

Minutes of the Meeting of Little Compton Parish Council held in the Village Hall
Monday, 20th March 2017 following the Annual Parish Meeting

1. Declarations of interest. There were none.
2. Apologies for absence. There were none.
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2017. Were agreed to be a true record on a proposal by Cllr. Ashford, seconded by Cllr. White and were signed accordingly.
4. Matters arising from the Minutes not included elsewhere on the Agenda. The willow trees in the cemetery have been cut down and removed by Mr Hartnell. Cllr. Rudge has discussed with Ms. Shaw of Reed Business School the white lines on the road outside the Business School and was assured that they were not aware when they were painted that the road was in the care of County Highways.
5. Date of next meeting: Monday, 15th May 2017.
6. Reports from District Cllr. Gray and County Cllr. Saint. Cllr. Gray reported that the District Council had carried out a survey regarding telephone boxes with the results sent to BT. The comments from Little Compton would have been taken on board with the recommendation that we should keep our telephone box.
He said there has been a 2% rise in Council Tax this year.
Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group are consulting over the future of the Horton Hospital. This is causing some concern over the loss of services held there. S.D.C. are consulting with neighbouring District Councils on how to respond to this consultation.

Cllr. Saint also reported on the proposed changes to services at the Horton Hospital. He urged people to write individually rather than sign a collective letter. Oxfordshire County Council are trying to convert the whole of the County into one huge council. Cherwell are very much objecting to this. Oxfordshire Health Service Trust have split the Horton consultation into two, which means interdependent answers from two consultations are not being addressed. Stratford District Council has done a lot of work with South Northamptonshire Council and have issued the first stage of legal proceedings against the Health Authority for a flawed consultation. Warwickshire County Council has a Council Tax rise of 3.99%.
Cllr. Saint said that, having served as a County Councillor in this area for 16 years, he had decided to stand down this year. The Chairman said he would be much missed and thanked him for all his help and advice over the years.

Mr Ayres asked about a grant to update the heating in the village hall. Cllr. Saint said he should follow this up with his successor.
7. Questions and comments from the public. There were none.

8. Village Maintenance Report. Cllr. Ashford said that Pool Close had now been resurfaced and new kerb stones fitted on the corner of Willow End. Eight Willow trees, which were considered to have been planted in the wrong place, had been removed from the cemetery.

Mike Rodgers had come to the village for a site meeting and had listed all of the pot holes which need attention, including the one at the top of Oakham hill where the water still pools. The two passing places on Barton Lane are full of debris.

Regarding the defibrillator now installed at the Village Hall, Cllr. Ashford said he felt he should apologise, West Midlands Ambulance Service recommend that only two people in the village know the code to the defibrillator, but at a Village Hall meeting he demonstrated how to access the defibrillator hence revealing the code to more people. Subsequent to this the door to the defibrillator was found open. He suggested that the Parish Council change the code and inform West Midland Ambulance Service of this change.

There are some outstanding works in the village including the verge opposite to the Manor which has eroded away - County Highways are aware of this. Where the road floods from the Red Lion down towards the A44 is also due some work, Mike Rodgers was surprised this has not been completed.

Cllr. Rudge suggested the bench by the telephone box needs repainting and it was agreed to ask John Hall to do this.

9. Playground. Report. Cllr. Robinson reported that the playground had been visually inspected regularly, and that one of the timbers pointed out in the inspection has now split more so a quote will be sought to replace this.

10. Emergency Plan. Cllr. White said the Emergency Plan is completed except for a few names that are still missing. Once completed it will be uploaded onto the village website and hard copies made available to village organizations.

11. Cemetery Report. Cllr. Rudge said that, as previously mentioned the willow trees have been removed. There is a burial on 3rd April in a reserved grave.

12. Footpaths and Bridleways Report. Cllr. Rudge said a complaint had been received about the condition of the footpath behind Hawton Farm, which has been churned up during the building work at Hawton Farm. It has been reported to the rights of way officer, and will need some work in the near future. Cllr. Rudge will speak to the owner

13. Affordable Housing Survey. No further information has been received, The Clerk will follow this up..

14. Financial.

Internal and External Audit 2016/17. The R.F.O.said we are still awaiting the paperwork from Grant Thornton. She will contact Anthony Mulliner to see if he is happy to do our internal audit again

Expenditure for Approval:

Removal of willow trees in cemetery	£300 (approx)
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Petty Cash	£100
Broadband/Telephone Increase	£38 per month

On a proposal from Cllr. Rudge and seconded by Cllr. White the above items of expenditure were approved.

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

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| 17/00213/FUL | Hawton Farm
Alterations to existing ancillary residential building to provide a first floor within an enlarged roof space. Cladding of external walls in stone. | No Objections |
| 17/00117/FUL | Peewit Cottage
Demolition of existing dwelling and replacing with a 5 bedroom house with associated access and landscape works.
The Parish Council has objected to this on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site and the materials to be used. | |
| 17/00010/FUL | The Orchard
Dormer windows to the front and rear. | Approved |

Also a notification of permitted development to install an electricity sub-station at Newtown has been received.

16. A.O.B. Cllr. Ashford tendered his resignation from the Parish Council - which the Parish Council regretfully accepted.

17. Resolution to exclude the public under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 was agreed on a proposal by Cllr. Rudge and seconded by Cllr. White.
Cllr. Ashford also left the meeting at this time.

18. Co-option of Councillor. On a proposal by Cllr. Robinson and seconded by Cllr. Rudge, it was agreed that Rachel Righton be co-opted onto the Parish Council.

With no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm