

Minutes of the Meeting of Compton Bassett Parish Council
Held on Thursday 27th November 2014 at 7.30pm

Those Present: Cllr Szczesiak (Chair), Cllr Coward (Vice Chair) Cllr Reis, Cllr Alberly, Cllr Barnett, Cllr Waite, Cllr Jackson, R.Evans (Clerk)

- 1. Apologies for absence** – None
- 2. Minutes of the Meeting** –Minutes from 18th September not **received**.
Special meeting held on 13th November 2014 agreed.
- 3. Declarations of Interest** - None
- 4. Receipt of Public Questions** – None
- 5. Matters Arising**

- a. Community Speed Watch** – Apologies were received from Sonya Stockhill and Mark Cook. The Sandy Lane/Derry Hill speed watch camera is to be shared with Compton Bassett on a 3 month rota. Recorded speeding events from trained volunteers will be sent on a customised spreadsheet to Community Speedwatch by the temporary acting Team Leader (Cllr Alberly). In addition, traffic data will be collected as an evidence base for a future application to lower Compton Bassett speed limits.

Wiltshire Highways 30 Day Crime Report (Dave Thomas)

4.11.14 - 4 x4 stolen – recovered

13.11.14 - chicken coop moved

27.11.14 - 4 x4 stolen

Suspicious cyclist seen last month

Crime can be reported on the 101 telephone helpline.

Community messaging – Neighbourhood watch

A Community messaging alert service is to be made available via mobile and/or e-mail. Residents will be able to register for the service when it is available in Compton Bassett. Wiltshire Police are planning to give presentation in Village Hall – possibly in January.

- b. Compton Bassett Website** – Compton Bassett Parish Council will contribute towards the cost of posting information on the Compton Bassett website. Note: The Benson Village Hall Committee also contributes to the cost of hosting the web domain. Parish Council accounts, agendas and approved minutes will now be published on the website.
- c. Broadband** – Cllr Alberly reported that he has written to Wiltshire Council, met with Mr. Gray (local MP) and written to the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State about the poor state of broadband in Compton Bassett. Wiltshire Council responded that the provision of superfast broadband was being rolled out in Wiltshire but that the Calne exchange end of the village was within a designated superfast broadband commercial area and so would not be eligible for any additional Government funding until 2016. The Hilmarton exchange end of the village was under BT assessment and BT are due to report

back in March 2015. However, the issue in Compton Bassett is not superfast broadband but access to broadband at the minimum speed of 2MB/s to which only 1 person in the village currently has access. This is unfairly disadvantaging Compton Bassett residents, children (internet access for homework), older residents (access to medical services) and businesses (HMRC/VAT returns etc etc). A Compton Bassett action group will meet in the New Year to consider ways to influence BT shareholders and Executives to provide a Universal Service.

- d. **Highway Matters** – The 7.5t weight restriction sign at the A3012 is not readily visible so that large HGVs start to turn before they see the sign and end up having to continue through the village despite the weight restriction.

It was resolved that the Clerk would draw this to the attention of Wiltshire Highways Authority

- e. **Hills Lower Compton Planning Application** – Compton Bassett Parish Council have objected to Hills' application. The planning application is currently due to be considered in the New Year.
- f. **Neighbourhood Plan** – Cllr Alberry reported the Compton Bassett referendum result on the Compton Bassett Neighbourhood Plan. The majority in favour was 98% and 58% of the total residents voted. The revised Plan and Sustainability Assessment was approved for release to Wiltshire Council for comment. The Plan would also need to be supported by a number of additional documents, including a Basic Conditions Statement and a Consultation Statement in order to meet the legislative requirements. Wiltshire Council had also indicated that further supporting documents might be required.

It was resolved that the further documents would be produced asap so that the Plan could be formally submitted in the New Year following comments from the Statutory Consultees.

- g. **Planning Matters** - None
- h. **Correspondence Received** – None
- i. **Finance and Accounts** – None
- j. **Any Other Business** – None
- k. **Date of Next Meeting** – Thursday 29th January 7.30pm