

Minutes of the Meeting of Little Compton Parish Council held in the Village Hall
on Monday 16th September 2013

Present: Cllrs. Rudge (Chairman), Moorman, Ashford and Browne, Robyn Waller (Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer) District Cllr. Stephen Gray and 5 members of the public.

1. Declarations of Interest. There were none.
2. Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr. Hall and Mrs. A. Hanks.
3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 15th July 2013 were agreed to be a correct record, proposed by Cllr. Ashford, seconded by Cllr. Browne and signed accordingly.
4. Matters arising from the Minutes, not included elsewhere on the Agenda. Cllr. Rudge brought to the attention of the meeting that in accordance with Section 53 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, Stratford-on-Avon District Council had made an order changing the ordinary election dates of Parish Councils within the District to coincide with District Ward election commencing in 2015 and every four years thereafter.
Cllr. Rudge also said she had emailed Sir Alec Reed drawing his attention to the state of the roadside hedge and trees bordering his land opposite to Kitebrook School. She had received an assurance that it would be given immediate attention.
5. Date of next Meeting. Monday, 18th November 2013.
6. Report from District Cllr. Gray. Cllr. Gray said the planning application to build 800 new houses west of Shottery in Stratford on Avon had been very controversial and had taken up a lot of time, but had finally been settled in the High Court with a ruling that the development could go ahead. He said the Cotswold Conservation Board Management Plan was now available.
7. Questions and comments from the public. Mrs. Gillett said that recent road works had not been completed on the A44 near Kitebrook School. There remains a section without ‘Cats Eyes’ which will prove a hazard once inclement weather and fog sets in. Cllr. Ashford agreed to contact the Highways Dept. to ascertain when the work would be completed.
8. Parish Plan. Cllr. Browne said the Steering Committee was working on the questionnaire to be circulated to all residents, which should be completed by the end of September. He said that the results from the Open Forums showed that 25% of the issues raised concerned mobile connections and Broadband, 17% concerned social housing, 12% concerned issues connected with Reed Business School and the remaining concerns included shops, traffic and children’s interests.

The Steering Committee had formally asked the Parish Council for funding in principle for the Parish Plan. Cllr. Browne said that W.R.C.C. had advised that no funding was available from them for Parish Plans. It was estimated that approximately £200 would be required for the

production and printing of the questionnaires and approximately £200 for the possible analysis of the questionnaire by S.D.C. Later there would be the cost of printing the Plan. The Chairman said she had

been advised from W.A.L.C. that the funding could come under Section 137 of the Local Authority Act 1972 which allows local authorities to 'incur expenditure which in their opinion is in the interests of, and will bring direct benefit to, their area or any part of it or all or some of its inhabitants' On a proposal by Cllr. Rudge and seconded by Cllr.Moorman it was agreed to the above request for funding in principle of the Parish Plan, but also to investigate any other sources of funding.

9. Playground Report. Cllr. Moorman said she had inspected the playground weekly and had found everything in good order. The necessary replacement parts identified under the recent Safety Survey had been ordered. Cllr. Ashford agreed to ask Mr. John Hall for assistance in fitting the new parts.

10. Cemetery Report. The report from Cllr. Hall was read to the meeting. She said positive comments had been received regarding the tidiness of the cemetery. The hedges had been cut and it was agreed that the dead cherry tree could be cut down to ground level – with the roots possibly removed at a later time. Cllr. Ashford agreed to ask Mr. John Hall for assistance in carrying out the repair work identified in the Cemetery Inspection Report of July 2013.

11. Footpaths and Brideways Report. Cllr. Hall's report was read to the meeting. She said there was little to report, but the work on the bridleway opposite to Redlands Farm remained on-going.

12. Village Maintenance Report. Cllr. Ashford said that the BT public telephone box had been cleaned by BT – he said that he had discovered that BT only cleaned boxes when specifically asked to do so by a member of the public.

He further reported that the initial grass cutting problems had been resolved and the Council was now satisfied with the work being done.

He said the problem of horses fouling footpaths, in particular the footpath adjacent to the A44 between the two entrances to the village, was an on-going problem. The erection of notices requesting horses be kept off footpaths was discussed and it was agreed to get estimates.

A request for dog-waste bins had been received. This had been discussed by the Parish Council on a previous occasion and it was agreed again that it was not something the Parish Council would support and that it was up to responsible owners to take their dog's waste home for disposal.

13. Financial Report. The Responsible Financial Officer reported as follows:

(i) Balances at bank on 10th September 2013 - Deposit Account £10,227.56
Current Account £1,006.08

(ii) The Parish Council had not, to date, received notification that the External Audit had been concluded. The R.F.O. agreed to contact the External Auditors.

(iii) The half year accounts were presented to the Council. Adoption of the accounts were proposed by Cllr. Rudge, seconded by Cllr.Moorman and agreed.

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(iv) Approval of expenditure:

Petty Cash	£50.00
Tree guards for cemetery	£10.00
Refreshments for Shipston Community Forum 17.09.2013	

Parish Plan Funding – see Agenda item 8

14. Planning Applications. Cllr. Rudge reported on the following applications:

- 13/01012/FUL Peewit Cottage
Use of separate building (Studio) as a separate dwelling
Appeal pending
- 13/01603/FUL Heath Farm
Erection of general purpose agricultural building for the storage of
machinery, animal feed and an animal shelter.
P.C. No objections
Permission granted
- 13/01728/FUL Washbrook House
13/01729/DEM Refurbishment and extension of main house and cottage, demolition of existing
stables, construction of new boundary wall with amendments to vehicle access
arrangements and associated landscaping works.
P.C. No objections, but requested Mr. and Mrs. McKerran consider removing
the whole laurel hedge.
Permission granted
- Enforcement notice served on the resident of Compton Nurseries. Appeal pending.

15. Correspondence / emails.

- 22.07.2013 S.D.C. Planning Application 13/01603/FUL Heath Farm
23.07.2013 W.C.C. PSMA Ordinance Survey
Cllrs. Grant Fund 2013/14
Martin Layer – Meeting at Rollright Quarry notes
- 30.07.2013 W.C.C. – Shipston Community Forum
01.08.2013 S.D.C. Caroline Nash – Core Strategy New proposals / consultation notification
W.A.L.C. –Renewable energy planning
- 09.08.2013 W.C.C. Cllrs. Grant Fund – Application Forms and Notes
15.08.2013 W.C.C. – PSMA Licensing Update – Ordinance survey
21.08.2013 W.C.C. – Shipston on Stour Community Forum
22.08.2013 S.D.C. Planning Application 13/01728/FUL – Amendment
27.08.2013 W.C.C. Community Oil syndicate
03.09.2013 S.D.C. Planning Application 13/01603/FUL – Notice of decision
09.09.2013 W.A.L.C Revision of Local Councils Charter
W.A.L.C. Town/ Parish Cllrs. Induction Day
- 10.09.2013 S.D.C. Planning Application 13/01728/FUL – Notice of decision
12.009.2013 W.R.C.C. – Community Building News

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16. Any other business. Mr. Reeves said the garden walls bordering the footpath at No. 5 and 6 Pool Close were in poor condition and required remedial work. It was agreed to contact the Housing Association to report this

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.01p.m.

Robyn Waller
Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer