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Minutes of the Compton and Shawford Parish Council meeting held at 7.30pm Tuesday 6 November 2018, Compton Room, Shawford Parish Hall.

Present: Councillors M Goulding, M Bell, T Hunt, R Jordan, J Lockett, M Southgate, F Strange, R Webster, M Wilkinson and Mr D Drake (Clerk).

In attendance: District Councillors E Bell and B Laming (until 8.30pm) and five members of the public.

1. Apologies and Declarations of Interest

There were no apologies nor declarations of interest.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 4 September 2018 had been circulated together with the agenda. Since no amendments had been proposed prior to the meeting, they were taken as read. The chairman signed the minutes as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising and Outstanding Actions

Councillor Webster indicated that he would be writing an article on CIL for the parish magazine. Since there was no additional news, it was agreed that Councillor Wilkinson need not produce an article on Compton Lock. District Councillor Laming confirmed that he was consulting Winchester City Council (WCC) officials about replacing the 'no cycling signs' on the footpath along the Itchen Navigation. All other outstanding actions from the last meeting had been completed.

4. County and District Councillors' Reports

Both reports were taken as read. It was noted that WCC had published a schedule for leaf clearance in November and December, which included three visits to the parish.

5. Public Session

Concern was raised about noise created by aircraft movements and the potential negative impact on the parish by proposals to expand Southampton International Airport (SIA). Concern was also raised about possible width expansion of the M3, when the smart motorway is introduced. Councillor Bell indicated that he had written to SIA about the possible increase in aircraft noise and requested that the Parish Council should be involved in the consultation process. Councillor Hunt explained that, while the hard shoulders would be used during peak periods, the smart motorway would not increase the width of the motorway.

6. Planning

Councillor Strange presented her report. She expressed concern about the WCC Review of Planning Services undertaken by a consultant, Peter Lerner. She had circulated a 'comments' paper to councillors, in which she explained that, if accepted by WCC, the relationship between developers and planning officers would be extremely close and the role of parish councils in the planning process would be diminished. It was agreed that Councillor Strange should forward her paper to the leader of the council, Councillor Horrill and the WCC chief executive, Laura Taylor.

<p>Action: Councillor Strange to forward her comments on the WCC Planning Review to the leader of the council, Councillor Horrill and the WCC chief executive, Laura Taylor.</p>

Councillor Strange confirmed that she had received reassurances from Hampshire County Council (HCC) that the improvements to the farm track, from Otterbourne Road to Attwoods Drove, were to improve access for farm vehicles only. She added that, following comments from Councillors Goulding and Southgate, she would be redrafting the Village Design Statement (VDS), with the aim of providing councillors with a final draft for discussion at the meeting in January. Once agreed by the Council, it would be circulated to residents' associations for information, then forwarded to WCC. It would be emphasised that the redraft was an update of the original VDS, nothing more.

Councillors discussed an HCC traffic engineer's comments on a request for planning permission on Compton Down. It was accepted that, as things stood, nothing much had changed but the Council needed to monitor the situation closely.

7. Playing Fields, Footpaths and Environment

Councillor Wilkinson presented her report. The slide on the multi-play unit at the QEII Field had been repaired. The problem had been caused by someone removing a 'secure' bolt, which had now been replaced at a cost of £100. Pigeon spikes had also been installed on the cross beams on the swings at both play areas. She expressed concern about the condition of the play areas' wet pour/safety surfaces: it was agreed that quotes should be invited for their replacement/repair.

Action: Councillor Wilkinson to obtain quotes for the replacement/repair of the wet pour/safety surfaces at the two play areas.

Following a request from Councillor Jordan, it was agreed that Councillor Hunt would undertake a review of the trees on the Memorial Playing Field.

Action: Councillor Hunt to undertake a review of the trees on the Memorial Playing Field.

Councillor Wilkinson advised that the lengthsman had visited the parish on 30 October 2018, when the footpath/track from Southdown to Shawford, alongside the railway line, had been cleared. It was agreed that Councillor Wilkinson should consult County Councillor Jan Warwick about ownership of the track, since it did not appear on the HCC footpaths map. Councillor Wilkinson thanked Councillor Southgate for his efforts in clearing the overhanging vegetation on the footpath on Otterbourne Road, from Highways Road, north to the bus stop.

Action: Councillor Wilkinson to consult County Councillor Warwick about ownership of the track, from Southdown to Shawford, alongside the railway line.

Concern was expressed about the quality of the lengthsman's work and the productivity of the two workers. It was agreed that Councillor Hunt, who had agreed to take over the lengthsman duties, would monitor their future performance.

The Council discussed a request from the football and cricket sections, of the Compton and Shawford Sports Club, for financial assistance towards improving the condition of the cricket and football pitches. A report, commissioned through the Hampshire Football Association, had indicated that the total cost of the improvements would be in the region of £4650. The two sections would attempt to raise between £2000 - £3000 but that would leave a shortfall of around £2000 - £2500. Because his house bordered the MPF, Councillor Jordan declared an interest. He expressed concern that the proposed improvements might result in drainage problems in the lower part of the field. It was agreed that the Council would agree 'in principle' to support the improvements but would require information on other potential funding sources, the membership of the two sections and assurances that the improvements would not result in drainage problems in other parts of the Memorial Playing Field (MPF). Councillor Wilkinson agreed to respond on behalf of the Council.

Action: Councillor Wilkinson to respond to the CSSC football and cricket sections request for financial support towards the cost of MPF pitch improvements.

8. Highways and Public Transport

Councillor Bell presented his report. The Council discussed his proposals for improvements/repairs to the south side bus shelter (Compton Street), north side bus shelter (Compton Street) and the Southdown bus shelter (opposite Shepherds Lane). It was agreed that the repairs to the north side shelter should proceed [cost £395 + VAT]; negotiations should continue with HCC about palisading the fence either side of the south side bus shelter and that repairs to the Southdown bus shelter should be deferred.

The Council noted that South Western Railways had not responded to recent communications about improved parking near Shawford railway station. District and County Councillor Jan Warwick had also not appeared to have received a response to her representations on this subject.

Following a request from Councillor Wilkinson, Councillor Bell agreed to discover which company is responsible for the current roadworks in Attwoods Drove. He also agreed to inspect the bench, close to the bus stop on the southside of Otterbourne Road, which appeared to have been moved closer to the road.

Action: Councillor Bell to authorise repairs to the north side bus shelter (Compton Street); to discover which company is responsible for roadworks in Attwoods Drove and to inspect the bench close the bus shelter on the southside of Otterbourne Road.

Councillor Bell expressed concern that he had not received any replies from SIA to his request that the Parish Council should be consulted on plans for the proposed airport expansion. It was suggested that he should write to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) requesting that the authority request a response to his letters/emails. Councillor Bell recommended that SIA should be invited to address the Council on its plans for expansion. There were no dissenters.

[Clerk's note: a letter from Neil Garwood, MD, SIA, addressed to Councillor Bell, was received on 8 November 2018.]

10. Finance and Administration

Councillor Webster presented his report. The Council agreed to hold its next meeting, on 8 January 2019, in the Jubilee Pavilion, Compton Down and that a final decision on the budget for 2019/20 would be deferred until that date. The Council noted:

- The financial statement dated 31 October 2018;
- Payments made since 4 September 2018;
- The Council's insurance policy had been renewed on 1 October 2018;
- Annual contributions had been received from, CASCA, Sports Club and Lawn Tennis Club;
- The Council's one-year term deposit had been 'rolled over' on 31 October 2018.

The chairman confirmed that he would represent the Council at the wreath laying ceremonies on Shawford Down, on Remembrance Sunday 11 November 2018. Councillor Webster reported that the defibrillator training in the Reeves Hall, Compton, had been very successful. Twenty-six members of the parish had attended, including several councillors.

11. CASCA

Councillor Wilkinson advised that the CASCA AGM was scheduled for 6.45pm Thursday 15 November 2018, when the new management team would take over. The outgoing chairman, John Griffith, confirmed that he was very willing to provide support to the new team. Councillor Wilkinson noted that she would become a signatory to the CASCA account.

12. Date of Next Meeting

7.30pm Tuesday 8 January 2019 in the Jubilee Pavilion Compton Down.

The chairman closed the meeting at 9.14pm.

Mike Goulding
Chairman

*Copies of all the reports mentioned above can be obtained from the Clerk.