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Minutes of the Compton and Shawford Parish Council meeting held at 7.30pm Tuesday 5th January 2021, via ZOOM.

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

In attendance: County Councillor J Warwick (until 7.45pm), District Councillor Eleanor Bell (until 8.22pm), District Councillor Hannah Williams and 8 members of the public

1. Apologies for absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies had been received from Councillor B Laming.

Councillor Goulding declared that the Chair of the Compton & Shawford Pre-school, who is applying for a CIL Grant, is a good friend. Councillor Webster declared that the Chair of the pre-school is his wife.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 3 November 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, are still in progress or were agenda items.

4. County & District Councillors' Reports

The County and District Councillors' reports were taken as read. Councillor Williams discussed Royaldown and advised that the ward councillors are working with Parish Councils to make sure that people know the facts, as there is a lot of scaremongering fiction being spread. She expressed the importance of knowing who is opposed to the site now and who will want to fight when/if things become official. Councillor Williams explained that Winchester City Council (WCC) cannot fight directly now as there has been no planning application, but she explained that everyone can contribute to the consultations on Winchester Local Plan as it is developed in January/February. Councillor Williams stated that she is being asked by residents how many homes Winchester is being expected to build? She replied that the Government still has not confirmed housing numbers for each county and WCC have decided to issue a Strategic Issues and Priorities (StrIP) paper in January for consultation in Feb/March. WCC hopes to host a Parish Council briefing before the consultation starts so there will be an opportunity for questions at that meeting and it will give the community time to respond to the consultation. Councillor Strange asked Councillor Williams when the E Scooter trial would be starting. Councillor Williams said she would find the date and send it over.

5. Public Session

No issues were raised by the public.

6. Planning

Councillor Strange presented her report. She advised that she attended the meetings of Compton Down Society, Compton Village Association and Southdown Residents Association to discuss the Royaldown development and circulated a note stating the planning position of the Parish Council, which is that in general principal the Parish Council are against the development. Councillor Strange feels the best way to fight the development is to get the site withdrawn from the Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA). Councillors Goulding and Strange drafted the Parish Councils response to Royaldown. This has been sent to Adrian Fox at WCC as well as to be posted on the website and in the Parish magazine.

Councillor Goulding discussed the request from Hursley Parish Council for £600 of match funding to do some initial surveying as to why Royaldown was unsuitable on the proposed site. The Parish Council over email initially decided not to fund this request as it was not thought an appropriate use of the funds however it was decided that it would be discussed and voted on at this Parish Council meeting. Councillor Bell stated that he is in favour of funding the survey and believes it would show solidarity with our neighbouring parish. Councillor Goulding expressed his concern that we have limited resources and thinks we should target our resources at the right time and that perhaps this isn't the right time because Royaldown may never move forward. Councillor Strange stated that she was against it because it would be coming from some other source that we really can't afford and if she can get the site removed from the SHELAA the £600 would be wasted. The Chairman put to the vote whether the Parish Council should fund the Hursley planning consultant out of reserves with no ongoing allowance for this in the future.

Vote: For 2 Against 5 (Abstain 2)

Councillor Goulding will email the Chairman of Hursley to inform that Compton and Shawford Parish Council will not be funding the planning consultant. If any members of the public would like a copy of this report it can be requested from the clerk.

Councillor Strange reported on Plover Hill, Compton Down. Due to responses from several residents a long comment has been made on behalf of the Parish Council based on traffic, transport, highways, safety and biodiversity.

Mark Jenkins gave a report on Shepherds Down School, a special needs school and charity located in Compton and Shawford Parish. The Friends of Shepherds Down Association (FOSDA) have not been able to fundraise as normal this past year and therefore there is a £15,000 shortfall of the £40,000 needed to fund all the wonderful things planned for 2021. They are asking for help from neighbours in the Parish, friends and business contacts to help support our most vulnerable and needy local children - those with complex physical and learning disabilities.

Action: Councillor Goulding to email the Chairman of Hursley Parish Council.

7. Compton and Shawford Parish Plans

The Chairman feels it is important to refresh the Parish Plan as it was last done in 2008 but feels that being so close to the end of their terms it seems to make sense to start this at the beginning of the new term. He therefore suggests that the Parish Council wait until there is news of upcoming elections. If elections go ahead the Parish Plan should be handed off to the new Council and if elections do not go ahead, due to the current pandemic, then the current Council will take a look at it. Councillor Strange suggested that it should be added to the VDS and LADS that she and Councillor Bell are looking at.

8. Highways and Public Transport

Councillor M Bell presented his report. Councillor Webster mentioned that he had recently gone in the subway under the M3, opposite Southdowns, and he noticed SSE stickers on the lights and wondered if they were responsible for fixing the broken lights. Councillor Bell said that currently Highways England and Hampshire County Council are going back and forth as to who is responsible for maintaining the lights and

that he is awaiting a response. Councillor Webster asked for an update on our contracts for Bus Stop and Underpass Cleaning. The clerk said she would update him on our current contracts. Councillor Bell reported that with the Plover Hill application, the issue of road safety at the junctions has arisen again, never having been satisfactorily resolved. The city council planners have reassured us over the past years that they will take everything in to account so as this is the first application to come along it will be interesting to see how they look at it. This application should give a good indication of what the city council planners view on the road safety of the junctions is.

Action: Clerk to update Councillors Webster and Bell on our current Bus Stop and Underpass Cleaning contracts.

9. Footpaths and Environment

Councillor Webster raised issues about a footpath near the Hiltonbury Farm, that is very mucky, and parts of the footpath are not signposted at all, near Attwoods Drove. Councillor Hunt said he will have a look at it and have a word with Hampshire Countryside Commission.

10. Playing Fields Management

Councillor Wilkinson presented her report. She noted that the state of the perimeter of the memorial playing field has become an issue that needs discussing. Along the edge on Field Way, towards the Shepherds Lane area and the small parking area adjacent to the post box and children's play area, has had considerable damage due to recent building works, traffic and vehicles parking. There have been complaints from the residents that live near and they have asked if something can be done such as putting stones or logs along the perimeter of the field. Councillor Webster questioned if this was the responsibility of the Parish Council or the residents that are being affected. Councillor Goulding stated that we should first speak to our insurers to find out about any liability issues and then make a decision from there. Councillor Goulding also asked Councillor Wilkinson if she could get further opinions from the local residents; what they would like to see done and to invite the residents to come along to the next Parish Council meeting to talk about it. The Parish Council agrees that something should be done about the parking area adjacent to the children's play area.

Councillor Strange wanted it recorded that she would like to give thanks to Geoff Charnley, who has helped with defibrillators and the QEII playing field, as he is moving back to Chandlers Ford.

11. Lengthsman & Tree Warden

Councillor Hunt noted that the Lengthsman is coming in February so if there are any areas of concern to let him know.

12. Finance and Administration

Councillor Webster presented his report. The Council noted:

- The financial statement dated 5 January 2021;
- The list of payments made since 3 November 2020;
- Review of the Internal Audit;
- The draft budget for 2021/22.

Councillor Webster proposed the approval of the revised draft budget with changes made to the addition of the clerk pension.

Vote: Unanimous

13. Community Infrastructure Levy

The Council notes that the current CIL balance is £20,008.11.

The council considered two applications for grant funding: The Compton and Shawford Pre-school towards much needed maintenance to the rear garden for safety measures and the Compton and Chandlers Ford Cricket Club towards a project to replace the existing three lane cricket net and non-turf pitch with a new ECB Approved specification.

Following a discussion, in which concern was raised about whether it was appropriate for the Parish Council to provide funds for a project that has already been started and close to completion, Councillor Goulding moved that Compton and Shawford Pre-School should be awarded a grant, from the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) fund, of £2000.

Vote: For 6 Against 1 (Abstain 2)

After a presentation from the Compton and Chandlers Ford Cricket Club Councillor Goulding asked that they come back to the Parish Council with a proposal for the amount of money they are requesting. He also suggested that Councillor Strange work with the cricket club with regards to providing guidance on any planning issues. James Marshall, Chair of the Compton and Shawford Sports Club, stated that now would be a good time to discuss a new lease/extension to the current lease, going forwards for the Sports Club. Councillor Goulding agreed and suggested that Councillor Wilkinson and the clerk discuss this.

Action: Councillor Wilkinson and clerk to look at the CSSC lease extension.
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14. CASCA

Councillor Wilkinson reported that CASCA had their AGM in November. Despite all the difficulties they are doing OK thanks to the work of Alison gaining grants for funding. They will have a shortfall of around £5,000 but CASCA will be able to get that from funds on deposit and there is already interest for bookings in the future.

15. Date and Venue of Next Meeting

7.30pm Tuesday 2 March 2021 via ZOOM.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.28pm.

Mike Goulding
Chairman

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