



Compton and Shawford Parish Council

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Minutes of Compton and Shawford Annual Parish Meeting held on Thursday 16th May 2024, 7.30 pm at Shawford Parish Hall

- Present:** Compton & Shawford Parish Council
Cllr Frances Strange (Chair and Planning portfolio holder)
Cllr Martin Bell (Vice Chair and Highways portfolio holder)
Cllr Tim Hunt (Footpaths & the environment)
Cllr Sophie Neyroud (Police & School Liason)
Cllr Bob Jordan
- In attendance:** Frank Smith (Compton and Shawford Community Association)
4 members of the public
- Apologies received:** None.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and then reported on the Council's activities over the past twelve months.

Recruitment

The Parish Council has space for a new member! Information on the role and responsibilities of a parish councillor may be obtained from the Clerk at clerk@comptonshawford-pc.gov.uk or on the [Council's website](#).

Finance and Administration

The chairman briefed the meeting on CIL, a levy imposed by Winchester City Council (WCC) on those developers involved in construction within the parish. In the last financial year (2023/24) one application for CIL funds was received and approved by the PC - this was for £2500 towards updating lights and fittings from Compton All Saints CE Primary.

Questions/comments: the PC was asked whether any more CIL was expected

It was explained that it depends on the developments in the parish but it is thought that monies will be received from the development at Torf House in the future.

Planning

The main item this year has been Bushfield Camp. An outline application was put in for a development plan by the possible purchaser, Legal and General. The three local parishes combined to fight the over-development of the site and raised over 800 objections. Winchester City Council have asked the developer to produce a lower-impact development plan. This is awaited and it is hoped will affect local roads and infrastructure less.

Questions/Comments: the PC was asked to make sure that there are strong objections to the traffic impact on local roads and users.

A Member of the Public was also worried about the effect of lighting locally.

It was explained that National Highways are having discussions with the developer and that Winchester City Council has asked for an extension of the application until 4th July.

Playing Fields

As the result of a grant application to Southwest Railway, the QE will receive a new inclusive swing set and play panel as well as some maintenance to the current equipment to improve the football goalposts, teenage shelter, gate access etc.

The MPF has also received a grant to improve equipment on site which will be the focus later this year.

The Compton and Shawford Sports Club received a grant for new solar panels and associated battery last Spring. As a result of this successful installation, we have received a further grant to help insulate the Shawford Parish Hall to current standards and replace all lights with LEDs to reduce energy consumption - this will lead to applying for a grant to put solar panels on the south-facing roof.

Questions/Comments: None

Highways and Transport

This has been a quiet year for Highways, as we finished the road calming project last year and with no major projects or incidents. Potholes are a problem nationwide and they can be reported to HCC on hants.gov.uk

The Station Cafe at Shawford, Platform 1 (Platform 2 is at Romsey) is a great success, another great project from Three Rivers Community Rail Partnership. There is also space for hire for community groups.

Questions/Comments: None

Footpaths and Environment

The areas adjoining Hurdle Way which were cleared due to Ash Dieback have been replanted with a variety of native trees by volunteers from the Parish and Hampshire Countryside.

The 'Hampshire Hedge' project, a scheme promoted and supervised by the CPRE charity to create a green corridor between the South Downs and New Forest Country Parks (and passes through Compton), has commenced. Several new hedges have already been planted.

Hampshire County Council has opened a new fund for replacing elm trees - the PC will be looking into this.

Questions/Comments: a comment was made about the difficulties of off-road cycling on non-surfaced paths and a specific mention was made of Compton Lock

It was clarified by the PC that the path mentioned is in Twyford Parish Council's area.

Schools and Police Liason

There is now a new Dedicated Neighbourhood Officer who gives the Parish Council updates on matters of concern in the neighbourhood and who hopes to attend our Parish Council meetings if they fall on dates when she is on duty.

The PC has joined [Hampshire Alert](#). In addition to updates on local policing matters, they have surveys on various policing matters which they are keen for our local parishioners to complete.

The PC also helped the CPRE Hampshire Hedge Project to contact the Head of Compton Primary as they wanted to involve the school in the project, especially as the school is right at the beginning/end of the hedge. They will be giving lessons to pupils about hedgerows as well as leading groups of Year 6 pupils to do hedge planting on the school grounds.

There was also discussion about future projects at the school including a possible pre-school nursery.

***Questions/Comments:* None.**

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With no further questions or comments, the Chairman brought the meeting to a close at 8pm. She thanked Adrian Walmsley for developing the parish website, and Frank Smith for his hard work as caretaker for the Hall.