

**Minutes of the Meeting Of Little Compton Parish Council held in the Village Hall on
Monday 22nd September 2014**

Present: Cllrs. Rudge (Chairman), Moorman (Vice Chairman), Ashford, Browne and Hall, Robyn Waller (Parish Clerk), County Cllr. Saint, District Cllr. Gray and 5 members of the public.

1. Declarations of Interest: There were none.
2. Apologies for absence: There were none.
3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st July 2014 were agreed to be a correct record on a proposal from Cllr. Hall, seconded by Cllr. Moorman and signed.
4. Matters arising from the Minutes not included elsewhere on the Agenda. Cllr. Rudge apologised that she had no further information on the Lengthsman Trial Scheme in the Rugby area due to a delay in receiving a reply to an email and then being away on holiday. She will follow it up.
5. Date of next Meeting 17th November 2014
6. Reports from District Cllr. Gray and County Cllr. Saint. Cllr. Gray reported that the Core Strategy of the Local Plan is awaiting final approval from the Planning Inspectorate. Cllr. Gray paid tribute to Cllr. Saint for his contribution and efforts in working in support of the Plan to completion. Cllr. Saint acknowledged Cllr. Gray's appreciation and expressed his pleasure that the matter had been successfully concluded. Cllr. Saint reminded the Parish Council that the 'Councillor Grant Fund' was open and that £5,000 is available to be shared amongst Parishes to help communities address issues of local concern. Applications should be submitted to Amanda Wilson Patterson by the closing date of October 10th 2014.
Cllr. Saint reported on the review of the Young Fire Service Association, stating that the nearest service to the Parish is located in Shipston and that a meeting concerning services is to take place 25th September. He will advise further.
Cllr. Saint further reported that in the wake of the Scottish Referendum, changes in local funding can be expected. Cllr. Saint will keep the Parish Council informed of any foreseeable changes.
On the matter of highways funding, Cllr. Saint reported that he has cause for optimism that increased funding for highways may be forthcoming. Again, he will keep Council informed. The recent postponement of resurfacing work in Church Lance until February 9th 2015 was discussed. Cllr. Ashford asked Cllr. Saint for his assistance regarding what amounts to a six month postponement, likely to be further delayed because of winter weather. Cllr. Saint agreed to speak with the engineer and keep the Council informed.
7. Questions and Comments from the Public. Mrs. Crump said that the laurel hedge bordering Washbrook House continues to dominate the view from houses facing it, blocks out the sun leaving the road always damp and icy during winter months and is presently full of nesting starlings leaving droppings on cars and washing. Although much of the hedge is to be removed during current renovation works, the Parish Council agreed to bring the matter to the attention of the landowner.

Mrs. Hanks said trees which urgently need attention are still overhanging the road opposite to High Corner. Some branches fell onto the road last winter and the trees continue to form a potential

hazard. She said landowners have a duty of care. The Parish Council agreed to approach the landowner directly, If this proves unsuccessful, the Forestry Department can be contacted. Mrs Crump stated that dog excrement is being put into village litter boxes posing a health risk as well as causing the bins to smell. The introduction of dog litter boxes was discussed but considered unsuitable. Cllr. Rudge said she had again received complaints regarding dog fouling in Pill Lane. One notice is in place there and Cllr. Ashford agreed to put up another. It was decided to place another request in Centrepoint for dog owners to act responsibly.

Mr Jeremy Evans reported that parking on the footpath in Church Lane remains a problem leaving the newly laid sets displaced and minimizing the width of the footpath for pedestrians. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Reed Business School requesting that students and visitors refrain from parking on the footpath.

A complaint was made regarding the shrubs and plants overhanging the footpath at 2 Red Lodge. Cllr. Moorman agreed to speak with the property owner.

8. Removal of Post Box. Cllr Rudge said that the unadvised removal of the Post Box by High Corner had caused inconvenience and concern. Further investigation had revealed that Royal Mail did not intend to replace the box as there was another within 500 metres - this is at the east end of the village and not convenient for many residents particularly the elderly. Cllr. Saint advised that Royal Mail was answerable to Parliament and suggested that the local M.P. is contacted in writing. Cllr. Rudge agreed to do so.

9. Parish Plan: Cllr Browne reported that a Powerpoint presentation summarising the information gathered from the Parish Plan questionnaires had been prepared and was ready to present to the Parish at a meeting to be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on October 22nd Parish Plan. This would be advertised on the village noticeboards and in Centerpoint.

10. Broadband Update: With the conclusion of the Parish Plan, Cllr. Browne has agreed to take over the action for better broadband reception.

11. Playground Report: Following the repairs identified in the Annual Inspection Report it was agreed that Mr John Hall would shorten the chains on the swings by removing the worn links and would rub down and oil the two benches in the playground. Cllr. Moorman had contacted Playdale regarding other repairs, but had received no reply to date, but would follow it up.

12. Cemetery Report: Cllr. Hall reported that a ditch has been dug at the top end of the cemetery to help prevent water from draining down the hill into the cemetery. Cllr. Ashford expressed thanks to Mr John Hall and Mr Matthew Gillett for their assistance in this project. It was agreed that the Parish Clerk would send a letter of appreciation to both..

Cllr. Hall said Miss Susan Reid had reserved a plot in the cemetery.

The hedges bordering Barton Lane and Jordan's Orchard had been cut, leaving a short length bordering the land behind Jordan's Orchard uncut. Cllr. Hall will obtain a quote for the work from Thomas Fox.

13. Footpath and Bridleways Report: Cllr Hall reported that the Cotswold Wardens have continued to clear the ditch adjacent to the bridleway opposite to Redlands Farm House.

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She had received a report that a horse rider had been injured on that bridleway by overhanging briars, but understands these have now been removed by the Cotswold Wardens.

Retrospective demolition of prefabricated buildings.
No objections from Parish Council

14/02021/FUL Compton Graze
14/02023/LBC Proposed dormer window to rear elevation and sundry minor amendments to consented drawings.
No objections from Parish Council

14/01395/FUL Acorn Cottage
Creation of vehicular access into paddock.
No objections from Parish Council

13/00423/FUL Briars Close, London Road
Public Inquiry deferred from April to be reconvened on 23rd – 25th September 2014.

17. Correspondence.

29/7/14 Temporary Road Closure – Barton Rd on 26th August 2014.
04/8/14 Planning Application 14/01832/FUL Barton End House.
05/8/14 Alison Gregory WALC Training Sessions.
Amanda Wilson-Patterson – Shipston/Stour Community Forum.
27/8/14 Planning – Oxfordshire District Cncl. consultation on revised statement of community involvement.
28/8/14 Graham Raspin SDC Review of Polling Districts.
02/9/14 Alison Gregory WALC Upcoming Event on 6/12/14
How to make effective planning application.’
10/9/14 W.C.C. Amanda Wilson Patterson Shipston/Stour Community Forum.
10/9/14 Lucy Lambert SDC Introduction as Rural Crime Co-ordinator.
Planning Application 14/02021/FUL Compton Graze
Planning Application 14/02023/LBC
17/9/14 Planning Application 14/01395/FUL Acorn Cottage
18/9/14 Craig Purcell Shipston Police Team.
22/9/14 Alison Gregory – WALC. - Flood Summit on 16/10/14 at Rugby.

18. A.O.B. Cllr. Hall asked Cllr. Rudge if there was any truth in current rumours circulating the Village, that she was intending to resign her position from the Parish Council. Cllr. Rudge said she had no plans to resign at this time..

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Robyn Waller
Parish Clerk/Responsible Financial Officer