

Minutes of the Meeting of Compton Bassett Parish Council
Held on Thursday 18 September 2014 at 7.30pm

Those Present: Cllr Szczesiak (Chair), Cllr Coward (Vice-Chair), Cllr Alberry, Cllr Barnett, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Reis, County Cllr C. Crisp, A Maddox (Clerk)

Members of the Public - R.Evans

1. The Chair advised the Parish Council that Serena Henley had very sadly recently passed away and called for a period of 1 minute's silence as a mark of respect for her long and valued service to the Parish Council.
2. **Apologies for absence** – None
3. **Minutes of the Meeting** held on 26th June 2014 having been read were approved and signed
4. **Declaration of Interest** – None
5. **Receipt of Public Questions** – None
6. **Matters Arising** – None
7. **Broadband** – Cllr Alberry reported that he had completed a mapping exercise of Broadband upload/download speed which showed very poor connectivity at around 1MB/s which was less than Wiltshire Council's target of 2MB/s for all properties in Wiltshire by 2015.
8. **Highway Matters** – None
9. **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Coward reported that our Neighbourhood Plan designated area had been formally registered and confirmed by Wilts Council. Wilts Council had also confirmed that we do need an SEA. It was noted that Compton Bassett Parish Council had already decided to provide an SEA as good practice given the importance of the Conservation Area and AONB. Cllr Coward produced a useful SEA template supplied by Wiltshire Council.

It was agreed that Cllr Alberry would produce a second draft SEA by the end of next week (if possible) taking the Wiltshire Council template into account and using additional detailed local environmental information which was known to be available from the 4 local landowners.

Cllr Alberry referred to the recent Malmesbury housing development proposal (77 houses) which was rejected by Mr Pickles on the basis that it did not comply with the Neighbourhood Plan, even though the plan had not yet been approved by the Planning Inspector.

10. **Hills Lower Compton Planning Application** – Cllr Alberry reported that the August 2011 application (revised) had not been determined or withdrawn despite the maximum

statutory period for determination being 6 months from submission. Cllr Alberry also reported that Hills have appealed to the Secretary of State to have the existing temporary MRF/WTS made permanent which might change the basis for consideration of the August 2011 application.

11. Hills - Landfill Liaison Meeting – There have been no meetings. Cllr Alberry reported that the Strategic Planning Committee meeting to consider Hills' revised Lower Compton Planning Application was planned for 12th December 2014.

12. Community Speedwatch – Cllr Coward apologised that he had not yet been able to obtain the speed camera. Cllr Alberry reported that Dr. S. Izatt (currently Chair of RoSPA for Wiltshire) had agreed to Chair a small sub-group to oversee Speedwatch matters and to progress a review of speed limits into the Village from the A3012 and A4, together with other safety matters.

13. Compton Bassett Website – The website had now been updated and a separate section had been provided for use by the Parish Council. Cllr Alberry advised that the website support costs for Parish Council matters would be around £10 per week. Cllr Coward agreed in principle that support should be made but asked that the financial accounts be checked before any firm commitment was entered into.

It was agreed in principle (subject to finance availability) to publicise Parish Council matters on the website, including notice of meetings, agendas and approved minutes.

14. Planning - There were no planning applications to consider.

15. Correspondence Received

Green Square Housing Association had requested a meeting with Compton Bassett Parish Council to discuss their plans for a housing development in BriarLeaze. It was noted that no details had been made available for prior consideration.

It was agreed that Cllr Szczesiak would request some advance information for the next Parish Council meeting on 27 November 2014 and would offer Green Square Housing Ltd a special meeting on a mutually convenient date in December.

16. Finance and Accounts – Nothing to report but the accounts would be checked to confirm that funds were available to fund the Compton Bassett website activities.

17. Councillors Observations and items for next meeting – A new Parish Clerk might be available as a replacement for Abbey Maddox who had indicated that she was finding it increasingly difficult to keep up with Parish Council business as she was now working full time. The Chair thanked Abbey for all her support over the past meetings. Rose Evans (in

attendance) had agreed to take over as Parish Clerk and the Chair hoped that we would be able to achieve a reasonably smooth handover.

It was also noted that there was now a Parish Councillor vacancy which would have to be filled in due course.

Date of next meeting 13 November 2014.

Meeting Ended 8.45pm.