

**Minutes of the Meeting of Little Compton Parish Council held on Monday 20th
November 2017.**

Present: Cllrs. Robinson (Chair), White, Righton and Reeves, Clerk Vicki Hanks and 5 members of the public.

1. Declarations of Interest. There were none.
2. Apologies for Absence. Apologies were received from Cllr. Barker, Cllr. Evans and Ms Clare Hall.
3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 18th September. On a proposal by Cllr. White, seconded by Cllr. Righton these were agreed to be a true record and signed accordingly.
4. Matters arising from the Minutes not included elsewhere on the Agenda. There were none.
5. Dates of 2018 Meetings: It was agreed that the council would cut down to 4 meetings plus the Annual Parish meeting in 2018 – these would continue to be the 3rd Monday in the months of January, March, May, July and October.
6. Reports from District Cllr. Gray and County Cllr. Barker. There were none.
7. Questions and Comments from the Public. Mrs Hanks questioned whether the local connection clause had been adhered to in relation to the letting of 4 Jordans Orchard, as she had heard someone with a very strong connection to Little Compton had applied, but they were turned down in favour of someone from Long Compton with no connection to Little Compton. Cllr. Robinson said that when the house became vacant he was asked to contact the housing association, he had a telephone conversation and wrote an Email stressing the point that it should be let with local connection a priority. After letting he had been informed that no-one with close links to the village had applied hence why it had gone to a family slightly further afield.
Mrs Hanks asked if there would be any grants that the Parish Council could apply for to help the Village Hall fund a damp problem that needs looking into. The options will be looked into.
8. Playground Report. Cllr. Robinson reported that the annual inspection has been done and any notifications in the report are all low risk, so these will need to be monitored. The Wall near the gate is coming loose in places so this will need some attention. Cllr. Robinson would like to get the inspection done earlier next year.

9. Village Maintenance Report. Cllr. Reeves reported that the drains in Malthouse Lane are raised and could cause a problem to vehicles. Cllr. Robinson had been along there when the contractors were there working who told him these were completely blocked up and that they were planning to get a jet blaster to clear them. Cllr. Reeves has had it brought to his attention by 2 villagers the height of the conifers opposite the village hall. The Owner of the property will be contacted and asked about cutting them back. The road up Oakham hill was mentioned where it is collapsing in 3 or 4 places, Cllr. Reeves will contact the council regarding this. Also the Culvert opposite Jordans Orchard needs looking at.
10. Cemetery Report. Cllr. Robinson had an Email pointing out the obligations of the Council to carry out an annual Health & Safety inspection of the Cemetery. Cllrs. Robinson and Reeves will get together to do this.
11. Footpaths and Bridleways Report. Cllr. Reeves reported he is happy with the footpaths in general for the time of year. He has repaired the hand rail on the bridge behind the pub.
12. Financial.
- i. Half Year Accounts. The Clerk will forward the half year accounts to all councillors as she had forgotten to bring the printed version with her. It was also mentioned that maybe it would be an idea for the Clerk to become a named person on the bank account so that I can cash Petty Cash cheques. It was agreed this is a good idea. And to proceed with this.
 - ii. Expenditure for Approval. On a proposal by Cllr. Robinson seconded by Cllr. White the following items of expenditure were approved.

Computer Repair	£125.95
Wreath Royal British Legion	£ 20.00
 - iii. Tenders:
 - Cemetery Maintenance
 - Village Grass Verges

The previous year tenders were approved to go out again with the inclusion on the village verge maps of the verges either side of the drive at Maple House in Drivers Lane at the request of Mrs Aitken (property owner) who had contacted us to inform she was no longer able to cut them herself. These will go out with a return date of Friday 8th January.
13. Planning Applications. The following applications have been received.
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| 17/02681/FUL | Peewit Lodge |
| | Construction of a single storey double bay garage in front of the drive. |
| 17/03264/TREE | Chapel Cottage |

17/03266/TREE	Fell or Crown Ash Tree Chapel Cottage
17/03262/TREE	Fell Willow Tree 5 Oakham Road
17/02988/FUL	Pollard Willow Tree Langston Farm Replacement dwelling including garage following fire.
17/02545/FUL	Hornbeam Cottage Addition of 1 st floor to existing lean to extension.

14. A.O.B. It was asked if the parish council meetings could be advertised in the Centrepoint magazine. It was agreed that a full list would go onto the notice boards and also Cllr. White will put them in Centrepoint for each meeting through the year. With no other business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.