

**Minutes of the Meeting of Little Compton Parish Council held in the Village Hall on Monday 21<sup>st</sup>  
September 2015**

**Present: Cllrs. Rudge, Ashford and Robinson, District Cllr. Gray, Parish Clerk Vicki Hanks, Mr Karl White and 4 members of the public.**

1. Declarations of Interest. There were none.
2. Apologies for Absence. County Cllr Saint, Cllr Hall.
3. Co-Option of a Councillor. On a proposal by Cllr Ashford seconded by Cllr Robinson and agreed Karl White was co-opted onto the Little Compton Parish Council and signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015. Were agreed to be a true record, proposed by Cllr Ashford seconded by Cllr Rudge and signed accordingly.
5. Matters arising from the minutes not included elsewhere on the Agenda. Following Mrs Williams question on behalf of Mrs Cooper, Cllrs Ashford and Rudge had visited Washbrook House and ascertained that a new system of drainage had been installed which controlled the amount of surface water released per second into the culvert.  
Dog fouling – This issue will be discussed with Cllr Hall at the next meeting.
6. Date of next Meeting. 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015.
7. Report from District Cllr. Gray. Cllr. Gray reported that the new Government is progressing with their plans for Northern Powerhouses. Councils are now being invited to join in with a combined Authority – which in our case would be the Birmingham area plus Coventry and parts of Warwickshire and Worcestershire – to work together on infrastructure projects.  
  
We are currently working with Cherwell and South Northants to share services but our two other partner councils want to form a confederation, setting up a separate company which would employ new staff, who wouldn't need to be in the local government pension scheme, therefore saving money.  
  
Core Strategy - having responded to the findings of the government inspector we are now awaiting the reaction to our response.
8. Questions and Comments from the Public. There were none.
9. Little Compton Community First Response Group. Due to 3 of our 4 responders no longer able to commit, and groups being encouraged to get bigger, it has been suggested that Little Compton join with Long Compton for administration and control by West Midlands Ambulance Services. This raises the question of what should happen to our two defibrillators, other equipment and funds. Long Compton plan to buy a scheme car, to which Little Compton might make a donation. After a discussion it was thought that Little Compton should retain one defibrillator and a set of equipment and loan the other to Long Compton. Any decision was deferred to the next meeting.

10. Playground Report. Cllr Robinson reported that he has visually inspected the playground on a regular basis and has found everything to be in good order. John Hall had replaced some of the links on the trim trail, and this year's inspection is due to take place week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> September.

11. Cemetery Report. No report available.

12. Footpath and Bridleways Report. Cllr Rudge reported that on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September the Cotswold Wardens are coming to carry on the work on the Bridleway opposite to Redlands Farm where a spring causes problems.

13. Village Maintenance Report. Cllr Ashford reported that all outstanding work has been done, and Mr Sked has repaired the grill at Malthouse Lane. The sign for The Bank has arrived, but the background is the wrong colour. Cllr Rudge and Cllr Ashford are going to a liaison meeting at the Smith Bledington Quarry on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

14. Financial:

- I. Balances at Bank Current Account - £3630.36  
Deposit Account - £10992.42  
Petty Cash - £76.53
- II. External Audit 14/15 The RFO reported that the External Audit report has been received along with an invoice for £30 due to the Auditor needing to contact us for extra information. There are a two places that have been ticked in the wrong boxes. Also the statements relating to the differences in amounts from one year to the next – although being correct, were apparently pointed out to us by the Auditor last year but with the change of Clerk this seems to have been missed. We must make sure this is not missed again next year. The Clerk's CiLCA training will start on 1<sup>st</sup> October.
- III. On a proposal by Cllr Robinson seconded by Cllr Rudge the following items of expenditure were approved.  
John Hall £60  
Grant Thornton additional fee £30

15. Planning Applications. Cllr Rudge reported on the following:

The sale of No1 Juxon Bungalows on the open market; resulting in one less affordable home in the village. It is understood that this is a policy decision by Orbit to upgrade its stock by selling off old houses and building new.

13/00423/FUL	Briars Close A public inquiry as a result of the appeal will take place on 4 <sup>th</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup> May 2016.
15/01071/FUL	2,3,5 & 6 Pool Close.
15/01072/FUL	Installation of external wall insulation to rear of the property.
15/01073/FUL	There was a majority decision by Councillors to
15/02805/FUL	to object to this. Cllr Ashford and Cllr Hall went to Planning meeting where a decision was deferred. Cllr Ashford stressed that the Parish Council is

not against the houses being insulated but is Against the external insulation. He reported that the decision was deferred to allow for a meeting with Orbit, but they and the company in place to do the work have declined a meeting.

15/02515/FUL	Peewit Lodge Retrospective application for the formation of a new access.	Application withdrawn
15/01415/FUL	Old Malthouse Removal of 7 velux windows replacing with 3 Dormer windows.	Declined
15/02897/FUL	Heron Cottage Partial demolition of outbuildings and formation of new structure to provide 1. No holiday let.	Decision Pending
15/03387/TPO	4 Rivington Glebe To remove the lowest limb on an Ash tree and 2 higher limbs on a Scots Pine.	Decision Pending
15/03073/FUL	Barton End House Application to change details in the Holiday let extention already applied for.	Decision Pending

16. A.O.B. There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.12pm