



COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a **MEETING** of Compton Parish Council held on
Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 7.00pm
for the transaction of the under mentioned business.

Present: Cllr S Mallet (in the chair), Cllrs A Burtenshaw, R Nagaty, C Sharples
County Cllr M Furniss (to agenda item 008/23)
3 members of the public
In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

Public Session: United Charities of Compton: Mr Foran advised that it had been planned to wind the Charity up, as it had been very hard to find suitable beneficiaries, but now the Trustees had agreed to continue, and to use the charity to support children at the local school. The Clerk had applied to the Henry Smith charity for additional funding.

001/23 **Apologies for Absence:** were received from Cllrs J Palca and J Saunders

002/23 **Declarations of interest:** non pecuniary declarations of interest were made by Cllrs A Burtenshaw and C Sharples in respect of agenda item 013/23 Watts Gallery.

003/23 **Minutes of Meeting held December 2022:** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

004/23 **Matters arising**

128/22e: Speed Activated Device: a quote had been circulated but it was agreed that Average Speed Cameras were the better option and it is understood that they will be included in the SCC Highways specification.

Trees at Spiceall: the SCC approved contractor has been authorised to remove the trees and grind the stumps. The Clerk is seeking alternative quotes for 3 new trees and received a budget approval of up to £500 for the purchase of trees, subject to agreement on the species and size.

005/23 **Land acquisition in Compton:**

Mr Palmer offered to show the land to members of the Council who had not yet visited.

Cllr Nagaty, Cllr Sharples and the Clerk had visited and reported that it was a lovely piece of land, well managed by Mr Palmer and the farmer who grazed stock there, and would be a valuable acquisition for Compton.

The Clerk is in communication with solicitors in this respect.

006/23 **The Harrow:**

It was understood that the plans are online at GBC, but the Clerk has not been notified of the application and so it is not on the agenda for tonight's meeting. Some neighbours of the Harrow are concerned. The Clerk will establish the whereabouts of the application and report back.

007/23 **Reports from County Cllr:**

- a) *Bus consultation:* this has been completed, with a few thousand people taking part, All bus fares are capped at £2.00 per journey until the 31st March. On the 1st April a new half price for under 20 year olds comes into force for the next 3 years. SCC were also looking at introducing a bus on demand service for rural areas and it is hoped that this will be rolled out in the next financial year.
- b) *Community allocation:* Cllr Furniss would receive his new community allocation of £5,000. A higher amount of £50,000 is to be introduced, to be used for capital projects.
- c) *Speed surveys:* this will take place in Down Lane and the B3000 in April/May. This is part of the lead up to road and traffic improvements. A possible 20mph speed limit is being considered for Down Lane
- d) *Traffic Calming:* the Compton scheme has been approved and the design is currently with Place Making. From April onwards feasibility studies will be undertaken together with public

consultation, before the scheme is rolled out. The total cost is in the region of £1m.

- e) *Average Speed Cameras*: these will be included in the scheme. The Clerk will investigate costs. Mr Palmer said that existing posts could be used.
- f) *Down Lane*: there is a dip at the side of the road. Cllr Furniss confirmed that the SCC team would deal with it, and look at other issues in Down Lane at the same time.
- g) *Harrow*: If the scheme is approved, Cllr Furniss will ask for consideration of road safety to be taken into account.
- h) *Bus Shelter at Watts Gallery*: the feasibility of this is being considered.

008/23 **Report from Borough Cllr:**

- a) *Compton Air Quality*: this is still over 40, Other measures will be introduced.
- b) *North Street Development*: the plans were voted down by Council.
- c) There is a new Head of Planning at GBC.

009/23 **Members Report: local Plan:**

No report had been submitted this month.

010/23 **Members Report: Highways: *Cllrs Saunders and Sharples***

All items addressed under the County Cllrs report.

011/23 **Members Report: Allotments and Environment: *Cllr Sharples***

The village caretaker trimmed back the foliage from the roundabout down to Down Lane, and cleared the 'no right turn' sign in December

012/23 **Members Report: youth and recreation: *Cllr Saunders***

- a) *Upgrade to playground*: members agreed that residents need to be consulted about extra equipment, adult exercise equipment, and safer surfacing, and this could be done at the Annual Parish meeting, if designs were received by then.
- b) *Coronation*: it is likely that this will follow the same pattern as the Jubilee celebrations, with a big screen to watch the coronation in the morning and a picnic in the afternoon. Cllr Saunders would be asked if he would take this on again.

013/23 **Members Report: Watts Gallery and Cemetery: *Cllr Burtenshaw***

- a) *Gallery Report*: had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- b) *Physical Energy*: the findings of the new consultation had been released and a planning application submitted for the proposed new site, within the grounds of the Gallery. Cllr Burtenshaw will keep the Parish Council informed and thanked Cllr Furniss for his work as Chair of the project committee.
- c) *Cemetery Committee Terms of Reference*: it was agreed that these should be discussed in a Cemetery committee meeting and the revised ToR re-circulated for approval at the next meeting.

014/23 **Planning:**

The new planning applications were noted, with no objections. Members were concerned at the potential plans for Eastbury Manor, currently for sale. Cllr Mallet undertook to investigate.

015/23 **Parish Climate Action initiative**

It is understood that the Club are investigating solar panels.

016/23 **Finance**

- a) Schedule of payments to end December circulated prior to the meeting and the expenditure of £3,092.70 was noted and approved
- b) *Management report to end December* circulated prior to the meeting.
- c) *Bank reconciliation to end December* circulated prior to the meeting
- d) *Internal auditors*: members approved the appointment of Mulberry and Co as Auditors for 2023/24.

017/23 **Clerks Report**

- a) *Council elections May '23*: The Clerk reminded members that the Parish Council term ends at the beginning of May and that elections will be held on the 4th May. All members will need to stand if they wish to remain on council and there will be an election if there are more applicants than seats. She will advise the timetable when it is available.
- b) *Annual Parish Meeting*: it was agreed to hold the APM at the village club, using the same format as before, with a meal and the club to provide the bar.

Content:

- i. Traffic calming proposals: SCC will be asked to attend, to address concerns.
 - ii. Playground proposals
- c) *Litter pick*: to take place on the 11th March, starting at 10.30 and finishing at 12 with soup, at the Club.

018/23 **Councillors Business:** *any further business arising from the meeting, to be noted or dealt with on a future agenda*

- a) The Footpath next to the Harrow: the footpath sign has been turned around. Cllr Sharples undertook to deal with this.

019/23 **Dates of next meeting:** Wednesday 15th March 2023

The meeting closed at 8.