

Minutes of the Meeting of Compton Bassett Parish Council Held on Thursday 15th October 2015 at 7.30pm

Those Present: Cllr Szczesiak (Chair), Cllr Coward (Vice Chair), Cllr Alberry, Cllr Barnett, Cllr Waite, Cllr Reis, Cllr Jackson, County Cllr Crisp, D. Zeitzen (Clerk)

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence – None**
2. **Minutes** – Minutes of the Meeting held 30th July were signed as already agreed 3rd September. Minutes of meeting held 3rd September 2015 were agreed and signed.
3. Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda – Cllr Szczesiak declared an interest in items relating to plans for redevelopment of Briar Leaze by the Green Square group
4. Receipt of Public Questions - None
5. Actions & Matters Arising
 - o Planning – 15, Compton Bassett retrospective planning application (listed building) for oil tank and rear building modification – the Parish Council objections had been sent in. The retrospective planning application has now been approved by Wiltshire Council but is subject to certain conditions. A retrospective planning application has been submitted to Wiltshire Council for the retention of a timber cabin for holiday accommodation at The Freeth. The Parish Council have no objections to the application.
 - o Village Sign – Cllr Alberry reported this is still work in progress.
 - o Standing Orders – All now up to date – to be reviewed in July 2016.
6. Neighbourhood Plan – Nigel McGurk the examiner has confirmed receipt of documentation from Compton Bassett Parish Council.
7. Broadband – Lord Jones of Cheltenham drafted a letter to the Chair of BT. The regional director of BT, two BT engineers, the head of BT cyber security are to meet in Chippenham next week with Cllr Alberry and Julian Barlow to discuss broadband issues in Compton Bassett. Resident S Buttle has complained that she was unable to upload the required data for Buttle Farm today.
8. Hills – Hills' Lower Compton planning application. Hills' 3 section 73 applications to turn the existing temporary planning consent at Lower Compton into permanent should have been turned down as they had no environmental impact statement and have exceeded the statutory planning period of 16 weeks. However, the applications remain live. Hills application 14/09744 for an expanded MRF/WTS facility was turned down on 17 June 2015 but Hills have until 17th December 2015 to appeal. Cllr Szczesiak advised an application has also been submitted to change the hard standing planning from temporary to permanent. Cllr Alberry advised Wiltshire Council have applied for a waste to energy power station at Westbury – if approved this could have an impact on the future of the Lower Compton site.
9. Green Square Group – A drop-in event was held by the Green Square Group on Wednesday 16th September at the Village Hall for residents of Compton Bassett to view the slightly amended new proposed plan for Briar Leaze. They are now proposing 7 new houses not 8 in phase 1. Green Square are still in negotiation with residents. Cllr Szczesiak advised that phase 1 will take approximately 18 months and would be carried out in 2 stages if consented.
10. Correspondence Received –
 1. E mail from Laurie Waite re maintenance to War Memorial. Cllr Reis advised the poppy wreath is supplied by the Church not the Parish Council
Councillors agreed that a tonne of pea gravel should be purchased at a cost of £38 including VAT and delivery from Build base for the upkeep of the memorial. The War Memorial steps need cleaning and possibly repairing – **Action : Cllr Reis/Cllr Barnett will ask Robert Laver who has been carrying out work on the Church and in the village to quote for repairs to the steps.**
 2. A4 Tourist Trail Campaign – A meeting held on October 6th was useful and well attended. Tara Adams of the White Horse, Compton Bassett attended the meeting.

3. Wiltshire Council Community Days – Any requests for work must now be submitted on line and will then be assessed. County Cllr Crisp advised parish stewards may be brought back from April next year.
11. Finance and Accounts – As at 23rd September 2015 with no cheques outstanding the balance of reserves was £4,957.23 Councillors looked at the bank statement and income and expenditure
The Clerk advised that a BACS remittance for £128.24p was received on 13th August 2015 in respect of VAT repayment from HMRC.
Invoices agreed and paid: -
- o Clerk wages £132.30
 - o Stationery etc £17.48
 - o Precept – All councillors agreed and approved there was no need to raise it and it will stay the same for financial year 2016/17 **Action: Clerk to send precept request into Wiltshire Council**
12. Annual Parish Meeting 2016 – The next Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Thursday 10th March 2016. James Gray MP has agreed to attend. The agenda for the meeting is still to be set.
13. Communication in the Parish – Cllr Waite asked for clarification of roles within parish Council. All agreed they are as follows:
- o Cllr Waite to submit edited minutes to village magazine
 - o Clerk to submit minutes, agendas etc to village website
 - o Cllr Szczesiak to put minutes and agendas on village notice board and in phone box
 - o Cllr Alberry will continue to include Parish Council items of interest in his general updates on Compton Bassett Matters
 - o Cllr Reis pointed out that the Church supplies a welcome pack to all new residents of the village and to inform him of any new arrivals.– these can be obtained from Cllr Reis.
 - o **Action: Clerk to check when next Wiltshire Council and Parish Council elections are due**
 - o **Action: Clerk to add filing cabinet to asset list**
14. Councillors Observations and Items for the Next Meeting –
- o Parish Council Laptop
 - o Speedwatch. No recent action to report but monitoring activity is expected to resume shortly
 - o **Action: Cllr Szczesiak to contact those qualified to see who is available.**
 - o **Action : Clerk to contact Sonya Stockhill to ask for a speed check to be done in the village**
 - o **Clerk to ask Wiltshire Council if they would set up an automatic speed indicator near the 30mph sign going into the village from Hilmarton end**
 - o **Action : Clerk to investigate to cost of purchasing an automatic speed indicator.**
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15. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 3rd December 2015 at 7.30pm

Meeting closed at 9pm. Cllr Crisp left at 8.15pm