



COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Local Government Act 1972

Minutes of a meeting of Compton Parish Council held on
Wednesday 15th November at 7.00pm

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

Present: Cllrs S Mallet, R Nagaty, J Saunders, C Sharples
County Cllr M Furniss
Louise Williams, Rural and Community led Housing Enabler, Surrey Community Action
2 members of the public

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

Hedging at Cypress Farm: residents of Spiceall were in attendance to request the help of the Parish Council with respect to this hedging, which has been allowed to grow to a height where it is excluding light from gardens along the north side of the road at Spiceall. 17 of the 21 residents represented would like to see the hedge reduced to a height of 4 to 6 ft.

Members understood the history of anti social behaviour which had probably led to the farmer growing the hedge, but agreed that it was now affecting the quality of life of residents. The following was agreed:

- a) Cllr Sharples will have a conversation with the farmer to understand if he would be willing to reduce the height of the hedge. Following this, and if required:
- b) The Clerk will write to formally request that the hedge is reduced in height.

Rural and Community Housing: Louise Williams explained that SCA acted as a broker between local communities, the Parish Council, Local Authorities and housing associations, and had attended the meeting to seek the support of the Parish Council to conduct a survey in the Parish. She advised that land supply in Surrey is in very short supply, and that most houses built are executive homes.

Affordable housing is built on rural exception sites, next to the settlement area. These houses are protected in perpetuity and will be given to local people who prove a need. At this time there were seven households in Compton on the housing register and Louise would like to draw up a 3 to 5 year plan for the parish. The initial steps are as follows:

- a) Housing needs survey, sent to every property in the parish. This will help to build up a picture of the need.
- b) Identify a possible source of land.

The survey will be electronic, but also delivered. The Borough Council have found funding for the physical survey, and also for Louise's time.

If it is decided to proceed with a Neighbourhood Plan, it would be helpful to have housing needs research within the plan.

Louise is aiming for February or March of 2022. She will work with the Parish Council to ensure that members are happy with the survey before it is distributed.

All members were in agreement with this approach.

87/21 **Election of Chairman:** Cllr Mallet, Proposed by Cllr Sharples, Seconded by Cllr Saunders, all in favour.

88/21 **Apologies for Absence:** Had been received from Cllr Burtenshaw and Cllr Palca.

Borough Cllr C Blows had also sent apologies.

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Declarations of interest:

96/21 Local Plan: Cllr Nagaty

100/21 Watts Gallery: Cllr Sharples

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Minutes of Meeting held 15th September: agreed by all present as an accurate record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

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Matters Arising:

72/21: Neighbourhood Plan: the Clerk advised that, from research and experience, it was likely to take 5 years to complete a Neighbourhood Plan, with costs in the region of £20,000. There is substantial grant funding, to cover 50% of the costs. She has identified a well respected consultant to help with the process. She will now talk to Artington, who are also investigating this and arrange a meeting of interested parishioners for early in the new year. Cllr Saunders indicated his willingness to join the proposed working party.

72/21 Noticeboard outside the Gallery: the board is a very small one, attached to a bus stop sign, and has not been used in recent years. Members agreed that it should be removed. Cllr Furniss advised that an application could be made for funding for a new noticeboard from his member's allowance.

73/21: Remembrance Sunday: Cllr Mallet advised that the service had been well attended and had gone well. Next year the Council will apply for a road closure. Members also agreed to explore A board signs to use for events, advising motorists of the need to beware of people crossing the road.

84/21 the Harrow: Cllr Saunders advised that he had heard no further following his email correspondence with Star pubs, other than that the security firm had dealt with the alarm. It appears that plans are very vague, with no firmer plans than looking at feasibility, and in the meantime the premises are deteriorating.

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Clerks Report

a) *Bus Shelter at Down Lane:* SCC have decided to reinstate the bus shelter and will put up the necessary signage and a noticeboard. They are grateful that it has been well cared for by the parish in recent years.

b) *Compton Village Association:*

i. *Traffic Calming:* CVA have funds set aside of up to £30,000 to use on village projects spearheaded by the Parish Council, and wish to use this to contribute towards a traffic calming project, subject to proposals. Members considered the following

a) *Average speed Cameras:* a total cost to supply and install of £100,000 to £200,000.

b) *Village gates*

c) *More trees*

d) *Raised table at the Green:* Circa £20,000.

e) *Gates:* 40mph before the gates, 30 after. Recognised as not being popular with everyone.

f) *Whether the purpose is place making or just traffic calming*

Cllr Furniss confirmed that SCC has included on their list all the options listed

by the Compton resident who had walked the parish with Cllr Furniss the previous year. A speed survey will be carried out shortly.
It was agreed to put together a working party of Cllrs Saunders and Sharples, the resident, Cllr Furniss and the Clerk.
It was also agreed to hold a public meeting to decide on the options identified by the working party. Cllr Furniss will attend, with an officer from SCC Highways.

- ii. *Village Fete*: this will take place on the 14th May 2022.
- iii. *Platinum Jubilee*: CVA are considering a picnic on the Green, with entertainment. **Agenda item**: January meeting for further discussion.

93/21 **Report from County Cllr:**

- a) *Your Fund Surrey*: Cllr Furniss reminded members of the funding possibilities for local projects. Members agreed to consider improvements to the play area and adult exercise equipment. **Agenda item**: January meeting.

94/21 **Report from Borough Cllrs:**

- a) *Ancient Woodland*: Cllr Ramsey had raised the matter at GBC that ancient woodlands should not be defined as SANG.

95/21 **Report on police and crime statistics:**

- a) members are referred to the Surrey Police website:
<https://www.surrey.police.uk/area/your-area/surrey/guildford/albury-shalford-compton-holy-trinity-shere-gomshall-peaslake--farley-green/about/crimes-in-area>.
This web page has more information than the statistics page.
- b) *Police and Crime Commissioner*: the PCC or her deputy would prefer to attend an Annual Parish Meeting, where they can also meet as many members of the public as possible. Noted.

96/21 **Members Report: local Plan:**

The report from Mrs Graham had been circulated.

- a) *AONB review*: thanks were recorded to Mrs Curtis and Mrs Graham for their work on this, and their findings were supported.
- b) *Hogs Back beauty evaluation*: this document was noted.

97/21 **Members Report: Highways and Byways:**

- a) *Footpath behind the Harrow*: a response is awaited from SCC, who have agreed to investigate. Cllr Furniss will take this up with the Countryside Team at SCC.
- b) *A3*: the southbound entry to the A3 at Hurtmore is very dangerous. Cllr Furniss confirmed that national Highways know about the issues at this entry point but do not consider it to be dangerous.
- c) *Sandy Lane*: reported
- d) *Sign at roundabout*: Cllr Saunders reported that this is hanging off its fixings.
- e) *Priorsfield Road*: the 30mph sign from the A3 has been removed. The subsequent repeaters are not visible.

98/21 **Members Report: Allotments and Environment**

No new matters to report.

- 99/21 **Members Report: youth and recreation**
- a) *Surfacing in the playground:* the Clerk and handyman have met, the handyman will revert with proposals.
 - b) *Posts:* the Clerk and handyman will discuss the missing and broken posts at the same time.
 - c) *Basketball area:* needs attention. Again for discussion with the handyman.
- 100/21 **Members Report: Watts Gallery and Cemetery:**
- a) The Director's report had been received and was noted.
 - b) *Planters:* Cllr Sharples advised that he had installed planters outside the lychgates, which would help protect the lych gate roof as well as being an attractive addition.
 - c) *Chapel:* Cllr Sharples reported on work to the grounds around the Chapel.
 - d) *Cemetery rules:* these are still awaited from the Gallery and need to include contact details for the Clerk for interments and cemetery business. Enquiries for opening hours for the Chapel should be directed to the Gallery.
- Thanks were recorded to Cllr Sharples for his dedicated work to the Cemetery.
- 101/21 **Members Report: Planning:** noted.
- 102/21 **Members Report: Village Hall:** no actions to report.
- 103/21 **Finance**
- a) Schedule of income and payments from 1st September: the total expenditure for the period of £3577.07 was noted and agreed.
 - b) *Management report to end October 2021:* noted and agreed.
 - c) Bank reconciliation to end October: noted and agreed.
 - d) *Draft budget for 2022/23:* this was discussed and it was agreed to determine the precept for the coming year at the January meeting
- 104/21 **Councillors Business:** *any further business arising from the meeting, to be noted or dealt with on a future agenda*
- a) Cllr Nagaty brought members' attention to the annual Surrey Hills symposium at the University.
- 105/21 **Correspondence:** none had been received.
- 106/21 **Dates of meetings:**
19th January, 15th March, 17th May.
Annual Parish Meeting: to be determined, but agreed to be in April, avoiding Easter.
- The meeting closed at 8.55pm