

COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**MINUTES OF MEETING OF COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN COMPTON
VILLAGE HALL ON WEDNESDAY 14 JULY 2010 - 7.30pm**

**Councillors: Fiona Curtis (Chairman)* Carolyn Maslin*
Marian Williams (Deputy Chairman)* Kanak Patel
Martin J Foran * Mark Bills
David Haskins***

**P C Nick Sharpe & Sgt John Clark from the Surrey Police Roads
Policing Unit (RPU) based at Chertsey (part time)**

(* attended meeting)

**Apologies for absence: Kanak Patel, Mark Bills, Chris Sharples
(member of public)**

**In attendance: Mrs Maryon Lordan (Parish Clerk)
Approx 2 members of the public**

9148 Minutes of the last Meeting held 12 May 2010

The Minutes of the above meeting were approved and the Chairman signed them as a true record.

9149 Matters Arising from the Minutes

There were no matters arising.

**9150 To receive reports from Borough and County Councillors and Neighbourhood
Police Officer**

- a) P C Nick Sharpe told the meeting that the Neighbourhood Team continue with speeding enforcement in Compton. To date this year, they have stopped 29 vehicles for driving-related offences including speeding, driving while using a mobile phone, driving without a valid licence and/or insurance, expired tax discs and not using a seatbelt. A recent spate of theft from vehicles including laptops, prompts reminder to public to leave nothing on display in vehicles.
- b) Police Surgery – PC Nick Sharpe asked whether Compton would like to consider ‘Street Surgeries’? The Council felt this could be viable. To liaise with PCSO Lloyd Voller. **FC**

9151 Speed Restrictions/Traffic Calming

9151 a) HGVs – It has been noticed that HGV’s that previously avoided the B3000 have made a comeback through the village. Sgt John Clark said that drivers do not look at road signs; they only read their SatNavs. The Clerk was asked to put an item in Compton news to ask residents to make a note of any sightings, and to pass these to any member of the Traffic Committee. **ML**

9151 b) Compton Traffic Committee have published a *Post Questionnaire Update* which is distributed with this edition of the News. Cllr Williams recorded a vote of thanks to the Traffic Committee, for putting together such a comprehensive Questionnaire, and to all the residents who have assisted by taking the time to comment and send the forms in.

9151 c) Community Speed Watch Cllr Haskins showed Councillors a schedule for 3 teams with 1 team leader each. There are now 15 people trained. CSW operates weekly at present. The next training session is 2nd August and 4 new people registered. CSW, together with PC Redfern, are investigating other positions of operation in Compton.

9151 d) Priorsfield School – PC Nick Sharpe advised to ask P C Matt Redfern if this location was a possibility for routine CSW or a pupil-led CSW project. The traffic committee are awaiting confirmation from the school bursar, as to whether the latter might be possible.

9151 e) Puttenham PC – Were asking for support in their campaign to close the Layby on the Hogs Back, as it was due for renewal by SCC. (Re reports of anti-social behaviour affecting the school and residents who back onto this site). The Clerk was asked to write to Mr David McNulty, EO, SCC, supporting Puttenham's request. Police Sergeant John Clerk from The Road Policing Unit in Chertsey confirmed that the police had no issue with the proposal to close the lay-by. **ML**

9152 **Planning**

09/P/00363 – Appeal Monkshatch Garden Farm Cllr Curtis said she had been advised that a Certificate of Lawful Use had been granted on 28 June 2010. The Planning Inspector had considered all evidence and on balance had come down in favour of Mr Hunt having used the building as a dwelling for more than 4 years. However the Inspector said there is no evidence of the land being used as a garden. Whether this is pertinent or not, GBC could not comment.

9153 **Recreation Ground & Playground**

The Clerk said she had received a call from a resident in Spiceall requesting a football net to be placed on the existing post on the green. It was thought that the post and the basketball ring were not the property of the Parish Council. In principle, Councillors voted 3-2 in favour of supplying nets. Suggest:

i) contact Farncombe Boys to see whether they had re-usable nets/posts. **ML**

ii) instigate a Youth Project ; possibly donations could be sought from Landfill Tax ? The Chairman said she would look into the situation. **FC**

9154 **Allotments -**

a) Cllr Maslin is reviewing the Agreement that CAA had with the Parish Council, on a recent issue raised by Mr Roger Musson, internal auditor. Mr Ken Miller said he (KM) is looking into this on behalf of the Parish Council. KM will liase with CM and the Clerk. **ML**

- b) The allotments were doing extremely well this year, and a new breed of pigs had been introduced.
- c) Wanborough Art Group will be meeting in July for a day's painting.

9155 Watts Chapel & Cemetery

9155 a) *Brochure* – Cllr Williams thanked Fiona Curtis and Jane Turner for producing a new brochure for the Chapel. This was to be charged at £1 per copy which was good value for 4-page colour.

9155 b) *New Area* The Chapel now has a 'niche', developed from the electricity recess, with brochures, postcards and a sample copy of Mark Bills new book 'Watts Chapel'. It was agreed to install a notice indicating further copies could be bought at The Gallery Shop. The collection box on the wall would be suitable for all payments. Cllr Williams asked councillors to visit the Chapel and pass on their comments to her.

9155 c) *The Symposium* was considered a success; however funding had not reached expectations at the present time. Donation requests had reached out to a lot of people. Cllr Williams thanked Jonathan Mackie (Volunteer at The Gallery) and the Clerk for their help on the day.

9155 d) *Zone 5* Cllr Williams said the Cemetery Committee would concentrate on the development of Zone 5 during the next six months.

9155 e) *Cemetery Plan* The Chairman thanked Cllr Haskins for agreeing to take on the cemetery management project on behalf of the Parish Council. Cllr Haskins confirmed that this would involve digitising the map and transferring information currently on paper records onto one easy to manage, secure, electronic record. The time scale for completion is likely to be around April 2011
DH

9156 United Charities - nothing to report

9157 Village Hall - nothing to report

9158 Financial Matters

9158 a) *Income & Expenditure Account* The balance sheet together with cheque detail to 12 July 2010 was presented, (previously emailed) and Councillors approved the figures. Balance at bank was £9,327 current a/c and £4,700 deposit a/c.

9158 b) *Internal Audit 2009-10* The Clerk confirmed that Mr Roger Musson, internal auditor, had approved the Annual Return 2009-10. This had now been submitted to the external auditor, BDO Stoy Hayward to meet the required deadline of 25 June 2010. The Councillors recorded their thanks to Mr Ken Miller for his assistance in preparing the Annual Return 2009-10.

9158 c) *Internal Auditor's Conclusions* Mr Roger Musson's 'Internal Audit Report 2009-10' had been Emailed to Councillors, and a further detailed report on *'Matters Raised by Internal Auditor' would be circulated before the next Council meeting. *(with these Minutes). The Chairman and the Clerk to discuss, in detail, the second report.
FC/ML

9158 d) Recommendation Councillors recorded their thanks to Mr Roger Musson for his expertise and time given to the internal audit. It was noted that Mr Musson made no charge for his services. The Clerk was asked to write a letter of thanks. **ML**

9158 e) Retrospective Salary Increase Clerk April 2009 - In accordance with the revised scales for local council clerks published by NALC, there had been an increase of 10p per hour. The Council approved this new rate. Cllr Foran said he would review the Caretaker's salary in accordance with the national minimum wage. **MJF**

9158 f) Grant Aid 2011-12 The Clerk reminded Councillors that ideas for new projects should be submitted in time for the September meeting. **ML**

9158 g) CPC Finance Regulations It was agreed to add a further clause (3.3) regarding 'authorisation for minor purchases'. **ML**

9159 Other Business

a) Compton Common – Clearance Cllr Haskins said he had spoken to residents in the vicinity of Withies Lane and there were no problems. The work will commence in the Autumn. There are plans to run a workshop with people who are interested.

b) Compton Village Sign - The Chairman produced a model of a design submitted by Mr Chris Lovell for a village sign. The exact location would need to be discussed but the favoured location was on or near the village green. The final version would be in Oak and terracotta. The estimated cost was £11,200. Funding would have to be found for this project. Cllr Foran agreed to manage this project.

c) Village Map A suggestion to produce a colour version of a village map was put forward, to go alongside the village sign.

d) Sponsorship It was agreed to look at this possibility for the above two projects.

e) Surrey Minerals Plan The Clerk handed Cllr Haskins details of 'Submission of Documents to the Secretary of State and the Consultation' which begins on 25th June and ends on 6th August 2010. Subsequently a meeting has been arranged on July 28 in Shackleford, which Cllr Haskins has agreed to attend. **DH**

f) Film Location in Compton - The Chairman showed the Councillors an article in a Surrey Newsletter, showing how location film work can earn money. She asked for approval to investigate further possibilities at VILLAGE HALL/ALLOTMENTS/CHAPEL. Providing the individual committees agree, the Councillors were in agreement to sign up. **FC**

9160 Items for August COMPTON NEWS

- * Crime News – PC Nick Sharpe
- * Telephone Kiosk – last call for its future
- * HGVs in village – ask public to report sightings

- * Post Questionnaire – thank Traffic Committee for their hard work.
- * Thanks to Compton Speed Watch; request more volunteers.

9161 To note dates (all Wednesdays at 7.30 pm) of future Council meetings:

15 September 2010

17 November 2010

The Meeting closed at 9.45pm