



COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Compton Parish Council held on
Wednesday 21st March 2012 at 7.00pm
In the **Village Hall** for the transaction of the under mentioned business.

Present: Cllr F Curtis (in the chair), Cllrs D Haskins, J Parsons, K Patel.
1 member of the public

In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

22/12 **Apologies for Absence:** were received from Cllr M Williams

23/12 **Declarations of interest:** None were made

24/12 **Minutes of Meeting held 18th January 2012:** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

25/12 **Matters Arising**

09/12 Annual Parish Meeting: Held at the British Legion Club and attended by approximately 64 people, who agreed it had been a great success. There were good and interesting presentations, including Surrey Air Ambulance from Cllr Parsons and Watts Gallery from Cllr Bills and Perdita Hunt. The refreshments were well received. Cllr Curtis was thanked for masterminding and chairing the meeting.

18/12: Mayors Award for Community Service: John Dobson's name has been put forward for this award.

26/12 **Councillor Co-option:** There is currently one vacancy for a Councillor and the Council is seeking a co-option.

27/12 **Chairman's Report:**

Parish Meeting - Attended by 64 members of the Public, including Simon Gimson and James palmer and rep from Surrey Ad. Very good feedback, only negative feedback was over length, a matter we need to address for next year. Precedent set.

The decision regarding the awards nominations for services to the Community, for which CPC nominated J Dobson, will be decided in April.

Inspection of land at Spiceall / Green: Issues are parking on pavement leading to its collapse and parking by non residents and general lack of parking (flats have 2+ cars). Road width means waste cart uses end of Green and GBC laid mesh so cart could go on green recycling cart is wider and hence could be adding to problem. An inspector will look at the problem, we maybe able to ask for recycling bags and smaller cart?

Parking is a separate issue that may need to be added as a separate agenda item for another meeting. Until we have a better knowledge of how big the problem is and its causes we cannot begin to look at possible solutions ie if we make provision for 20 cars on the Green, and find there are 50, we have created a carpark on the Green without solving the problem. We are awaiting a quote for staging small posts at the back of the Green to stop people driving across it.

Fly-tipping continues to be a problem at Compton heights end of Down Lane. There is an on-line reporting facility which works quite well, we should encourage residents to use it as well as using this ourselves and reporting this and any other ad-hoc issues such as pot holes and general maintenance.

List of works

Table 1

Drains unblocked on B300	COMPLETE	
Ditches cleared Polsted lane	COMPLETE	
Footpath cleared Polsted to Withies	Partially	
Footpath cleared Harrow to Eastbury	WAITING	
Footpath cleared by Nursery	Partially	Broken pipe / marshy land
Graffiti clean from signs	CPC covered this	
Path Clearance through common land	CPC covered this	

28/12 **Reports from Borough and County Cllrs:** neither councillors were present, due to other commitments.

29/12 **Report from the Police:** PC Nick Sharpe has left Community Policing to join the CID. He is replaced by PC Matt Taylor, who was unable to attend this evening. PCSO Fiona Fyffe had also sent her apologies.

30/12 **Public Forum**

- a) *Spiceall:* ** advised that the RBL Club had paid S106 money to GBC when the piece of club land was developed for housing, and GBC had given the Parish Council the decision on how it was spent. It was understood that this money would be used for parking, but it was instead used for the childrens playground.
- b) *Street lights:* ** advised that the street lights have been on 24 hours a day since December. Cllr Haskins undertook to contact John McDonald.
- c) *Allotments:* a smell from a broken drain was reported. The drain is opposite the gate of the allotments in Polsted Lane. This was agreed to be the responsibility of Thames Water.

31/12 **Members Report: Highways**

Kaz Banisaied left SCC yesterday. Currently it is unclear who to contact in his place. Traffic Committee currently, John, Ken, Fiona, Martin & Nicky Webber, and shortly Paul Burzio. Likely that as new members are up-to-speed, predecessors ones will leave. Still following up actions from results of questionnaire of 2010.

Table 2

What	Where	Action
Road Surface	B3000	Unexpected and unwanted. Yet to decide whether to challenge 'policy' of life cycle.
Peds in road sign	Down lane	In place, V large, bright, but never-the-less in place
Peds in road / no pavement for 200 metres	B3000	Not in place due to elects in allocated area. Review position
Unsuitable for HGV	The Avenue	1 in place
Path Down Lane	Chapel to gallery and Street to Chapel	Martin in discussions Joanna to speak to GBC re safety of elec fence
VAS	Approved sites x 4,	Need 5th in Priorsfield Rd.
CSW	Very Active	
Police Presence	B3000 / priorsfield	Ask JC to ask police for

	Rd	number of speed checks per quarter to report at every other CPC meeting
A3 sign	A3	Nothing yet

VAS: Cllr Curtis confirmed that there is a link from the village website to the VAS data. Cllr Haskins reported that the VAS has been moved to the Old Post Office, but was giving false readings at this position. The readings at The Green and Withies Lane are consistent and it will be returned to these locations. A site at Priorsfield is still awaited.

As there is no indication of the next training course, volunteers would be asked to speak directly to Cllr Haskins and he would take on their training.

32/12 **Members Report: Allotments and Environmental Projects:**

Allotments:

Cllr Haskins reported that the allotments are 100% let and all rents are collected. The allotments are all being very well maintained.

Environment:

A request had been received from David Baskerville for a second work party to complete the work of clearing the ditches and the pond. Cllr Haskins estimated that this would take about 2 hours and it was agreed that this should take place on Sunday 22nd April, from 10am, with the same format as before. Loseley would be advised, as the pond is theirs, and the work party would be advertised in the newsletter. Cllr Haskins agreed to write a short piece, to include a summary on the work achieved by the last work party.

It had been suggested that some spring bulbs be planted in the newly cleared areas. Cllr Haskins would investigate the purchase of native bluebells.

Cllr Haskins had written to the MP, Anne Milton, about the rubbish on the roads around the area, and had received a reply acknowledging the problem. Cllr Haskins was of the opinion that GBC and SCC Highways are in breach of their responsibility to clear the roads and he asked how the community could clean up Compton. Cllr Curtis suggested that people should report rubbish on the Council website every time they come across it. Cllr Haskins proposed that he talk to children in schools about litter.

33/12 **Members Report: Recreation ground and playground**

Cllr Patel requested that the tree area at the Polsted Lane end of the recreation ground be cleared up, as it is presently very scruffy. The Clerk would ask Paul to take a look when he is next cutting the grass in the recreation ground.

Cllr Patel asked that another request go into the newsletter with regard to dog fouling.

34/12 **Members Report: Watts Gallery and Cemetery**

In the absence of Cllr Bills, no report was presented.

35/12 **Members Report: Planning**

Cllr Parsons reported that there had been no contentious applications in the last period. The most recent had concerned the reduction in size of some trees. The application at Roseberry Farm for change of use to offices had been refused: the Parish Council had not objected, nor had the neighbour.

36/12 **Members Report: Village Hall**

No report was received.

37/12 **Finance**

- a) Members approved the Schedule of Income and Expenditure to 1/03/12, tabled at the meeting.
- b) *Receipts and Payments* to 1/3/2012 had been circulated prior to the meeting and was noted.
- c) Accounts for the year and Annual Return will be presented at the Annual Meeting in May for approval.

38/12 **Annual Litter Pick:** Saturday 28th April. Jackets, litter pickers, bags and gloves would be collected from GBC Woking Rd depot on Friday 27th. Sarah Baskerville would make bread and soup, as in previous years. The litter pick will be advertised in Compton News.

39/12 **Councillors Business:** *any further business arising from the meeting, to be noted or dealt with on a future agenda*

- a) *Parking:* ** asked that councillors consider the problem of parking in the village. There are a lot of events held within the parish, and no-where to park. Cllr Haskins undertook to talk to the Club about their plans. The Clerk would ask the Borough Council if they can help with some advice.
Agenda item: *May meeting.*
- b) *Commoners Rights:* ** asked that councillors consider the question of commoners rights: what are they and how are they protected.
- c) *Jackets and litter pickers:* Cllr Curtis proposed that the Council purchase a store of these, for use on future litter picks. The Clerk would establish costs. **Agenda item:** *May meeting.*

40/12 **Compton News:** items as noted in minutes.

41/12 **Dates of meetings:**

16th May, **Annual Meeting** 7pm

All meeting dates for the year to be arranged and agreed at the Annual Meeting

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.45pm