



# COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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### NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

#### Local Government Act 1972

Minutes of the meeting of Compton Parish Council held on

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> July at 7.00pm**

**At Pucks Oak Barn** for the transaction of the under mentioned business.

**Present** Cllr S Mallet (in the chair), Cllrs R Nagaty, J Palca, J Saunders, C Sharples  
County Cllr M Furniss  
5 members of the public  
In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

#### **Open Forum:**

1. *Car accident:* there had been a head on crash the previous evening, with serious injuries. The accident had been caused by overtaking on a blind bend, but measures need to be taken to calm the speed of traffic. It was noted that the road camber is wrong. Cllr Furniss confirmed that SCC Highways are working on proposals for traffic calming, the proposals are listed in his report.
2. *Withies Pond:* the pond has dried up. It was noted that a few years ago the Parish Council funded a major refurbishment of the pond, without any support from Loseley, who are the landowners. There is a now a problem further up the road with water being directed away from the pond. Cllr Sharples undertook to speak to the residents who had diverted the stream.
3. *Trees at Spiceall:* a resident reported that two trees had died. They are on SCC land. SCC will cut them down, and will not allow anyone else to do so, but will not stump grind the trunks and will not replace them. The resident advised that the stump grinding and replacement trees, and the adding of a third, will cost £1500 and requested a grant from the Parish Council to do this. This will be discussed under Finance.
4. *Housing Needs Survey:* Louise Williams, Surrey Community Action, reported the latest update of the survey, and will issue a final version shortly. She advised that the response rate to the survey had only been about 15%. Of those 78% were well housed, and 16 households were looking to move, some to down size. She advised that, if the parish council were to look at developing a scheme, they should consider one of 4 to 5 houses: 2 two bedrooms, 1 three bed roomed and 1 one bedroomed. Louise asked for feedback to the finalized survey in the next two to three weeks.
5. *Table tennis table in the play ground:* Cllr Saunders hopes to get a report on proposed new playground equipment in the next Newsletter

072/22 **Apologies for Absence:** were received from Cllr Burtenshaw.

073/22 **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Sharples declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 80/22 as an employee of Watts Gallery.

074/22 **Minutes of Meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022:** Approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

**Minutes of Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> June:** Approved as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

075/22

**Matters Arising:**

All matters are covered by the agenda.

076/22

**Reports from County Cllr:**

Cllr Furniss itemised the traffic calming proposals drawn up by SCC Highways:

*The feasibility design and costs are £29,934.04 and the proposals are to improve speeding issues and road safety along The Street in Compton.*

*The consultant will work with Surrey's project team and engineers to provide concept designs, based on OS Maps, for speed reducing methods and public realm improvements along The Street, Compton, between the B3000 roundabout and New Pond Road. The designs should include the following. (Please note the below is not prescriptive, and other suggestions are welcomed):*

- *Improve the village entrance by the B3000 Roundabout. Reducing the street clutter and introducing a village gateway sign (potentially wooden)*
- *Removal of overgrown vegetation to improve footway conditions near the B3000 Roundabout.*
- *Improve the anti-skid on the B3000 roundabout approach.*
- *Relocate the street signs from the central reservation onto the B3000 roundabout*
- *Widen the central reservation and narrow the carriageway near the B3000 roundabout.*
- *Introduction of green infrastructure near the B3000 roundabout.*
- *Raised tables throughout The Street. Main location for a raised table near Spiceall junction.*
- *Introduction of lining and roundel in two locations. Speed Roundel near the roundabout and SLOW lining along The Street.*
- *Green infrastructure (new trees and or wild meadow) near Spiceall Junction*
- *Introduce buff coloured road surface to mark double junction (The Avenue and Withies Lane)*
- *Review of street signage*
- *Review of street furniture such as unused BT cabinet, street posts etc.*
- *Replacement of bus shelters (numbers TBC) with Littlethorpe bus shelters integrated with solar panels and/or sedum green roofs.*
- *Feasibility of a Puffin Crossing along The Street*
- *VAS signs towards The Avenue junction ( both directions).*
- *20mph from Spiceall to Down Lane including Down Lane, or as appropriate. Note: Mean speeds average 33mph & 32mph.*

*With regards to the designs, once we commission the consultant we should have some initial concepts for sharing around 3 months later.*

*The next review panel meets on 28 August. This would be to discuss cat 4 projects (such as this) and move any to a cat 2 to access feasibility funding. The scheme would cost in the region of £250,000.*

077/22

**Report from Borough Cllrs:**

Cllr Nagaty reported as follows:

- a) *Joint Committee with SCC:* has been disbanded.
- b) *Boundary review:* this continues. The English Heritage report on the review has not been made public.
- c) *Surrey Hills AONB Board:* the current chairman will retire in November and a new Chairman will be appointed.
- d) *Local Plan:* There is a view that the town centre master plan will save Green

Belt sites in the future. The 2021 Census states population of Guildford to be 140,000, roughly 10,000 less than that estimated by the Local Plan. This implies that a great many less houses will be needed than currently planned.

- e) *Sewage Plant*: the new plant does not have enough capacity for the current population, let alone an increase.
- f) *Weyside*: is progressing.
- g) *Wisley Airfield*: development proposals are about to go to Planning.
- h) *Blackwell Farm*: no news.
- i) *Solar Panel Farm*: planned on the west of Blackwell Farm. Cllr Nagaty had tabled questions about its size and spread.
- j) *27 Spiceall*: the roof slopes towards the neighbour's house and causes flooding. The resident has submitted a retrospective application and Cllr Nagaty will hopefully ensure that as many conditions as possible are imposed.

078/22 **Members Report: local Plan:** Members noted the recent support. Members agreed to object to the application for the Solar Farm, as recommended in the report.

079/22 **Members Report: Highways: Cllrs Saunders and Sharples**  
It was noted that Mr Ken Miller, who was heavily involved in the original highways committee, is still of the view that average speed cameras would be the best deterrent. It was agreed to ask Cllr Furniss to include these in the feasibility study. (Cllr Furniss left the meeting at 7.30pm, at the start of the agenda.

080/22 **Members Report: Allotments and Environment: Cllr Sharples**  
a) *Loseley's cows* are still escaping and could cause a serious accident. It was agreed that residents should call the police should they see them out of their field.  
b) *Harrow footpath*: this has been moved to its correct route.

081/22 **Members Report: youth and recreation: Cllr Saunders**  
a) *Spring on gate*: members agreed that, if the latest attempt to mend the spring didn't work, a new gate should be purchased.  
b) *Upgrade to playground*: Cllr Saunders is currently working on proposals.

082/22 **Members Report: Watts Gallery and Cemetery: Cllr Burtenshaw**  
No report had been received, as Cllr Burtenshaw is on annual leave.

A cemetery committee meeting will be held shortly. Cllr Palca will join and will take the chair. Mrs Lordan will be asked to remain on the committee.

083/22 **Planning**  
a) **22/W/00045 Van Arnhem Nurseries**: erection of an agricultural barn. Members were concerned at the size, but did not object. *Cllr Sharples declared an interest.*  
b) **Solar Farm on Hogs Back**: although a planning application has not yet been received, members agreed to object, in line with the recommendation made by the Local Plan committee.

084/22 **Village Hall**  
Cllr Sharples reported that the village hall is running well and bookings are strong.

085/22 **Jubilee**: members received a report from Cllr Saunders as follows:

- a) *Surplus*: Approximately £1500 remains from the Jubilee Big Lottery Funding. Cllr Saunders proposed that this be used for a terraced garden at the Village Club. He hoped that the garden would incorporate the plaques made at the Jubilee by the Gallery. This was agreed.
- b) Thanks were recorded to Cllr Saunders and his team for an amazing event, which had brought the parish together.

086/22 **Parish Climate Action initiative:**

Cllr Mallet reported as follows:

The Parish Council should take the lead in encouraging people to start thinking about what they can do at local level to work towards Zero Carbon. Examples were: not driving so much and more gently, change to ground source or air source heat pumps, solar panels, ensure that the bus service remains. It was agreed to keep this on the agenda.

087/22 **The Harrow**

It seems that the Harrow is under offer. Cllr Palca was sorry that we had not led a community buy out to retain this building for the community. It was agreed that she would approach the agents to see if there was room for discussion.

088/22 **Finance**

- a) Schedule of income and payments to end June attached and noted
- b) *Management report to end June* attached and noted
- c) *Bank reconciliation to end June* attached and noted

All the above were approved. Proposed by Cllr Saunders, Seconded by Cllr Mallet, all in favour.

- d) *Financial risk assessment* : deferred to September meeting.
- e) *Funding for tree replacement at Spiceall*: members agreed that £1500 seemed a large amount of money for 3 trees and asked for further information before agreeing this request, but agreed that the residents should be supported for their work on this area. They noted that SCC would not allow residents to do any work themselves, and that all work had be done through a SCC approved contractor, which would increase the cost.

089/22 **Councillors Business:** *any further business arising from the meeting, to be noted or dealt with on a future agenda*

Cllr Sharples was warmly congratulated on reaching the final four out of two thousand prospective award winners, for his work on bringing the community together through the telephone box displays.

090/22 **Correspondence:** None received

091/22 **Dates of next meeting:** Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September

The meeting close at 20.50hrs.