



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Held on Monday 6th November 2023 in the Wilkins Centre, Compton. Commencing at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Councillor Dave Aldis, Chair
Councillor Rebecca Pinfold, Deputy Chair
Councillor Jude Cunningham
Councillor Stephen Dearn
Councillor Linda Moss
Councillor Alison Strong
Councillor Sharon Tiller
Councillor Ian Tong

Members Absent: None

Officers Present: Sarah Marshman, Clerk/RFO

In Attendance: District Councillor Carlyne Culver
1 Member of the Public

Minutes

Prior to the meeting, the Sports and Leisure Manager from West Berkshire Council attended to discuss the Downland Sports Centre. The centre is managed by Everyone Active and is open to the public from 6 pm - 10 pm on Monday to Thursday.

- 23/124 To receive, and consider for acceptance, apologies for absence from Members of the Council**
All members were present so there were no apologies.
- 23/125 To receive any declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registerable Interests or Non-Registerable Interests and to consider any requests for dispensation from Members declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest**
There were no declarations of interest.

23/126 To receive:
Questions or comments from members of the public regarding items on the agenda
Representations from any member who has declared an Other Registerable Interest or a Non-Registerable Interest

A request was received from the Friends of Compton Primary School to hold a circus in the Recreation Ground on 21st September. The council agreed to this request.

23/127 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 2nd October 2023
 Resolved: Members agreed the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true record. The Chair signed the minutes.

23/128 To discuss any matters arising from the previous meeting
 There were no matters arising.

23/129 To receive a report from the District Councillor
 The ongoing parking issues at The Downs School were discussed.

23/130 To review the minutes and recommendations from the following committees:

Committee	Date	Minute Numbers	Recommendations to Full Council
Planning	09/10/23	PLN23/008 to PLN23/013	None
Personnel	17/10/23	PER23/009 to PER23/021	To set an employee training budget of £500 and a councillor training budget of £500 for 2024/25.

23/131 To receive an update and review recommendations from the following working parties:
 Sports Pavilion – a funding application has been submitted to West Berkshire Council for funding towards new flooring in the kitchen, changing areas and referee’s room. An application will also be submitted to The Good Exchange.
 Allotments – The Clerk was requested to contact Sovereign again to cut back the hedge at Wilson Close.

23/132 Planning Applications:

23/132.1 To consider the following new planning applications:
 23/02320/FUL Nielia, Downs Road, Compton, RG20 6RE - Demolition existing dwelling; erection replacement dwelling and garage (resubmission approval 20/02293/FUL)
 Resolved: To submit a response of no objections.

23/132.2 To consider whether to request the District Councillor calls in any planning applications to the Western Area Planning Committee
 There were no applications requiring call in.

23/132.3 To consider whether to refer any planning applications for further response from the Council’s planning consultants
 There were no applications requiring referral.

23/132.4 To receive a report on recent planning decisions taken by West Berkshire Council

- 23/01516/HOUSE 3 Yew Tree Stables, Compton, RG20 6NG - 16 x Solar panels to be mounted to main house roof front elevation. 12 x Solar panels to be mounted to main house roof rear elevation. Approved.
- 23/01602/HOUSE 7 Yew Tree Stables, Compton, RG20 6NG - Retrospective: Installation of Solar Panels (No.20) on front roof elevation and right elevation side of house battery storage facility. Approved retrospectively.
- 23/01470/ADV Compton Swan, High Street, Compton, RG20 6NJ - Installation of replacement signs to include, 2x sets of individual letters and logo, 1x new panels to existing bracket, 4x amenity boards, 2x sign written directional signs, 1x double sided post mounted directional sign and 4x floodlights. Approved.
- 23/01680/FUL Scout Association, Warnham Lane, Compton, RG20 7PL - Proposed timber framed outdoor classroom and installation of solar panels. Approved.
- 23/01229/FUL Units 1 - 3, Old Station Business Park, Compton, RG20 6NE - Permanent retention of a portacabin building to be used as storage/office space. Approved.
- 23/01564/HOUSE Roden Farm, Wallingford Road, Compton, RG20 7PY - Single storey side extension to studio outbuilding with alterations to fenestration and associated external works. Approved.
- 23/01538/HOUSE Roden Farm, Wallingford Road, Compton, RG20 7PY - New garden storage shed with associated external works. Approved.
- 23/01888/HOUSE 6 Yew Tree Stables, Compton, Newbury, RG20 6NG - Retrospective: Solar Panel Installation. Approved retrospectively.

23/133 Finance:

23/133.1 To consider approving the payments listed on the Finance Report

Resolved: To approve the payments listed in the Finance Report in Appendix 1.

23/133.2 To note the most recent Bank Reconciliation

Resolved: To note the bank reconciliation figures as provided in the Finance Report in Appendix 1.

23/133.3 To receive any reports from the Internal Controller

The Internal Controller has reviewed the accounts until the end of July.
Councillor Tong will take over the role of Internal Controller going forwards.

23/133.4 To note the Quarterly Budget Report

The quarterly budget report to 30th September 2023 was reviewed.

23/134 To consider a response to the consultation on the West Berkshire Rights of Way Improvement Plan

The councillors agreed to complete the survey individually.

23/135 To consider quotes to plant hedging at Newbury Lane Allotments

Resolved: To accept the quote to replant the hedging. Funding from the earmarked reserves for election costs will be used, with the remaining funds being taken from general reserves.

- 23/136 To consider whether to subscribe to Parish Online**
Resolved: To subscribe to Parish Online at a cost of £100+VAT.
- 23/137 To consider quotes to increase the capacity of the CCTV system**
Resolved: To increase the storage to 8TB at a cost of £460+VAT,
- 23/138 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**
No reports were received.
- 23/139 To receive reports on the following:**
There were no updates.
- 23/140 To discuss matters for future consideration and for information**
There were no matters for future consideration or information.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:28 pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting:
Full Council Meeting: Monday 4th December 2023 at 7 pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____

Appendix 1: Finance Report

Status at last bank reconciliation 30th September 2023

Account	Amount
Unity Trust Current Account	£13,252.23
Unity Trust Savings Account	£97,144.45
Lloyds Multipay Corporate Card	-£118.68
Total	£110,278.00

Income received 29th August - 22nd September 2023

Account	Income Detail	Amount
Current	Precept	£28,500.00
Current	Compton book	£12.00
Current	Allotment/grazing land rent	£46.00
Current	Pitch/pavilion hire	£150.00
Total		£28,708.00

Payments made on Lloyds Corporate Card to be approved

Method	Date	Payee	Payment Detail	Amount
CC	26-Sep-23	Microsoft	Software	£12.36
CC	03-Oct-23	Poppy Shop	Lamppost poppies	£100.00
CC	16-Oct-23	Royal Mail	Stamps	£2.60
CC	17-Oct-23	Amazon	Refund floor mats for Pavilion	-£30.98
CC	25-Oct-23	Microsoft	Refund software	£11.53
				£95.51

Payments from Unity Trust Current Account to be approved

Method	Date	Payee	Payment Detail	Amount
DD	28-Sep-23	Castle Water	Pavilion water	£5.00
BACS	30-Sep-23	Unity Trust Bank	Bank charges	£18.00
BACS	09-Oct-23	1st Compton Rainbows	Grant	£150.00
DD	11-Oct-23	Hugo Fox	Website (later refunded)	£11.99
DD	16-Oct-23	Hugo Fox	Website	£23.99
BACS	16-Oct-23	Spires Legal	Legal advice	£52.32
BACS	16-Oct-23	CJM Services	Works in Recreation Ground / play area	£8,026.56
BACS	02-Oct-23	Royal British Legion	Donation	£100.00
DD	18-Oct-23	Vodafone	Phone	£26.20
DD	20-Oct-23	Southern Electric	Street light electricity Sept	£50.41
DD	25-Oct-23	Hugo Fox	Refund for website	-£11.99
DD	30-Oct-23	Castle Water	Pavilion water	£10.83
BACS	06-Nov-23	Staff Costs	Staff Costs Oct	£1,759.50
BACS	06-Nov-23	AD Clark	Grounds maintenance and pitch marking	£934.02

BACS	06-Nov-23	West Berkshire Council	Compilations Oct	£432.00
Total				£11,588.83

Transfers

Method	Date	From Account	To Account	Amount
DD	16-Oct-23	Unity Current	Lloyds Corporate Card	£121.68
Total				£121.68