



COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Compton Parish Council held on

Wednesday 19th January 2022 at 7.00pm

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

Public forum:

- a) *Hedge at Spiceall*: Cllr Sharples had talked to the owner of the adjoining property, who had agreed to cut the hedge to between 6 to 8ft when the ground conditions are suitable. The Clerk will now write to the owner and thank him for his help, but also ask him if the hedge could be cut to 6ft rather than 8ft. It was agreed to take future arrangements a step at a time.
- b) *Green*: David Hunt was unhappy about the front of the Green, where the grass is not cut in order to conserve wildflowers. In his view, it was just messy. He hoped that it would be cut in plenty of time for the fete in May.
- c) *Jubilee Plans*: As the Village Association is heavily involved in the fete, they hoped that the Parish Council will take on the arrangement of a picnic on the Green on the 5th June. Cllr Saunders and a member of the public present at the meeting agreed to liaise.

Members also discussed the Queen's Green Canopy and agreed to explore whether it would be possible to plant a hedge at the front of the Green, to take the place of a ditch and bund. The Clerk will discuss this with GBC Countryside and Parks department.

- d) *Footpath by the Harrow*: the Clerk confirmed that the illegal diversion has been reported to SCC Countryside Access and that, in the meantime, the existing footpath is being strimmed by our handyman. The handyman will be asked to remove the footpath diversion sign.

Present: Cllrs A Burtenshaw, S Mallet, R Nagaty, J Palca, J Saunders, C Sharples
5 members of the public

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

- 001/22 **Election of Chairman:** Cllr Palca, Proposed by Cllr Sharples, Seconded by Cllr Nagaty, all in favour.
- 002/22 **Apologies for Absence:** All members were present.
Apologies were received from County Cllr M Furniss and Borough Cllr C Blows.
- 003/22 **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Burtenshaw declared an interest in 014/22 as a Trustee of Wat Gallery. Cllr Sharples declared an interest in 014/22 as an employee. Cllr Saunders is a member of the Fete Committee. Cllr Nagaty lives near the development site.
- 004/22 **Minutes of Meeting held November 2021:** approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
- 005/22 **Matters Arising:**
Hedging at Cypress Farm: discussed in the Open Forum. The Clerk will write to the owner, as

agreed.

Housing Needs survey: Approved, but noted that Waverley has been used in the text rather than Guildford and needs to be changed.

91/21 Neighbourhood Plan: an article in the next Compton News will ask interested parishioners to get involved.

92/21 Traffic Calming: a meeting will be held shortly. It was suggested that William Bagnall be asked to join the working group, as he has been very involved in traffic issues for some time now.

- 006/22 **Clerks Report:** Members agreed that the spring litter pick should be held on Saturday 12th March. The Clerk will provide soup and rolls, as happened before the pandemic.
- 007/22 **Report from County Cllr:** No report had been received.
- 008/22 **Report from Borough Cllr:**
Cllr Nagaty reported as follows:
- a) *AONB Boundary Review:* The Local Plan team have put in a submission. Individuals have also been asked to get involved.
 - b) *Development Management Policies:* these are up for consultation, forming part of Part 2 of the Local Plan.
 - c) *Town Centre Master Plan:* is under discussion. A developer wishes to build a 10 storey block of flats on the Debenhams site, Historic England have objected.
 - d) *City Status:* Guildford have applied. There are reasons for and against being a city. It may attract more businesses, although the town's historic status probably does that, but it may also attract more development. It was noted that Surrey does not have a city.
 - e) *Unitary Authority:* discussions are taking place with Waverley, and possibly another borough, to put together an arrangement to avoid one unitary authority for the whole of Surrey.
- 009/22 a) **Report on police and crime statistics:** members were referred to the Surrey Police website
- 010/22 **Members Report: local Plan:** thanks were recorded to Karen for her helpful note on the AONB boundary review.
- Members agreed that the Local Plan sub committee should be asked to examine the latest Development Management Policies and prepare a response reiterating any points made by the Parish Council in the Regulation 18 consultation which may have been overlooked or disregarded.
- Cllr Nagaty advised that GBC have appointed specialists to look into the review of the Local Plan. The Clerk was asked to write to surrounding Councils to ask for support.
- 011/22 **Members Report: Highways and Byways:**
It was noted that the 'no right turn' to Down Lane is not clear. A site meeting to be arranged to view this situation.
- 012/22 **Members Report: Allotments and Environment**

Nothing to report at present.

- 013/22 **Members Report: youth and recreation:** The Clerk reported as follows:
- a) *Surfacing in the playground:* the Clerk and handyman have discussed the surfacing, most options are very expensive, a solution is still being considered. met, the handyman will revert with proposals.
 - b) *Posts:* the handyman will replace the broken and missing posts
 - c) *Basketball area:* the handyman will tidy up the area.
- 014/22 **Members Report: Watts Gallery and Cemetery:** Members noted the Gallery report. Cllr Burtenshaw advised that Christmas had been hard, as people had been worried about Covid and had not come out. He recorded thanks to his staff and volunteers for their extra work over that period.
- Bench is being used by school and community groups. Cllr Burtenshaw recorded thanks to Cllr Sharples and his team for their work to enhance that area, among others.
- Members discussed the inappropriate memorials in the cemetery and agreed to take this to a cemetery meeting. The cemetery rules should be re-visited, and stone masons reminded of them. Cllr Sharples requested that there be headstones only in Zone 5, and no kerbs.
- Cllr Sharples will obtain quotations to reduce the Yew trees, as outlined in the report by Cathie Welch. It was noted that this work would require a faculty, and probably permission from GBC. Members discussed the suggestion that it would be better to deal with all the Yews at one time, rather than one at a time as had been suggested, but it was agreed to defer this matter to a recommendation by the Cemetery committee.
- 015/22 **Members Report: Planning:** Members agreed to support the application for work at St Nicholas church.
- 016/22 **Members Report: Village Hall:**
- a) It was agreed that the pantomime had been very good and was well supported.
 - b) The village hall management committee had applied for a grant. If they were successful, they would use the funding to subsidise regular users.
- 017/22 **Your Fund Surrey**
Members agreed to seek funding for improvements to play area and adult exercise equipment.
- 018/22 **Platinum Jubilee:** David Hunt advised that the Village Fete would be two weeks before and consequently the CVA would not want to be involved in any arrangements for the Jubilee weekend. He suggested that the Parish Council might consider organising a picnic on the Green. Cllr Saunders and Nick Wyschna (Guildford Fringe) will work together on this.
- 019/22 **Finance**
- a) Schedule of income and payments: Members noted the outlay for November and December 2021 of "2,319.86
 - b) *Management report* circulated and noted
 - c) Bank reconciliation circulated and noted:
 - d) *Draft budget for 2022/23* Members agreed that the precept request for 2022/23 should remain as at 2021/22, due to the difficult time that so many residents were experiencing during the pandemic. The precept request of £26,873 was proposed by Cllr Sharples, Seconded by Cllr Mallet, all in favour.

- 020/22 **Councillors Business:** *any further business arising from the meeting, to be noted or dealt with on a future agenda*
No further matters were raised
- 021/22 **Correspondence:**
none had been received.
- 022/22 **Dates of meetings:**
15th March, 17th May.
Annual Parish Meeting: 20th April, at the Gallery. To invite a speaker from the Police and Crime Commission and to discuss the proposed Neighbourhood Plan, Traffic Calming and the Playground
- The meeting closed at 9 pm.