



COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

Local Government Act 1972

Minutes of a MEETING of Compton Parish Council
held on **Wednesday 16th July 2025 at 7pm**

At Pucks Oak Barn

For the transaction of the under mentioned business

Present: Cllr R Nagaty (in the chair), Cllrs C Sharples and N Wyschna
County Cllr M Furness
Borough Cllr C Houston
3 members of the public
In attendance: The Clerk, Mrs J Cadman

*Public Session: **Harrow:*** A local resident was of the view that Guildford BC had failed under the 2010 Planning Act, Section 215, to undertake the necessary repairs to the Harrow and to charge the owners for this work. The building is a timber framed 16th century structure and although it is not listed as the exterior is younger, it is in a conservation area. The Clerk had written to Regulatory Services, and the Borough Cllr had contacted Conservation Services.

065/25 Apologies for Absence were received from Cllrs S Mallet and J Palca

066/25 Declarations of interest

Cllr Nagaty declared a non pecuniary interest in 070/25 as a neighbour.

Cllr Sharples declared a non pecuniary interest in 081/25 as an employee of the Gallery.

067/25 Minutes of Annual Meeting held 21st May 2025: were agreed as a correct record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

068/25 Matters arising

a) *Path to Playground:* the Council has received a grant from SCC Councillors allowance for £2741, with a further £400 from Mr and Mrs Wyschna. Grateful thanks were given to Cllr Furness and Cllr Wyschna for supporting these grants. The quotation for work received from Humphreys Tarmacing Services is for £3370 and it was agreed to proceed.

Cllr Furness advised that a new round of funding had now opened and applications were invited.

b) *Neighbourhood Plan:* ET Planning have been commissioned to undertake an audit of what the Parish needs.

069/25 The Harrow: the derioration of the Harrow has been reported to GBC Regulatory Services. Discussed in the Public Session.

070/25 Solar Farm: Nothing further has been heard regarding the judge's decision on the application for extension of time or the substantive claim. Our solicitors advise that this cannot be hurried, that this will be dealt with in order of applications.

071/25 Bummoor Copse: Members noted the report from the meeting between Cllr Mallet, Alexander More-Molyneux and the Clerk. Cllr Sharples voiced his concern at the lack of communication with the public. The Clerk advised that Mr More-Molyneux had agreed to address this and would send a report for each meeting of the Parish Council.

For this current meeting, the Estate had advised that the 'Live at Loseley' event is returning once again and will be taking place on Front Park in front of Loseley House for three days on Friday 8th August, Saturday 9th August and Sunday 10th August. There will be live music each day from c.5.00pm finishing with fireworks on the Friday and Saturday evening

072/25 Car Park for Compton: The Clerk initially wrote to Parks and Countryside for their views, as follows: *"It is the core business of the Parks and Countryside Team to provide accessible green spaces for Guildford's residents. As default position, we would not recommend reducing green space."*

The Clerk will now seek pre-planning advice from GBC Planning Department.

Cllr Wyschna advised that the removal vans have gone and thanked Cllr Houston for her help. The Camper van is back and is taking up central space in the garages on Spiceall.

073/25 Local Government re-organisation:

The Government is consulting on two options:

- i. A proposal by Surrey County Council to create two unitary authorities, supported by Elmbridge Borough Council and Mole Valley District Council.
- ii. A plan to establish three new unitary councils, supported by nine district and borough councils, including Guildford and Waverley.

Cllr Houston advised that 63% of residents supported the three unitary council model, as this provided more local government.

There are debt issues in some Councils, but Government have indicated that they will deal with this.

074/25 Report from County Cllr M Furniss:

- i. *Local government reorganisation:* It is important to look at the options and which is best for driving economic growth. Surrey is being fast tracked because of the debt held by some Councils. Woking has been given enhanced funding.
- ii. *Local speed project:* This is at the next stage, funding having been approved. The detailed design and safety audit will now go ahead, as well as consultation. The Planning Officers at SCC have asked for additional funds for some extra work, including a crossing at the church.
- iii. *Parking Review:* is due to start in September and will include the proposed double yellow lines at Spiceall to prevent parking on the junction.
- iv. *Councillor Funding:* Cllr Furniss will have access to £50,000 in total and invited applications.
- v. *Surrey Connect* is now up and running.
- vi. *Site at Normandy:* Taylor Wimpey have an application in to build 900 houses in Normandy, which will have a significant effect on the B3000.

075/25 Report from Borough Cllr C Houston

- i. *Proposed supplementary planning document:* which will concern tall buildings. Consultation finishes on the 8th August. Cllr Houston will send the Clerk a link.
- ii. *Local Government Review:* The Council is considering this. Only a third of Surrey is Parished and Guildford does not have either a town or parish council. New Parish Councils will be needed after the reorganisation and consideration needs to be given

to whether there should be a town council for Guildford. Consultation will be undertaken at some point.

- iii. *Land at Monkshatch Garden Farm:* Planning permission for 24/P/00495 was refused and enforcement action has been started, but this has now gone to appeal.

076/25 Members report: Local Plan

Mrs Stephens report was noted. She had recommended that the Parish Council try to expedite the claim against GBC regarding the Solar Farm, due to the pressure to complete the Boundary Review and the effect the withdrawal of the planning permission for this would have on the proposed boundary of the National Landscape. It was agreed that our solicitors had made it clear that there was no avenue to expedite the claim and that we had to wait for the process to take its course.

077/25 Highways and Traffic Committee:

- a) *Traffic Calming scheme:* Funding is now secured, and the project has now received approval from SCC Infrastructure panel, therefore the scheme can be progressed. It was noted that £100,000 has already been spent on preparatory work.
- b) Terms of Reference are being prepared by SCC Placemaking team which will be sent out to the Highways committee shortly. A meeting will then be set up to set out the purpose of the group.
- c) SCC recommend including a representative from the Gallery and the Village Hall on this group.
- d) *Grass verge from end of Polsted Lane to Poplar Cottage:* Cllr Sharples requested that our handyman be given the routine job of moving this grass verge, in order to enable people to walk safely off the road. Cllr Furniss advised that SCC mow this section twice yearly, and it has just been done, so it was agreed to add this to our handyman's schedule for 2 more cuts in the year.

078/25 Planning

- a) Current list of current planning applications had been circulated.
- b) A resident had put in an application to GBC for a glass tunnel between two residential buildings, and had no further contact from Planning for over 5 months. Cllr Houston agreed to take this up on her behalf and they exchanged details.

079/25 Members report: Allotments and Environment : Cllr Sharples

- a) It was understood that the allotments had installed their earth toilet.
- b) Nothing to report regarding the environment.

080/25 Members report: Youth and Recreation: The Clerk

- a) *Safer surfacing:* the repair kit is in the handyman's possession and the work will be done shortly.
- b) *Your Fund Surrey:* £2741 has been obtained from the County Cllrs Small Fund allowance and will be used for the all weather footpath.
- c) *Football posts:* The Council have received a request to place two permanent foot ball goals on the Green. The current ones, supplied by a resident, are constantly having to be replaced. The alternative suggested is football posts on wheels. After discussion, members **agreed** not to give permission for permanent posts, as the Parish Council, as owners of the Green, would then assume liability for any accidents. The broken posts that are now there must be removed and if the resident wishes to place football posts on the Green, they must be removed at the end of each session.

081/25 Members report: **Watts Gallery and Cemetery**

- a) *Analysis of remaining work on data capture project:* members attention was drawn to the report tabled and agreed at the May meeting, setting out the remaining work and likely costs. The report and expenditure was noted.
- b) Data capture report from D Herbert was noted.
- c) Report from Gallery was noted,
- d) Cemetery Committee minutes: noted.
- e) *Fees:* The gravedigger has put his fees up without warning, doubling the cost of digging an ashes plot from £75 to £150. The Clerk recommends that the fees are altered accordingly and this was agreed. Proposed by Cllr Wyschna, Seconded by Cllr Sharples, all in agreement.

082/25 Members report: **Communications**

Cllr Wyschna is using his email list of contacts as and when required, and this is working well.

083/25 **Finance**

- a) Schedule of income and payments to end June. The expenditure for June of £1009.20 was noted and agreed.
- b) *Management report to end June:* noted and agreed.
- c) *Bank reconciliation to end June.* Verified against the bank statement by the Chairman at the meeting.
- d) *Internal auditors report:* The Clerk is working with Mrs Curtis on the order and clarity of finance reports on the website. This work is nearly complete

084/25 **Councillors Business:** any further business arising from the meeting to be noted or dealt with on a future agenda.

- a) *Path to playground:* Cllr Wyschna asked for an invoice for the his donation.
- b) *Wooden bollards:* Cllr Wyschna requested that new wooden bollards are placed at the end of Spiceall next to the Green, as those currently there are damaged.
- c) *Soft Play:* the Clerk had received no response to her letter and cars were still parking on the pavement.
- d) *Email addresses:* the Clerk asked all members to adopt their parish council email addresses.

085/25 **Date of next meeting:** 17th September, 7pm.

The meeting closed at 20.44