

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Little Compton Parish Council held in the
Village Hall Monday 19th May 2014**

Present: Cllrs. Ashford, Browne, Hall, Moorman and Rudge, County Cllr. Saint and eight members of the public.

1. Election of Chairman. Cllr. Jennifer Rudge was elected Chairman on a proposal by Cllr. Hall, seconded by Cllr. Moorman and agreed. The declaration of acceptance of office was duly signed.

2. Election of Vice Chairman. Cllr. Louise Moorman was elected Vice Chairman on a proposal by Cllr. Rudge, seconded by Cllr. Ashford and agreed.

3. Declaration of Interest. There was none.

4. Apologies for absence had been received from District Cllr. Gray and Ms Robyn Waller.

5. Minutes of the meeting held on 17th March 2014 were agreed to be a correct record on a proposal by Cllr. Ashford and seconded by Cllr. Hall and to be signed when the Minutes Book is returned from the Internal Auditor.

6. Matters arising from the minutes not included elsewhere on the agenda. Cllr. Hall said the problem of the elm tree stump on the verge in Barton Lane was in hand. It was agreed that the dead tree in the holloway (the bridleway) off Barton Lane should be removed. David Whitley would be asked first if he would do this.

7. Date of next Meeting: Monday 21st July 2014.

8. Report from County Cllr. Saint. He said the Fire and Rescue service in the County had put out a consultation document relating to ways to save money by service variation. It was proposed not to support the Young Firemen's Association.

The Annual Meeting of Warwickshire County Council is scheduled for Tuesday, 20th May when it was expected that Cllr. Brian Moss would be elected chairman.

S.D.C. has approved the Core Strategy of the Local Plan, which now must go through the process to be declared sound.

9. Questions and Comments from the Public. Mrs Williams asked who is responsible for cutting back hedges overhanging roads in the village, particularly in Langston Terrace where parked cars cause other traffic to brush against overhanging branches. It was agreed to put a notice in Centrepoint and to bring the matter to the attention of householders and landowners.

10. Parish Plan. Cllr. Browne said that despite extending the date by which questionnaires should be returned, no further completed questionnaires had been received. (Cllr. Moorman said she had returned one from a neighbour). This meant that only 22% of completed questionnaires had been returned which was too low for a viable document to be produced to represent residents' opinions, although some useful information had been gleaned from them. Cllr. Browne said the Steering

Committee considered that an analysis and brief report, out sourced by S.D.C., would be useful to complete the project and to put before an open meeting of the village. He asked the Parish Council to agree to this funding at a cost of £100. Cllr Rudge said that since the Parish Council had initially agreed to fund the Parish Plan, she would propose that this request was agreed. This was seconded by Cllr. Ashford. Cllr Rudge said the response from the 'Getting Involved' section of the questionnaire was also disappointing – six replies had been received equivalent to 4% of the 150 questionnaires distributed or 16.5% of those returned.

11. Playground Report. Cllr. Moorman said the Annual Safety Inspection was due in June. The Inspection in 2013 had been carried out by Play Inspection Company on the recommendation of the Council's Insurers (Came and Co.). The cost remained unchanged for 2014 - £59.95 unaccompanied or £84.95 accompanied. It was agreed that an accompanied visit every three years would be beneficial. All repairs identified last year had been carried out with the exception of the gate post in which rot was identified. Reed Business School were aware of this and agreed it would be replaced on completion of the building works at 2 Church Close. Cllr. Moorman had inspected the playground regularly and found everything in order.

12. Cemetery Report. Cllr. Hall reported on:

(i) Review of charges – It was agreed to defer this until the next meeting.

(ii) Annual Inspection. It was agreed to arrange a time for Cllrs. Ashford, Hall and Rudge to carry out the Annual Inspection.

Mr McLean had recorded his disappointment about the state of the cemetery after a recent cut when daffodil leaves had also been cut. He said the daffodil leaves had been cut too early and the long grass had been cut, leaving the cemetery very untidy. Cllr. Hall said she had personally raked up some of the cuttings, but would notify the contractor of the complaint and suggested that next year the contractor is asked to remove cuttings after the first cut. Cllr. Hall said a request for a headstone for the grave of Mrs Rene Reason had been received.

She also drew attention of the meeting to the new regulations on what items should be put into the different waste bins. She said either all waste bins should be removed from the cemetery or a recycling bin should be acquired and notices put on the bins re. contents. It was agreed that Cllr. Hall would ask S.D.C. to supply a recycling bin for the cemetery.

13. Footpaths and Bridleways Report. Cllr. Hall said the work carried out by the Cotswold Wardens to address the drainage problems on the bridleway opposite to Redlands Farm is greatly appreciated and is ongoing. They had recently been clearing the ditch near to the entrance gate and proposed to continue that work in September. The Parish Council had been asked to remove a tree lodged in the ditch. Cllr. Hall would contact the landowner about this.

14. Village Maintenance Report. Cllr. Ashford said the Parish Council intends to apply for a Flood Defence Assistance Grant from S.D.C. for the clearing of the ditch on Oakham Road hill and for the clearing and widening of the ditch on the side of the A44 opposite to the layby. Cllr. Ashford said that village maintenance continued to be a problem. Pot holes first reported in January had still not been filled despite repeated telephone calls. The work to strengthen the verge opposite to The Orchard, first

the road, directly in line with unseen oncoming traffic as they approached the corner. It was agreed to inform R.B.S.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05p.m.

Robyn Waller.
Parish Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer.