by Cllr Mallet, Seconded by Cllr Palca, all in favour.
- 118/22 **The Harrow:**
Members received and noted a report on the meeting with Brookmead Trust, carried out by councillors and the Clerk, when they were shown detailed plans of the Trust's proposals. In addition to converting the building which had previously been a public house, the Trust had outline plans to build on the car park at a later date. Those who had attended the meeting were of the view that the plans for the conversion of the pub seemed in keeping and appreciated that the Trust were happy to engage with the Parish Council and to discuss their proposals.
- 119/22 **Reports from County Cllr:**
No report had been received.
- 120/22 **Report from Borough Cllrs:**
Cllr Nagaty reported as follows:
a) The Liberal Democrats now lead the Borough Council.
b) Debenhams: 185 flats are proposed, with 5 affordable. The current building is to be demolished, with the materials to be taken out by Broadford Bridge. Cllr Nagaty had suggested that it would be preferable to take them out by barge.
c) Plans for the North Street development will be made public in January.
d) Town Centre Master Plan: this will involve the town centre gyratory system. Current proposals include stopping the A281 at Millbrook car park and using Portsmouth Road instead to access the town and the A3, or accessing the A3 through Compton. Another option is to re-configure the gyratory system.
- 121/22 **Members Report: local Plan:** members received and noted the report from Mrs Stevens and recorded their thanks to her.
- 122/22 **Members Report: Highways: Cllrs Saunders and Sharples**
Nothing had been heard from Cllr Furniss. The proposed plan for traffic calming was deferred in November and there has been no update.
Members noted that the marking on the road advising of no right turn into Down Lane was misleading.

- 123/22 **Members Report: Allotments and Environment: Cllr Sharples**
Members discussed the untidy approach to the village from the A3 and agreed to ask the village caretaker to spend a day cutting back vegetation, hedges and trees.
- 124/22 **Members Report: youth and recreation: Cllr Saunders**
Upgrade to playground: Cllr Saunders will produce a draft plan for discussion.
He reported that the mended spring on the gate is holding up well.
- 125/22 **Members Report: Watts Gallery and Cemetery: Cllr Burtenshaw**
The Clerk will draw up terms of reference for a new cemetery committee and convene a meeting. Cllr Saunders Proposed that Cllr Palca take the role of Chairman, Seconded by Cllr Mallet. All in favour.
- 126/22 **Planning:**
Fowlers Croft: Cllr Nagaty will call this application into the Planning Committee at GBC.
- 127/22 **Parish Climate Action initiative**
Nothing to report, but to remain on the agenda.
- 128/22 **Finance**
a) Schedule of payments to end November circulated prior to the meeting and the spend of £5,940.68 for the period of September to November was noted and approved.
b) *Management report to end November* noted and approved.
c) *Bank reconciliation to end November* noted and approved
d) *Draft budget 2023/24* circulated prior to the meeting. Members noted that the number of Band D equivalent dwellings had decreased from 484.71 to 484.45 but agreed to keep the precept at the same level, of £26,873 . This would increase the impact on Band D equivalent from £55.44 per annum to £55.70, an increase of 26p.
e) VAS: the Clerk will seek quotes.
- 129/22 **Financial Risk Assessment: recommendation:** members approved the draft, circulated prior to the meeting.
- 130/22 **Councillors Business: any further business arising from the meeting, to be noted or dealt with on a future agenda**
a) *Dead tree at Spiceall:* members agreed the following:
i. To ascertain if the contractor is SCC approved.
ii. To agree the quotation to remove the tree
iii. To query and clarify the cost of replacing the tree.
- 131/22 **Correspondence:** None received
- 132/22 **Dates of next meeting:** Wednesday 18th January 2023
- The meeting closed at 20.30 hrs.