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### Minutes of the Compton and Shawford Parish Council meeting held at 7.30pm Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020, via ZOOM.

**Present:** Councillors M Goulding, M Bell, T Hunt, R Jordan, J Lockett, F Strange, R Webster, M Wilkinson and Mrs G Heywood-Waddington (Clerk).

**In attendance:** County Councillor J Warwick (until 7.45pm), District Councillor Eleanor Bell (from 8.10pm) and District Councillor Hannah Williams.

#### 1. Apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest

No apologies had been received. There were no declarations of interest.

#### 2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 7 July 2020 had been circulated prior to the meeting. No amendments had been proposed and the chairman duly signed them as a true record.

#### 3. Matters Arising and Outstanding Actions

All outstanding actions had either been completed or were agenda items.

#### 4. County & District Councillors' Reports

The County and District Councillors' reports were taken as read. Councillor Warwick advised that she had visited Compton Lock on Saturday and spoke to the private rangers that have been hired using the Councillors grant. The rangers seem to be having a positive impact on both behaviour and littering. Councillor Warwick gave an update on the Four Dells planning application. She explained that residents from Shepherds Lane were missed off the original planning notification, so they have extended the deadline for them to respond, to Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> September.

Councillor Warwick had a meeting with Richard Bastow (Highway Engineer, Winchester City Council), and representatives of the Southdown Residents Association (SRA) and she would like feedback from Councillor Hunt on the formal wording for verge protection in Southdown. Councillor Hunt said he had come up with some comments and revised wording and will send to Councillor Warwick and circulate to the Parish Council.

Councillor Goulding asked about the flooding in Winchester and if there were plans to flush the drains again. Councillor Warwick responded that the areas that flooded were areas that do not normally flood. The gullies were not blocked, and the flooding was mostly due to the sheer amount of water.

Councillor Williams spoke on the Winchester City Plan and the Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) and reiterated that the government decrees that it has to be done on a regular basis and it is a statement of what land is available but does not mean that all the land will be developed. She mentioned that on the 21<sup>st</sup> September there will be a briefing for Parish Councils and that all who can, should attend.

Councillor Williams stated that the government will be publishing a white paper on Recovery and Devolution which will look at replacing two tier local county and district governments to save money. Councillor Williams reiterated what Councillor Warwick said about the flooding.

<b>Action:</b> Councillor Hunt to send verge protection wording Councillor Warwick and Parish Council.
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## 5. Public Session

No issues were raised by the public

## 6. Finance and Administration

Councillor Webster presented his report. The Council noted:

- The financial statement dated 31 August 2020;
- The list of payments made since 7 July 2020;
- The External Auditor has received and logged the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR) part 3 and the AGAR is now in the queue for processing;
- The Council's insurance would be renewed on 1 October 2020
- Online banking authorisation will increase from 2 to 3 authorisations needed for online payments to increase efficiencies.

The chairman noted that 2 people, Leanne Wheeler and Michael Parkes, had volunteered for the casual vacancy. The Council read short statements from both volunteers and all agreed that both were great candidates. After discussion, the chairman moved that Leanne Wheeler should be co-opted onto the council.

**Vote:** Unanimous

The clerk will meet with Leanne to get her to sign the declaration of acceptance of office forms. The chairman is going to speak with Michael Parkes and notify him that there is an election in May. Councillor Strange stated that she would be keen to get Michael Parkes involved on a planning committee as he is obviously keen. The Chairman agreed and said he would phone Mr Parkes.

Councillor Bell asked if the Parish Council had a diversity, equality, and inclusion policy. Councillor Goulding said that we do not but that it is a good point for the future.

<b>Action:</b> Councillor Goulding to contact both volunteers for co-option with the outcome.
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<b>Action:</b> Clerk to get signed declaration of acceptance of office forms.
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## 7. Community Infrastructure Levy

**The Council notes that the current CIL balance is £15,837.58**

## 8. Planning

Councillor Strange presented her report. She advised that she has been contacted by several residents from Shepherds Lane, asking that the Parish Council take a stronger stance against the Four Dells planning application. Councillor Goulding asked on what grounds would we be taking the stance. Councillor Strange explained that there is going to be increased noise pollution and Councillor M Bell stated it is development of the countryside as they are planning to extend onto their surrounding fields. Councillor Webster stated that the loss of green space is good grounds to be taking the stance against the application. Councillor Goulding agreed with this and Councillor Strange said she would put wording together and circulate it to the Council for approval. Councillor E Bell stated that Winchester City Council and Hampshire Planning Officers have shared the same concerns with the development at Four Dells.

Councillor Strange noted that in the SHELAA the land availability list for Compton & Shawford is unchanging but they seem to be bringing forwards options for development. Councillor E Bell said this is not the case and that there should have been a paper called 'Issues and Options' to come out with the SHELAA which would have set out the Local Plan process and provided context. Instead the government brought out 2 proposals; one around housing numbers and formulae on affordability and one on the whole plan process. Councillor E Bell said the first proposal saw a 50% increase in housing numbers from that expected for

Winchester. Councillor E Bell stated to challenge the assumptions behind this calculation of housing number, it is important to respond. The deadline for comments on this paper is 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020. Councillor M Bell asked what we should be doing as a Parish Council. Councillor E Bell said first and foremost we should be resisting the first paper on housing numbers. Councillor Strange asked if we should be getting Residents Associations involved and Councillor E Bell said yes, and that we should let residents know about this on our noticeboards and websites etc.

Councillor Hunt discussed the subject of TPOs (Tree Preservation Orders). It was noted that the Planning Office Tree Section of the Winchester City Council was currently experiencing a large backlog of work due to understaffing and illness.

**Action:** Councillor Strange to circulate wording in relation to Four Dells Farm planning application.

**Action:** Clerk to post information about the governments housing numbers proposal.

### **9. Playing Fields Management**

Councillor Wilkinson presented her report. She noted that the Compton Place sign has been vandalised and the cost of repairs will be £114.58 + VAT.

### **10. Footpaths and Environment**

Councillor Hunt noted that the Lengthsman came in August and worked on Place Lane and cleared overhanging vegetation along Shepherds Lane. The next visit is on 4<sup>th</sup> November and Councillor Hunt will be sending out a reminder for any jobs closer to the time.

The Council discussed the Accessible areas of Open Space as requested by Winchester City Council. It was felt to be comprehensive, however, some notable bridleways which do get significant usage, particularly Shepherds Lane and Hurdle Way could be added. Councillor M Bell volunteered to contact WCC with what the Council has discussed.

**Action:** Councillor M Bell to contact WCC with the Parish Councils feedback on the Accessible areas of Open Space.

### **11. Highways and Public Transport**

Councillor Bell presented his report and notified that Chris Sparkes contract is in the process of being renewed.

### **12. CASCA**

Councillor Wilkinson reported that CASCA planned to open the Parish Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> September.

### **13. Date and Venue of Next Meeting**

7.30pm Tuesday 3 November 2020 via ZOOM.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.45pm.**

Mike Goulding  
Chairman

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