



# COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

**PARISH OF COMPTON**  
**NOTICE OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Local Government Act 1972**

Minutes of a meeting of Compton Parish Council held on  
**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7.00pm**

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

**Present:** Cllrs A Burtenshaw, S Mallet, R Nagaty, J Sinclair  
Borough Cllr C Blows

**In attendance:** The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

68/21 **Election of Chairman:** Cllr Sinclair, Proposed by Cllr Nagaty, Seconded by Cllr Mallet, all in favour.

69/21 **Apologies for Absence:** were received from Cllrs Palca and Sharples

70/21 **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Burtenshaw declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 80/21, Watts Gallery, as Director and Trustee.

71/21 **Minutes of Meeting held 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021:** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.  
**Minutes of Extraordinary meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> June:** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting once it was noted that Cllr Burtenshaw had chaired the meeting, not Cllr Mallet

72/21 **Matters Arising:**

25/21: *Neighbourhood Plan:* The Clerk had received expressions of interest from residents of the Parish in joining a working group. It was noted that Artington Parish Council were also considering a NP and it might be possible to share experiences and resources. Cllr Sinclair and Cllr Nagaty would join the working group. The Clerk would speak to consultants to get a clearer idea of work load and costs before proceeding.

25/21: *Parish Meeting:* members agreed not to hold a late Parish Meeting this year, but to hold a Parish Meeting at the usual time in 2022.

33/21d: *noticeboard outside gallery:* The Clerk would provide further information, with a view to replacing the noticeboard.

73/21 **Clerks Report**

- a) Remembrance Sunday: members agreed that Cllr Mallet would represent the Parish Council at the service and lay a wreath.
- b) Requests from a parishioner:
  - i. *The Common:* The Common has not been mown this year in the GBC section. The Clerk had discussed this with GBC and although they are very keen on the no-mow regime they are also aware that the common has looked very messy this year and will address this next year. They are also aware of the fete in May.
  - ii. *Footpaths:* a number of these are very overgrown. The Clerk will write to the landowners.
  - iii. *Footpath behind the Harrow:* this has been re-directed without permission. SCC have been advised.
  - iv. *Flowering cherries along the side of the Green:* the dead ones should be replaced. GBC plan to put in a ditch and bund, which will mean removing the trees. They currently have no funding for the consultation that will be required because this is common land.

73/21 **Report from County Cllr:**  
No report had been received

74/21 **Report from Borough Cllrs:**  
Cllr Nagaty reported as follows:

- a) *AONB Boundary review:* Cllr Nagaty requested that members take photographs of areas that they considered should be added to the AONB.
- b) *Borough Council:* GBC is still working towards a saving of £6m in the next financial year.

75/21 **Report on police and crime statistics:**

- a) members were referred to the Surrey Police website, the contents of which were noted.
- b) **Police and Crime Commissioner:** members agreed to invite her to a Parish Council meeting, to

ascertain what support a parish can expect to receive.

**76/21 Members Report: local Plan:**

A report had been received from Mrs Stevens and was noted.

**77/21 Members Report: Highways:**

In the absence of a Member representing Highways, members noted the following:

- a) *Priorsfield Road*: is a rat run in the morning. The Clerk was asked to write to the Head of the school and ask if cars could park in the school grounds when dropping children off for school.
- b) *Sandy Lane*: cars are speeding down this road.
- c) *Pond by the Gallery*: The sleepers had fallen into the pond, creating a sink hole. SCC had advised that they would not be able to repair this for the next two months.
- d) *Footpaths*: Cllr Sinclair had emailed SCC about the footpath wardens course.
- e) *Highways Portfolio*: Cllr Sinclair agreed to take this portfolio.

**78/21 Members Report: Allotments and Environment**

- a) *Work to allotment entrances*: this has been completed to a very good standard.
- b) *Trees bordering the allotments*: the Clerk has written to Compton Cottage but has not yet received a reply.

**79/21 Members Report: youth and recreation**

- a) *Playground safer surfacing*: a quotation had been received from Sawscapes but it was agreed to be far too expensive to pursue at over £47,000 + vat. The Clerk will talk to the village handyman about other solutions for the muddy areas, such as geogrid.
- b) *Posts around Green*: the village handyman is replacing the rotten posts and re-aligning the posts on the Spiceall boundary.

**80/21 Members Report: Watts Gallery and Cemetery:** Noted.

Minutes of the cemetery meeting held 19<sup>th</sup> May, Noted.

Review of works: Cllr Burtenshaw advised that Cllr Sharples had developed a very good team of workers and volunteers and is working wonders.

**81/21 Members Report: Planning:**

- a) 21/P/01784: 28 Almsgate: object, as overdevelopment.
- b) Limnerslease: support.

**82/21 Members Report: Village Hall**

Minutes of the AGM were noted.

**83/21 Finance**

- a) Schedule of income and payments from 1<sup>st</sup> April: the outlay for the period of £7,052.40 was noted and approved.
- b) *Management report to end August 2021* was noted and approved.
- c) Bank reconciliation to end August was noted and approved.

**84/21 Councillors Business:** *any further business arising from the meeting, to be noted or dealt with on a future agenda*

- a) *Woodland auditorium*: Cllr Burtenshaw recorded thanks to the Parish Council for funding the planning work for the auditorium, which has already been used by school groups.
- b) *The Harrow*: Cllr Sinclair will try to establish what is happening with the building.

**85/21 Correspondence:**

None had been received.

**86/21 Dates of meetings:**

17<sup>th</sup> November, 19<sup>th</sup> January

The meeting closed at 8.15pm