



# COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

## PARISH OF COMPTON

### Local Government Act 1972

Minutes of a meeting of Compton Parish Council held on

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019 at 7.00pm**

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

Present: Cllrs A Burtenshaw, P Graham, K Patel, C Sharples  
County Cllr M Furniss  
Borough Cllrs R Nagaty and Cllr C Blow (at 8.45pm)  
Mr K Miller  
1 member of the public  
In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

**Public Question Time:** Nicola Kingston attended the meeting to explain the plans for Broadbridges cottage. She advised the meeting that she and her husband had decided to revise the current approved plans as their proposal, in their view, fitted better into Compton. Their architect specialised in Arts and Crafts buildings. They had initially submitted a notice of variation, but GBC were of the view that the alterations to the current plans amounted to more than a variation.

Cllr Graham, as Parish Council representative for Planning, advised that he was happy to support the new plan. Cllrs Sharples and Burtenshaw endorsed this support.

## AGENDA

- 90/19 **Election of Chairman:** Cllr P Graham, proposed by Cllr Sharples, Seconded by Cllr Patel, all in favour.
- 91/19 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr Nagaty was unable to attend the earlier part of the meeting, due to another commitment.  
Cllr J Palca.
- 92/19 **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Burtenshaw declared an interest in Watts Gallery as Director.
- 93/19 **Minutes of July full council meeting:** agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.  
The Clerk confirmed that the Risk Assessment summary would be reviewed annually, at the Annual Meeting.
- 94/19 **Matters Arising:**  
84/19: Air Quality: Members agreed that it was important that SCC put an infrastructure of [PG1] electric charge points in place in order that this parish could seriously consider installing a charge point, possibly in the unused bus shelter near the roundabout. Cllrs Burtenshaw and Graham will meet. **Agenda item:** November meeting

87/19a: Compton Club: Mr Miller reported that, following the special meeting in July to discuss the Club's future, the level of bookings, and their suitability, had improved. It was now possible to see at least a short term future for the Club. Thanks were recorded to Mr Miller for all his work.

Parking on the Green: Cllr Graham had commissioned a quotation for an area of parking on the Green of 500 sq metres, which will give 30 car parking spaces, at £38,000 plus vat. The surface would be gravel filled mesh, or grass. A recent village association meeting had supported this proposal, as had the village hall committee.

Members agreed to progress this, starting with establishing the planning permission required.

- 95/19 **Reports from County Cllr:**
- Potholes:** there has been a change in the way potholes are reported, with picture examples to choose from online. This reporting method has been extended to pavements.
  - Highways maintenance:** SCC is half way through a highways maintenance programme for Surrey Road [PG2], and have covered 85 miles to date. 10 more miles of work will be carried out before the winter. Next year, money will be spent on pavements in order to encourage walking. 17,000 potholes had been repaired so far this year. Cllr Furniss advised that there are 3,000 miles of roads in Surrey.
  - Hogs Back:** the resurfacing of Hogs Back is a two year project and will take 80,000 tons of

material.

- d) *Winter*: preparations in place, all roads have been reviewed and 9,000 tons of salt purchased. Grit bins had been inspected and filled. A new system is being trialled which determines which roads will get the worst of the weather and therefore priority gritting.
- e) *Trials on emulsion spray*: this spray regenerates the road and extends the life of the road surface for up to 12 years.
- f) *Elstead road*: this road was to undergo hydro blasting, which will return texture to the surface.
- g) *Potholes*: a new material which did not have to be heated was to be used for filling potholes.
- h) *Down Lane*: Cllr Burtenshaw asked for a grit bin in Down Lane.
- i) *Pavement in Priorsfield Road*: the pavement has been narrowed by hedges and debris. Cllr Furniss asked for details so that he can brief the community gang. He advised that residents should be asked to cut back their hedges. The Clerk asked for details so that she can write.
- j) *Triangle of grass in front of the front gate of Watts Gallery*: Cllr Burtenshaw agreed to organise a site visit to view this area.

96/19 **Report from Borough Cllrs:**

*Submitted later in the meeting:*

- a) The two members had held a surgery in Shalford earlier in the evening. Concerns had been expressed about the health hazards associated with 5G.
- b) A motion had been put to the Borough Council to halt all development due to climate change. This had been deferred.

97/19 **Report on police and crime statistics:**

8 crimes were reported in the area in July. Almsgate: 1 anti social behaviour, 1 violence and sexual offences, 1 other theft; Fowlers Croft: 1 violence and sexual offences; Down Lane: 1 public order; Priorswood: 2 violence and sexual offences; Mark Way: 1 burglary.  
Policing priorities: domestic violence and domestic burglary.

7 crimes were reported in the area in August: Fowlers Croft: 1 vehicle crime, 1 criminal damage and arson; Almsgate: 2 criminal damage and arson; Spiceall: 1 anti social behaviour; Eastbury Lane: 1 public order; Mark Way: burglary.

Cllr Patel reported a break in near Spiceall. It was clear that people in a car were watching the property, and they had been seen watching other properties. It was agreed that a piece should be put in the Compton News, warning people to watch for this behaviour and to take note of the number plate of suspicious cars.

98/19 **Members Report: local Plan:**

Members noted Mrs Stevens' report, circulated before the meeting and summarised below:

- a) The High Court hearing- for the Section 113 Challenge of the Local Plan is scheduled for November 5<sup>th</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>. An adjournment had been sought, but not granted, and so one claimant will be represented by another claimant's barrister. The core bundle was filed last week and a joint single skeleton argument will be filed shortly. The hearing is open to members of the public.
- b) Funds raised by Save Hogs Back appeal stand at £6,270. SHB has received an anonymous pledge of £1700 and further cheques of £2760. CPRE has separately donated £5,000. All monies raised by SHB and CPRE will be donated to Compton PC to help fund its legal challenge.

99/19 **Members Report: Highways: Annex 3**

- a) *No right turn into Downs lane*: the Gallery will be mentioned on the No Right Turn signage to Down Lane. Bahram Assadi has advised that the work will be done by the end of the financial year, Cllr Furniss expects it to be earlier.
- b) *Air Quality readings 2017-2019*: Mr Miller distributed the most recent readings and it was noted how NO<sub>2</sub> readings had increased in the last two years and, in addition, how much lower the readings were in Shalford. GBC are taking the view that nothing can be done about traffic in the short term and that air quality will improve in coming years with vehicles producing less emissions. Members discussed this and agreed that it would be hard to find a solution to a problem that has grown over a number of years. Average speed cameras were discussed.

100/19 **Members Report: Allotments and Environment**

- a) *Withies Pond*: the Clerk and Cllr Sharples will meet shortly to review the drainage problem, so that she can instruct the handyman

- b) *Himalayan Balsam*: Cllr Sharples had been able to remove a great deal more, earlier in the summer and believed that one more working party next spring should greatly eradicate the problem.

101/19 **Members Report: youth and recreation**

- a) *Play inspection repairs*: the fencing panel and new swing seats and chains are on order. The Clerk will make an application to The County Councillors allowance fund for the cost of the repairs.

102/19 **Members Report: Watts Gallery and Cemetery**

- a) *Current cemetery fees and comparisons*. The Clerk had circulated the fee tables from other cemeteries. She was asked to bring recommendations for the increase in Watts Cemetery fees to the November meeting.
- b) *Remembrance Day polyphony at the chapel*: Cllr Burtenshaw thanked members for their support for this project.
- c) *Funding for exterior work to the Chapel and Cloisters*: Cllr Burtenshaw advised that the Diocese had issued the Faculty and it was envisaged that work would start on the 4<sup>th</sup> November. The chapel will be scaffolded throughout its height, with a 3m high hoarding to protect the mouldings, and will remain open. The end date is planned to be the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2020. The Cloisters will be closed during the work. The interior work will be carried out at a later date.
- d) *Fence*: a lawful development application to GBC to erect a fence between Limnerslease and the adjoining property was refused and the Gallery will now submit a full planning application.
- e) *Bench*: the Parish Council had kindly given a grant towards this project. An application will be submitted shortly, and potentially a meeting will be arranged with the planning officer.
- f) *Physical Energy*: £904,000 had been raised to date. A meeting is to be held with Highways England. A technical review will take place in early November and it is hoped to have the sculpture in place by Easter.
- g) *Guildford Museum*. GBC is investing a considerable sum of money to re-build the Museum, Cllr Burtenshaw is assisting in the consultation.
- h) *Request for permission for a marriage in the Chapel*. It was agreed not to give permission as the Chapel is primarily a mortuary chapel and that is how the residents of Compton wish it to remain.

103/19 **Members Report: Planning**

Nothing to report

104/19 **Members Report: Village Hall**

Nothing to report

105/19 **Clerks Report**

- a) *Talk on Climate Change*: Members agreed that this should take place at the Annual Parish meeting, in April 2020.
- b) *seat at bus stop at the top of Withies Lane*: request from a parishioner on behalf of an elderly neighbour. **Deferred to November meeting.**
- c) *Remembrance Sunday*: Cllr Patel will lay the wreath on behalf of the Parish Council.

106/19 **Finance**

- a) *Schedule of income and payments July and August, September*: the total payments for the 3 months of £14,853 was noted and agreed.
- b) *Management report to end September 2019*: noted
- c) *Bank reconciliation to end September 2019*: noted
- d) *External auditors report*: the Council had received a clear report. This was noted and approved.

107/19 **Councillors Business**: any further business arising from the meeting, to be noted or dealt with on a future agenda

No further matters were raised.

108/19 **Correspondence:**

- a) *Local council review*
- b) *Starting school in 2020*
- c) *Royal Surrey Hospital – summary Annual Report 2018/2019*

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**Dates of meetings:**

20<sup>th</sup> November

15<sup>th</sup> January

Was it after the meeting that Kanak agreed to represent the PC at the service of Remembrance?

Did we discuss (if only shortly) the progress with getting lamp standard heads replaced, and the pavement edge painted?

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.