



Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Held on Monday 7th September 2026 in the Wilkins Centre, Compton. Commencing at 7:00 pm.

Members Present: Councillor Dave Aldis, Chair
Councillor Jude Cunningham
Councillor Linda Moss
Councillor Alison Strong
Councillor Sharon Tiller
Councillor Stephen Tweed

Members Absent: Councillor Rebecca Pinfold, Deputy Chair

Officers Present: Sarah Marshman, Clerk/RFO

In Attendance: Carolyn Culver, District Councillor
Executive Portfolio Holder for Environment and Highway, West Berkshire Council
Network Manager, West Berkshire Council
Principal Engineer (Traffic and Road Safety), West Berkshire Council
An Officer from the Environment Team, West Berkshire Council
7 Members of the Public

Minutes

- 26/082 To receive apologies for absence from Council Members and consider their acceptance**
Resolved: That the apologies submitted by Councillor Rebecca Pinfold for the reasons provided to the council were accepted.
- 26/083 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 or requests for dispensation.
- 26/084 To receive:
Questions or comments from members of the public regarding items on the agenda**
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Representations from any member who has declared an Other Registerable Interest or a Non-Registerable Interest

A resident requested further information on the vacant grazing land on Newbury Lane. The council confirmed the land is currently being rested and that the land would be advertised when the council is ready to allocate a new tenant.

Five residents raised concerns about the speed limit when leaving the village towards East Ilsley, particularly near the entrances to the farm track, the pumping station area, and the house opposite, and about the lack of footway along much of this stretch.

Representatives from West Berkshire Council (WBC) confirmed they would carry out a signage review and vegetation maintenance, along with monitoring the area.

The Parish Council then discussed the proposed speed limit changes within the village. WBC confirmed that in order for this to proceed to public consultation, the Parish Council would need to complete a parish survey demonstrating that the majority support the scheme.

The programme to install EV chargers in West Berkshire was discussed. WBC confirmed that following feedback from the Parish Council, this would be paused in Compton while alternative locations are reviewed.

26/085 To approve the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on 21st July 2026

Resolved: Members agreed that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as a true record. The Chair of the Meeting signed the minutes.

26/086 To receive any updates on previous decisions

There were no updates.

26/087 To receive a report from the District Councillor

The Government has announced today that local government reorganisation is being paused, so the timeline for the creation of the Ridgeway Council is currently unknown.

The District Councillor left the meeting.

26/088 To consider applications for co-option

The applicant withdrew their application for personal reasons before the meeting.

26/089 To review the minutes and recommendations from the following committees:

Committee	Date	Minute Numbers	Recommendations to Full Council
Planning	12/08/26	N/A	The meeting was declared inquorate and did not proceed.
Personnel	None		

26/090 To receive an update and review recommendations from the following working parties:

Burial Ground – the working party will arrange to meet.

Sports Pavilion – the Parish Council would like to thank the local contractor who repaired the gutter at no charge.

26/091 Planning Applications:

26/091.1 To consider the following new planning applications:

26/01579/FUL Recreation Ground, Burrell Road, Compton - Installation of a 20-foot steel storage container, to be sited adjacent to the Sports Pavilion on the Recreation Ground, for the secure storage of football and grounds maintenance equipment. The land will remain in recreational use and no change of use is proposed

Resolved: That the Council supports the application.

26/01650/CERTE 6 Church Farm Barns, Aldworth Road, Compton, RG20 6RD - Installation of 6no additional rooflights to barn and the window into the kitchen.

Resolved: That the Council has no objections to this application.

26/01696/FUL Stable South Of Danetree, Coombe Road, Compton, RG20 6RQ - Conversion of existing redundant stables to dwelling, provision of bike and bin store and installation of windows to rear.

Resolved: That the council objects to this application. The Clerk will create a response to include the following points:

- Outside settlement boundary / open countryside
- Harm to rural character and the National Landscape
- Not infill; misapplied “ribbon development” argument
- Adjacent Oakwood House appeal establishes clear precedent
- Local demand for grazing shows building is not redundant
- Foul water network at capacity

26/091.2 To ratify the planning application responses submitted following the inquorate meeting of the Planning Committee on 12th August 2026

Resolved: To ratify the following planning application responses:

Application	Location	Proposed Work	Parish Council Response
26/00261/ RESMAJ	Institute For Animal Health, High Street, Compton, RG20 7NN	Reserved Matters application for the approval of appearance, landscaping, layout, and scale for the erection of 160 residential dwellings including public open spaces, landscaping pursuant to Outline planning permission 20/01336/OUTMAJ	Following amendments, continue to object.

26/01469/ HOUSE	16 Burrell Road, Compton, RG20 6NS	Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension.	No objections
26/01523/ FUL	2 Church Farm Barns, Aldworth Road, Compton, RG20 6RD	The proposal seeks to construct a single-storey detached wooden garage building in a barn-style form with a concrete base and leveled setting in front to accommodate domestic vehicle storage and electric vehicle charging.	No objections

26/091.3 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.

26/091.4 To consider whether to refer any planning applications or further response from the Council's planning consultants

There were no new applications requiring referral.

26/091.5 To receive a report on recent planning decisions taken by West Berkshire Council

West Berkshire Council has reported the following decisions since the last Parish Council meeting:

Application Reference	Location	Proposed Work	West Berkshire Council Decision
26/01341/ HOUSE	Foinavon, Churn Road, Compton, RG20 6PP	Removal of existing timber shed and construction of single-storey garden studio with horizontal cedar cladding and flat felt roof in rear garden.	Approved
26/01342/ HOUSE	Cricket House, High Street, Compton, RG20 6NY	Single storey timber framed extension to back of existing house to replace conservatory.	Approved
26/01403/ CERTP	6 Lowbury Gardens, Compton, RG20 6NN	Internal subdivision of the existing garage. Removal of the existing rear door and infilling of the opening, with insertion of new window. Internal insulated lining to existing walls. New insulated floor construction over the existing concrete slab.	Refused

- 26/092 Finance:**
- 26/092.1 To consider approving the payments listed on the Finance Report**
Resolved: To approve the payments listed in the Finance Report in Appendix 1.
- 26/092.2 To note the most recent Bank Reconciliation**
Resolved: To note the bank reconciliation figures as provided in the Finance Report in Appendix 1.
- 26/092.3 To receive any reports from the Internal Controller**
The Internal Controller has inspected the accounts to March 2026.
- 26/092.4 To note the Quarterly Budget Report**
The quarterly budget report to 30th June 2026 was reviewed.
- 26/093 To review the External Auditor's Report for the 2025/2026 audit**
The External Auditor's Report for the 2025/2026 audit was reviewed. There were no comments, so no action is required.
- 26/094 To consider quotes for insurance**
Resolved: That the council accepts a quote from Clear Councils, entering into a three-year agreement for £1,272.35 for year one.
- 26/095 To consider quotes for a fire risk assessment of the Sports Pavilion**
The council agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.
- 26/096 To ratify the response to West Berkshire Council's Scoping Consultation**
Resolved: That the response submitted to West Berkshire Council's Local Plan Scoping Consultation is ratified.
- 26/097 To review councillor training requirements**
The council agreed to defer this item to the next meeting.
- 26/098 To appoint a new Internal Controller**
Resolved: To appoint Councillor Stephen Tweed as Internal Controller.
- 29/099 To consider submitting a planning application to discharge condition 8 for planning application 23/01169/FUL**
Resolved: To submit a planning application to discharge condition 8 for planning application 23/01169/FUL.
- 26/100 To receive an update on vandalism and anti-social behaviour (ASB) in the village**
It was noted that a car had been abandoned in the car park behind the village hall.

26/101 To receive reports on the following:

Recreation Ground – the pitch maintenance work over the summer did not work as planned due to the hot weather and lack of rain. The council agreed to investigate mobile goals so that the pitch position can be moved to aid goal mouth recovery.

26/102 To discuss matters for future consideration or information

The council agreed to submit an application to the Thames Valley Police fund to replace the school sign that no longer flashes by The Downs School. Councillor Tweed will complete the application.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9:36 pm.

Date and time of next scheduled meeting: Monday 5th October 2026 at 7 pm

Chair: _____

Date: _____

Appendix 1: Finance Report

Status at the last bank reconciliation, 31 st July 2026	
Account	Balance
Unity Trust Current Account	£7,950.54
Unity Trust Savings Account	£124,812.44
Lloyds Multipay Corporate Card	£0.00
CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund	£25,000.00
Total	£157,762.98

Income received 30 th June - 31 st August 2026		
Account	Income Detail	Amount
Current	Allotment rent	£538.00
Current	Compilations contribution	£140.30
Current	Compilations advertising	£76.00
Current	Interest from CCLA account	£160.05
Current	Interest from Unity Savings account	£549.63
Total		£1,463.98

Payments made on Lloyds Corporate Card to be approved				
Method	Date	Payee	Payment Detail	Amount
CC	01-Jul-26	Net World Sports Ltd	Boot scraper	£287.94
CC	01-Jul-26	Net World Sports Ltd	Football nets, pegs and flags	£117.17
CC	01-Jul-26	Royal Mail	Postage	£3.95
CC	01-Jul-26	Bowcom	Line marking paint	£120.52
CC	02-Jul-26	Lloyds Bank	Card fee	£3.00
CC	07-Jul-26	Microsoft	Software (monthly)	£12.10
CC	17-Jul-26	Planning Portal	Planning application fee	£245.50
CC	03-Aug-26	Lloyds Bank	Card fee	£3.00
CC	07-Aug-26	Microsoft	Software (yearly)	£155.52
CC	12-Aug-26	Bowcom	Line marking paint	£120.52
Total				£1,069.22

Payments from Unity Trust Current Account to be approved				
Method	Date	Payee	Payment Detail	Amount
FEE	30-Jun-26	Unity Trust Bank	Account fee	£7.00
BACS	10-Jul-26	Andrews Home & Garden Maintenance	Pavilion repairs	£1,200.00
BACS	10-Jul-26	CJM Services	Bin installation/repair, boot scraper installation	£1,092.00
BACS	10-Jul-26	AD Clark	Grounds maintenance June & pitch repairs	£3,871.17
DD	10-Jul-26	Staff Costs	Staff costs/expenses Jun	£2,161.34

DD	21-Jul-26	Castle Water	Pavilion water June	£13.77
DD	20-Jul-26	Vodafone	Phone	£29.59
DD	21-Jul-26	CPRE	Membership 26/27	£36.00
DD	21-Jul-26	Castle Water	Water at School Road Allotments Jun	£8.62
DD	22-Jun-26	Castle Water	Water Newbury Lane Allotments Jun	£42.97
DD	21-Jul-26	SSE Energy Solutions	Lighting electricity Jun	£292.14
BACS	21-Jul-26	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	Training	£11.54
BACS	21-Jul-26	Tactical Facilities Management Ltd	Public bin emptying June	£407.52
BACS	21-Jul-26	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	Training	£46.20
DD	27-Jul-26	SSE Energy Solutions	Pavilion electricity Apr-Jun	£234.93
FEE	31-Jul-26	Unity Trust Bank	Account fee	£7.00
BACS	06-Aug-26	Staff Costs	Staff costs/expenses Jul	£2,345.43
BACS	14-Aug-26	AD Clark	Grounds maintenance July and pitch marking	£1,186.77
BACS	14-Aug-26	Foundations Archaeology	Archaeological Survey for Burial Ground (payment 1 of 2)	£5,910.00
BACS	14-Aug-26	West Berkshire Council	Compilations printing Aug/Sep	£508.40
BACS	14-Aug-26	Tactical Facilities Management Ltd	Public bin emptying July	£407.52
DD	18-Aug-26	Vodafone	Phone	£29.59
DD	20-Aug-26	Castle Water	Water School Road Allotments Jul	£54.61
DD	20-Aug-26	Castle Water	Water Newbury Lane Allotments Jul	£43.17
DD	21-Aug-26	SSE Energy Solutions	Lighting electricity Jul	£314.12
DD	28-Aug-26	Castle Water	Pavilion water July	£0.27
FEE	31-Aug-26	Unity Trust Bank	Account fee	£7.00
BACS	01-Sep-26	Foundations Archaeology	Archaeological Survey for Burial Ground (payment 2 of 2)	£5,910.00
BACS	01-Sep-26	PKF Littlejohn	External audit 25/26	£504.00
BACS	01-Sep-26	SLCC Enterprises Ltd	Training - Practitioners' Conference	£294.84
BACS	06-Sep-26	Staff Costs	Staff costs/expenses Aug	£2,689.23
Total				£29,666.74

Transfers				
Method	Date	From Account	To Account	Amount
DD	16-Jul-26	Unity Current	Lloyds Multipay Corporate Card	£424.16
BACS	13-Aug-26	Unity Savings	Unity Current	£10,000.00
DD	17-Aug-26	Unity Current	Lloyds Multipay Corporate Card	£381.12
BACS	01-Sep-26	Unity Savings	Unity Current	£5,000.00
Total				£15,805.28