

Minutes of the Meeting of Little Compton Parish Council held in the Village Hall on
Monday 19th September 2016

Present: Cllrs. Rudge (Chairman), Ashford, Robinson and White, County Cllr. Saint and 3 members of the public

1. Declarations of Interest. There were none.
2. Apologies for absence. Clerk Vicki Hanks.
3. Resignation of Councillor. Following the resignation of Clare Hall from the Parish Council, the procedure to elect or co-opt a new Councillor will begin. A letter thanking Miss Hall for her services to the Council for the last five years had been sent.
4. Minutes of the meeting held on 18th July 2016 were agreed to be a correct record, proposed by Cllr. Ashford, seconded by Cllr. White and signed accordingly.
5. Matters arising from the Minutes not included elsewhere on the Agenda. Following an incident in which an unexpected firework display late one night had frightened a dog and caused it to go missing, the Chairman had contacted S.D.C. for advice. Apparently there are no laws governing fireworks on private land, except if it is a regular occurrence, when it could be deemed a public nuisance. Residents were encouraged to inform neighbours, as a courtesy, if they planned a private firework display.
Cllr. Hall had asked if a representative from S.D.C. could come to a Parish Council Meeting to explain why 'a deal' had been reached between them and the owner of Briar Close Nursery before the Public Inquiry, while W.O.D.C. had continued to the Public Inquiry, opposing the appeal which related to it, resulting in the appeal being dismissed and the enforcement notice upheld (with some corrections and variations). Cllr. Grey said Ron Goodyer, enforcement officer at S.D.C. would be happy to come and explain.
6. Date of next meeting: 21st November 2016
7. Report from County Cllr. Saint. Cllr. Saint reported that it is the time of year when everyone is auditing accounts. They have been before the Audit Committee and will be put before the Full Council.
Jeff Morris from County Highways has been promoted and Mike Rodgers has taken his place.
There had been an incident a few weeks ago when a fire engine tried to get in to Kingstone Farm the wrong way, thus delaying attendance at a fire there. This was being thoroughly investigated.
In the absence of District Cllr. Gray, Cllr. Saint reported that since our last meeting the Core Strategy has been adopted and has survived the 6 week period for challenge so is very much on.
Cllr. Rudge said the Parish Council was applying for a grant from W.C.C. Councillor Grant Fund to supply electricity to the defibrillator cabinet to be sited on the outer wall of the Village Hall. Cllr. Ashford asked how soon we will know if we have been awarded the grant. Cllr. Saint said the closing date is 7th October, but it will probably be early December when the results are announced.
8. Questions and comments from the public. Mrs. Hanks mentioned she had asked to reserve a plot in the cemetery and was wondering who she should liaise with on this matter now that Clare Hall has resigned. Cllr. Rudge said that the Parish Council is

aware of her request, but had not, to date, received the Cemetery Book etc. from Miss Hall and that hopefully a new Councilor will take over care of the cemetery and will be in touch in due course.

Mrs. Hanks also said she understood that the bridlepath opposite to Redlands Farm was blocked. The Chairman said this would be investigated.

9. Playground Report. Cllr. Robinson said there was little to report, except that the playground safety inspection is due to take place sometime this month. He had been visually inspecting the playground on a regular basis and found all in order.

10. Footpaths and Bridleways Report. A complaint had been received about the footpath beside the garage on the A44. Cllr. Rudge and Cllr. Ashford went to look and found it very overgrown. Having spoken to the owner of the garage, work was starting clearing it the following weekend.

11. Broadband and Emergency Plan update. Cllr. White reported that we now have fibre optic to the whole village, and people are reporting huge differences in speeds. The Emergency Plan should be sorted out for the next meeting.

12. Village Maintenance Report. Cllr. Ashford said no-one seems to know what is happening in County Highways. On contacting the department following Jeff Morris's promotion, he was put in touch with Ryan Phillips, who came to the village and met with Cllr. Rudge and Cllr. Ashford to look around and see firsthand the areas that need attention. Mr. Phillips marked all these areas, and it was agreed that the area near Pool Close couldn't be patched, it would need resurfacing. Nothing was done and he then received a call from Mike Roger's, Ryan Phillips replacement, who then came to the village. He looked at the Pool Close problem and said it wouldn't be resurfaced but could be patched, and for patching it can be up to a 6 month wait. A request was also put in some time ago to renew white lines at 2 junctions in the village and we are still waiting on this too.

The builders at Washbrook House have again assured us that when building work is complete they will be re-instating the verges and footpaths etc.

There have been several complaints about overhanging trees opposite to Langston Terrace. Also a tree is overhanging the verge at Juxon House - Cllr. Ashford had spoken to the tenant, who said she would contact the Landlord. Cllr. Ashford suggested writing to both parties.

13. Cemetery Report. Cllr. Rudge reported that the hedges are in need of cutting - this is due to be done in September or October according to the tender.

Cllr. Rudge explained a recent problem with the choice of a headstone, which had resulted in the resignation of Cllr. Hall. The Parish Council has rules about the size of headstones and tries to ensure that choices are appropriate to a country cemetery with a preference for softer coloured stones rather than black. However there are quite a number of black headstones already in the cemetery, which has set a precedent. This particular matter has been resolved with the family agreeing to a dark grey headstone with a small black headstone (moved from the ashes spaces) placed in front. Cllr. Rudge showed an image of the proposed headstone and the remaining Councillors were all in agreement that it was accepted.

14. Village defibrillator update. The box to house the defibrillator has been bought and paid for using the funds transferred from the disbanded Little Compton Community First Response Group. As discussed in Agenda item 7 we are now awaiting a decision on the grant request to pay for the electricity connection to the box. Two quotes have been

received - Banner Electrics £311.20 and KR Electrics £342.

15. Housing Need Survey. After a short discussion it was agreed that as it is 8 years since the last survey, it is the duty of the Parish Council to proceed with a new one.

16. Financial. The annual return had been received back from the External Auditors with the report that 'on the basis of our review, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.'. Notice of Conclusion of Audit will now be advertised.

For payment:

Safety Tec (Defibrillator Cabinet)	£485.85 including VAT
Grant Thornton (External Auditor)	£100.00 + VAT
Wayne Ashford (Phone Charges)	£16.40

On a proposal by Cllr. White seconded by Cllr. Robinson the above items of expenditure were approved.

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

16/01485/FUL	4 Pool Close Single Storey rear extension to replace existing conservatory to be attached to previously approved utility room extension.	Granted
16/02273/TREE	6 Redlands Row Various tree works	Granted
16/02578/TREE	6 Rivington Glebe Fell 2 Red Cedar Trees	Granted
16/01281/TREE	4 Redlands Row Pear Tree Fell - felled before permission granted. Under investigation.	Withdrawn
16/02593/FUL	1 Juxon Bungalows Erect a Summer House	Circulated

18. A.O.B. With no other business the meeting closed at 8pm