

Compton Parish Council

Planning Report for CPC Meeting 20th May 2020

In March, Two Applications for Tree Works had been submitted since the previous report for the meeting on 15th January 2020:

The Limes: Reduce two yews at the side and fell one ash at the front of the property: now approved.

Cedar Glen, Down Lane: Felling an ash, and a small number of other trees. Although in a conservation area, for which reason the landowner must make a Planning Application, no reasons have to be given, and none were given. Reasons only required if the trees have a Tree Protection Order: now approved.

Since then:

Coneycroft farm: fell one Eucalyptus and one Cherry (conservation area): now approved.

Broadbridges Cottage: fell 3 weak or dead trees: now approved.

I had no objections to any of these works.

In March, One Planning Application had been submitted since the previous meeting in January:

30 Spiceall: to demolish existing side and rear extensions and rebuild larger single storey side and rear extensions. The new build will be almost invisible from the public highway, pre-application advice has been taken into account, and so I have no objections from the Parish's perspective: now approved.

3 Fowler's Croft: Applicant appealed against GBC's refusal of Planning permission for a single storey side extension and porch. The appeal has been dismissed (refused).

Previous Applications:

Application for a garage at Compton Glebe is currently withdrawn.

Applications to erect a summerhouse at 2 Puttocks Cottages, Withies Lane, and for tree maintenance at Coneycroft Farm have both been approved.

Since then:

Monkshatch Cottage: to replace tile hanging with render, change fenestration, and other work. Personally I don't much like the proposal, but have no real grounds for objection.

Village Hall report

The Village Hall Committee met on 9th March, and resolved to refund booking fees in full if coronavirus forced cancellations. At that time, it was felt this would have relatively small impact on Village hall funds, and would be appropriate for a charity providing a service.

The chairs, which are upholstered, are to be cleaned, as some are stained.

A new kitchen floor covering will be laid this week (March).

Matt Furniss to be asked whether the footpath in front of the VH and Harrow can be re-laid level to avoid buildup of slippery silt; a VH visitor suffered a bad fall there recently.

Since then:

1. Last meeting 9 March; next 8 June with AGM;
2. PC needs to elect trustee/representative or confirm existing;
3. VH has been closed, effectively, as the nature of booked activities doesn't lend itself to distancing.
4. Uniquefruit have been using the Village Hall as a depot, and paying hire charges.
5. Offer of £10K from GBC to offset losses and expenses is being discussed: most in favour.

Pete Graham