



# COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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

Minutes of **THE ANNUAL MEETING** of Compton Parish Council held on  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.00pm**  
for the transaction of the under mentioned business.

**Present:** Cllrs K Hecker-Meschede, S Mallet, R Nagaty, C Sharples.  
**In attendance:** The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

- 041/23 **Election of Chairman:** Cllr S Mallet, Proposed by Cllr Nagaty, Seconded by Cllr Sharples, all in favour.
- 042/23 **Apologies for Absence:** Cllr J Palca.
- 043/23 **Declarations of interest:** Cllr Sharples declared a non pecuniary interest in 059/23 Watts Gallery, where he is an employee.
- 044/23 **Election of Vice Chairman:** Cllr Nagaty, Proposed by Cllr Sharples, Seconded by Cllr Mallet, all in favour.
- 045/23 **Co-option:** co-option of Sarah James and James Saunders deferred to the next meeting.
- 046/23 **Appointment of Member's responsibilities:**
- *Local Plan:* Cllr Nagaty, Mrs Stephens and Mrs Curtis
  - *Highways:* Cllr Mallet and Cllr Sharples
  - *Allotments:* Cllr Sharples
  - *Youth and Recreation:* deferred
  - *Watts Gallery:* Sarah James
  - *Cemetery:* Cllrs R Nagaty, J Palca, C Sharples
- 047/23 **Dates of future meetings:** members reviewed and agreed the current meeting date structure of bi-monthly meetings from January, with the Annual Parish meeting in April.
- 048/23 **Minutes of Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023:** these were agreed to be a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.
- 049/23 **Matters Arising:**  
*023/23: Trees at Spiceall:* the trees have been removed and new trees planted.  
*Ditch at Withies Lane:* Cllr Sharples advised that a resident has taken on this problem and so there was no further action for the council at present.
- 050/23 **Reports from County Cllr:** none was received
- 051/23 **Report from Borough Cllrs:** Cllr Nagaty advised that he had met with a number of people before the election to progress the AONB Boundary review..
- 052/23 **Land Acquisition in Compton**  
Members authorised the Clerk to sign the documentation from Hedleys, appointing them to act on our behalf in this matter and agreeing to reasonable costs, estimated to be in the region of £650.00  
Proposed by Cllr Mallet, Seconded by Cllr Sharples, all in favour.
- 053/23 **Annual Parish Meeting:** Members noted the feedback on traffic calming and the playground, and that a small playground working group was in the process of being formed. Members agreed that the meeting had been successful and enjoyable.
- 054/23 **Coronation celebrations:** Members were advised that Mr Sinclair had the event in his control and that funding had been promised by the Village Association and by Artington Parish Council, who were to join in the celebrations. The events would be centred around the Green and the Club.

- 055/23 **Members Report: local Plan:** Members noted that Mrs Stevens intended to lodge an objection on our behalf regarding the Boundary Review.
- 056/23 **Members Report: Highways:**
- a) Members expressed concern at the poor condition of the B3000.
  - b) Cllr Mallet undertook to ask for some clarity on the time frame for the feasibility study.
  - c) Cllr Mallet undertook to ask for the results of the recent speed survey undertaken by developers.
  - d) The Harrow: the Clerk was asked to draft a response to the planners regarding the developers recent letter, advising that the Council wishes the concerns of immediate neighbours to be taken into account.
- 057/23 **Members Report: Allotments and Environment:** Cllr Sharples advised that he had nothing to report.
- 058/23 **Members Report: youth and recreation**
- a) *Play equipment:* a site meeting has been held with Playsafe, who will bring back proposals in late June. In the meantime the Clerk will take steps to deal with any hazards and will liaise with the playground working party volunteers.
- 059/23 **Members Report: Watts Gallery and Cemetery:** Cllr Sharples advised that one of the two Copper beeches in the Cemetery grounds, behind the Chapel, has a fungal disease and will sadly have to be removed.
- 060/23 **Members Report: Planning:** no objection to the one application, subject to any further comments from Cllr Ramsey.
- 061/23 **Members Report: Village Hall:** nothing to report.
- 062/23 **Parish Climate Action initiative:** nothing to report.
- 063/23 **Finance**
- a) Schedule of payments to end of financial year had been circulated to members and the expenditure of £15,663.02 was approved.
  - b) *Management report to end March 2023* noted and approved.
  - c) *Standing orders:* members reviewed and approved the Council's Standing Orders. Proposed by Cllr Mallet, Seconded by Cllr Sharples, all in favour.
  - d) *Financial Regulations:* members reviewed and approved the Council's Financial regulations. Proposed by Cllr Mallet, Seconded by Cllr Sharples, all in favour.
  - e) *Internal Audit:* to take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> May. Members agreed to an extraordinary meeting on the 14<sup>th</sup> June to receive the internal auditors report and approve the Annual Governance and Accountability Return.
  - f) *United Charities of Compton:* the Parish Council had received a request for a grant to support the work of the Charity, which is helping a number of local residents who meet the Charity's criteria for financial aid. Members agreed a grant of £2,000, Proposed by Cllr Mallet, Seconded by Cllr Nagaty, all in favour.
- 064/23 **Councillors Business:** *any further business arising from the meeting, to be noted or dealt with on a future agenda*
- a) *Defibrillator at the village hall:* this is currently with the Clerk, who explained that she is experiencing great difficulty obtaining supplies. She has now obtained a battery, but is still waiting for pads. It was agreed that a note should be put in the box to advise that the nearest defibrillator is at the Gallery.
  - b) *Loseley Cattle:* are constantly escaping and causing a dangerous hazard. The police have been called, but there has been no change.
  - c) *Compton news:* there have been no recent parish council reports in the news. The dates of meetings should be included.
  - d) *Car parking in Compton:* the lack of car parking was discussed again, but noted that it would require a Section 38 agreement from the Secretary of State to enable parking on the common. This will be kept under review.
- 065/23 **Correspondence:**
- a) *King Charles III:* a letter of thanks has been received with respect to the condolences sent by

- the Parish Council to the King following the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II.
- b) *KSS Air Ambulance*: have written to thank the Parish Council for its grant donation of £300.00.

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**Dates of meetings:**

*14<sup>th</sup> June, 19<sup>th</sup> July, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 15<sup>th</sup> November, 17<sup>th</sup> January, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> May.* All at Pucks Oak Barn at 7pm. Annual Parish meeting in April, date to be arranged

The meeting closed at 20.37.

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