



COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a **MEETING** of Compton Parish Council held on
Monday 3rd October 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
2 members of the public

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

Open Session

A member of the public had asked if the Parish Council was in a position to help with the green space outside the garages on Spiceall, which is currently a mess. People park on it which turns up the grass and makes it a bit of a mud patch and very unattractive. They requested either some official parking spaces (which there is a lack of) and pave it or attractive bollards around the area and make it into a communal garden. Members agreed that this should be referred to GBC Housing Department for their help.

092/22 **Apologies for Absence:** were received from Cllrs Palca and Saunders

093/22 **Declarations of interest:** Cllrs Burtenshaw and Sharples declared an interest in agenda item 103/22, as employees of Watts Gallery.

094/22 **Minutes of Meeting held 20th July 2022:** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

095/22 **Land acquisition in Compton**

Mr Miller and Mr Palmer explained that the land in question had been acquired by a group of residents to prevent the development of the entire field by a speculator, who had divided the field into lots and sold some of them. As some of the residents were now moving away from the parish, it was agreed that this was now the time to future proof the situation. The group therefore requested that the Parish Council take ownership of the field as a gift from the original group.

Maintenance would continue to be carried out by Mr Palmer, and the tenants with grazing rights.

The Clerk informed members that she had taken legal advice and had been told that this was quite possible, and that the fact that areas of the land are owned by unidentified others does not pose a particular problem.

Members *agreed* to the proposal in principle, subject to a site visit and further legal advice. Mr Palmer would circulate a map of the land. *Agenda item:* November meeting.

096/22 **Matters Arising:**

1. *Withies Pond:* Cllr Sharples: there appears to be blockage in the pipe feeding the pond. Some mediation with residents is ongoing.
2. *Table tennis table:* No report had been received from Cllr Saunders. The Clerk had suggested that all recreation equipment is assessed before any new purchases are made.

097/22 **Reports from County Cllr:** No report had been received.

098/22 **Report from Borough Cllrs:** Cllr Nagaty reported as follows:

1. Joss Bigmore has resigned as Leader of the Council.
2. Town Centre master plan: Cllr Nagaty has major concerns regarding this: the plans for the road in the centre of Guildford will reduce capacity from between 70 and 80%. The plans for North Street are to go ahead. Guildford Residents Association were against these plans.

3. AONB Boundary review: Natural England are due to look at this in October.

099/22 **Members Report: local Plan:** Noted, with thanks as always to Mrs Stevens.

100/22 **Members Report: Highways: Cllrs Saunders and Sharples**

A meeting had been held with MP Angela Richardson. She advised that Cllr Furniss is no longer Lead Councillor for Highways. The new Lead will be engaged in developing a strategy for Compton. It was agreed that the majority of incidents are caused by drivers acting irresponsibly and accepted that a 20mph zone would cause irresponsible drivers to overtake those observing the speed limit.

Members were in favour of Mr Miller's original proposal for average speed cameras and would approach Cllr Furniss in this respect.

MP Angela Richardson had said that she would attend a meeting. Cllr Saunders had undertaken to keep this moving forward. Bahram Assadi, SCC, will be asked to the meeting.

The sub committee will decide how to take this forward

101/22 **Members Report: Allotments and Environment: Cllr Sharples**
Nothing to report.

102/22 **Members Report: youth and recreation: Cllr Saunders**

a) *Spring on gate:* this is now repaired and currently working

b) *Upgrade to playground:* no report was available.

103/22 **Members Report: Watts Gallery and Cemetery: Cllr Burtenshaw**

a) *Watts Gallery and Cemetery:* Cllr Burtenshaw thanked Cllr Sharples and his team of volunteers for their work on the cemetery and the grounds at Limnerslease. He advised that the Sculpture Gallery had been re-worked.

b) *Cemetery liaison:* Cllr Sharples advised that he and the Clerk had agreed to meet once a month to review cemetery and other local issues

c) *Liaison committee:* deferred.

104/22 **Planning:**

Recent planning applications were discussed.

105/22 **Parish Climate Action initiative**

Cllr Mallet advised that Shalford PC intend to form a task group to look at the issues of climate change. He would welcome ideas on how we go forward in this parish.

Cllr Burtenshaw advised that Watts Gallery have a platform on sustainability initiatives. They recognise the need for cycle and footpaths, and more frequent and smaller buses.

106/22 **Village Hall:**

The closure of the Harrow car park is causing issues for the hall.

107/22 **Finance**

a) Schedule of payments to end August was circulated prior to the meeting and expenditure of £2,478.09 was noted and approved.

b) *Management report to end August* noted and approved

c) *Bank reconciliation to end August* noted and approved

d) *External auditors report:* noted and approved the clear audit outcome, with no issues raised. Members noted that all accounting documents are on the website, with an invitation for the public to inspect the accounts. Acceptance of the report Proposed by Cllr Nagaty, Seconded by Cllr Mallet, all in favour.

108/22 **Financial Risk Assessment:** deferred

- 109/22 **Farnborough Airport Noise**
Members considered whether there is any impact of noise, safety, and pollution from the aviation changes at Farnborough airport and agreed that the increase in private jets is a nuisance.
- 110/22 **Councillors Business:** *any further business arising from the meeting, to be noted or dealt with on a future agenda*
No further matters were raised
- 111/22 **Correspondence:** None received
- 112/22 **Dates of next meeting:** Wednesday 23rd November
The meeting closed at 20.25.