



COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a MEETING of Compton Parish Council
held on **Wednesday 18th March 2026 2024 at 7pm**

At Pucks Oak Barn

For the transaction of the under mentioned business

Present: Cllr R Nagaty (in the chair), Cllrs K K Hecker-Meschede and C Sharples
County Cllt M Furniss
Mr W Bagnall
15 members of the public
In attendance The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

Open Forum: The Chairman agreed to move agenda item 027/26 to the beginning of the meeting. Mr Bagnall reminded those present of the current proposals put forward by SCC and summarised in the County Councillors report (attached to these minutes) and these were discussed. The record of the Open Forum is attached to these minutes.

- 023/26 Apologies for Absence:** were received from Cllr S Mallet, J Palca and N Wyschna. Apologies were also received from Borough Cllr D Williams
- 024/26 Declarations of interest:** were made by Cllr R Nagaty with respect to Blackwell Farm and Cllr C Sharples as an employee of Watts Gallery.
- 025/26 Minutes of Meeting held 21st January 2026** were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman
- 026/26 Matters arising**
021/26: litter pick: a new supply of litter pickers and hi-viz jackets have been purchased ready for the litter pick on the 21st March.
- 027/26 Highways and traffic committee: report from Mr Bagnall** report and discussion
attached to the minutes
- 028/26 Report from County Cllr** report *attached to the minutes.*
- 029/26 Report from Borough Cllrs:** no report was received.
- 030/26 Loseley Estate:** Report from Alexander More-Molyneux:
Bummoor Copse is a broadleaved woodland spanning about 19 hectares, with nearly two-thirds being ancient semi-natural woodland.

Recently, mature (non-native) poplar trees were cut down for safety, and because they become brittle and hazardous over time. Ash trees infected with ash dieback disease were also removed, focusing on the Polested Lane frontage and other areas of high public access.

Alongside this alder trees were coppiced, resulting in some impressive regrowth over the past year, this promises another crop for the future. Alders are well-suited to the wet conditions here and are less likely to be browsed by deer.

Some of the leftover wood was stacked into habitat piles, or windrows. These may appear untidy, however they provide important shelter for insects, birds, and fungi, boosting the woodlands biodiversity.

Looking forward, management will involve removing ash trees affected by ash dieback and, if needed, restocking any cleared spaces. Natural regeneration is preferred, allowing seed trees to self-sow and maintain a continuous mix of tree ages, further enriching the woodland's biodiversity.

The recent drainage works carried out by the estate will help to improve access.

The woodland manager had further reported: The planned restocking method is natural regeneration first and foremost at Bummoor Copse. If we do not see enough regeneration by later in the spring, we will arrange for additional tree planting in October/November.

031/26 Neighbourhood Plan: members reviewed recent discussions on the merits of a Neighbourhood Plan and determined not to proceed at this time, as it would involve a great deal of work and commitment which is currently being focussed on the traffic calming proposals.

032/26 Car Park on Green: a quotation for a car park big enough for 20 cars has been received and a planning application is being submitted.

033/26 Members report: Local Plan

Normandy planning application

Taylor Wimpey has submitted a planning application for 950 dwellings, a two-form entry primary school, a Special Educational Needs school (Class F1) and a community hub, on a site off Glaziers Lane, between Normandy and Flexford (25/P/01725). The developer has timed the application in the gap between the GBC Local Plan expiring and its imminent five-year review (which will double GBC's housing target).

Normandy Action Group (NAG) has been running a campaign with local residents, which has generated more than 500 objections. It has also been supported by adjacent parish councils, which have submitted objections to the scheme.

NAG has asked if Compton PC would also add its voice to the objections. The key impact of the scheme on Compton would be a further increase in traffic on the west side of Guildford. The developer's traffic modelling shows that the scheme would add over 4,000 two-way vehicle trips to the local roads per day. The Local Plan Sub-Committee therefore recommends that the PC oppose the development. This was **agreed** and the Clerk will write.

Solar Farm

Scottish Southern Electric and the University of Surrey have not yet resubmitted their application for a solar farm on the slopes of the Hog's Back, west of Blackwell Farm.

034/26 Planning: Members had no objections to the current planning applications.

- 035/26** Members report: **Allotments and Environment** : *Cllr Sharples*
Cllr Sharples reported that he and a colleague had cleared out Withies pond, which was greatly appreciated.
- 036/26** Members report: **Youth and Recreation**: *The Clerk*
The Clerk had nothing new to report
- 037/26** Members report: **Watts Gallery and Cemetery**
a) Report from Gallery:
After a busy February half term, we have moved to our summer opening hours with the site opening until 5pm. We have a busy few weeks coming up with lots of family activity planned for Easter and the final month of Women of Influence: The Pattle Sisters.
A second round of interviews for a new Director were held on 10 March, and we are hoping to have some positive news to report in the coming weeks.
Tree Work
The section 211 has now been secured, and we are working with our tree surgeons to plan for works on the beech tree near the cloisters that needs its canopy reducing. This will mean we will need to close off the cemetery for a period to facilitate this work to happen safely. We will liaise with the Parish Council to ensure we agree appropriate dates and minimise disruption.
Physical Energy
Work is continuing on the interpretation panels and donor recognition which we are hoping to have installed in the next few weeks ready for a donor event at the end of April. More information will follow on this soon.
- b) Request for a wedding ceremony in the Chapel:** members agreed not to allow this, as the Chapel is primarily a mortuary chapel. In addition, the chapel does not have a wedding licence.
- 038/26** Members report: **Communications**: The Clerk reported that Cllr Wyschna had arranged the banners for the Annual Parish Meeting and would work with her on providing support for the litter pick on the 21st. Cllr Wyschna continued to send out notifications and news on local media.
- 039/26** **Annual Parish Meeting:** The meeting will commence with the Chairman's report on the past Parish Council year, and then would concentrate on the traffic calming proposals. The Clerk will arrange refreshments and attendees will have vouchers for drinks. Cllr Wyschna will take the attendance record.
- 040/26** **Finance**
a) *Schedule of payments to end February*, with a total outlay of £7760.21 for January and February, was noted and approved.
b) *Management report to end February* was noted and approved.
c) *Bank reconciliation to end February* was verified against the bank statement by a Member at the meeting

d) *Appointment of Internal auditor* members approved the re-appointment of Mulberry Financial Services, who have given the Council good service for a number of years.

041/26 Model Publication members agreed to adopt the Information Commissioners model publication scheme. Proposed by Cllr Nagaty, Seconded by Cllr Hecker-Meschede, all in favour.

042/26 IT Policy: members reviewed and agreed the Council's IT Policy. Proposed by Cllr Nagaty, Seconded by Cllr Hecker-Meschede, all in favour.

043/26 Councillors Business: any further business arising from the meeting to be noted or dealt with on a future agenda.

Traffic Calming proposals: it was suggested that the Parish Council might consider commissioning some sound tests and requesting more information from the police on their traffic policing policy.

044/26 Date of next meeting:

Annual Meeting: 20th May 7pm.

Annual Parish Meeting: 15th April, 7pm, village club

The meeting closed at 21.00