

**Minutes of the Emergency Meeting of Compton Bassett Parish Council
Held on Friday 29th May 2015 at 7.30pm**

**To approve the Compton Bassett Neighbourhood Plan (CBNP)
To approve the CBPC responses to the Green Square Group letter of 22 May 2015
To allow a verbal update on representations on the CBNP made during the second
consultation ending 26 May 2015**

Those Present: Cllr Szczesiak (Chair), Cllr Alberry, Cllr Barnett, Cllr Coward, Cllr Jackson,

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Waite; Cllr Reis; Clerk; County Councillor Christine Crisp
2. **Declaration of Interest** – Cllr Szczesiak declared that he was a Briar Leaze resident in relation to the CBNP and Green Square Group issues on the agenda
3. **Receipt of Public Questions** – None
4. In the absence of the Clerk Cllr Alberry agreed to take the minutes
5. Cllr Coward suggested that the items on the agenda were taken out of order: consideration of the Green Square Group response letter; the CBNP verbal update and CBNP consideration. This suggestion was unanimously approved.
6. Cllr Szczesiak described the issues in the Green Square Group letter of 22 May 2015 to which a CBPC letter of response had been drafted, correcting a number of inaccuracies. The main issues were that Green Square Group had represented that the CBNP should include 50 Houses rather than up to 7 affordable homes and that CBPC had not offered a date for a meeting. The letter of response rejected the Green Square Group representation and a further clarification had now been included in the CBNP to further justify the limitation of 7 affordable homes in Briar Leaze. The CBPC draft letter of response pointed out meetings had been offered to Green Square Group on 19 September 2014; 30 January 2015; 15 May 2015 and again in the present response with a request for the basic information relating to their proposal to build 50 houses in Briar Leaze prior to any meeting. The CBPC response to Green Square Group was approved unanimously. **Action: Clerk to forward the response to Green Square Group**
7. Cllr Alberry provided a verbal update on the further representations which had been received during the second Consultation period. All of the representations and CBPC responses had been included in the Consultation Statement, most notably from Green Square Group, Natural England and English Heritage. A summary of clarifications which had been added to the Plan in response to the representations were available at the meeting for public inspection.
8. The CBNP with additional clarifications was unanimously approved for submission to Wiltshire Council for the final 6 week consultation prior to submission to the Planning Inspector. **Action: Cllr Alberry to send the Plan with clarifications, supporting documents and Wiltshire Council checklist to Wiltshire Council by registered delivery. Clerk to e-mail Ms G. Clampitt-Dix to advise her of the imminent delivery to avoid the complications associated**

with the last submission in February 2015 when Wiltshire Council repeatedly denied receipt for around 10 days, despite the delivery having been registered and with a signed receipt of delivery.

9. A number of questions were asked by members of the public:
 - a. What do CBPC know about the Green Square Group proposals for 50 houses in Briar Leaze and when might it start? **CBPC answer:** We have not been provided with any information at all by Green Square Group so we do not know what their intentions might be. Green Square Group have released a limited amount of information on Phase 1 of the proposal (a development of 15 houses) to a limited number of Briar Leaze residents. Cllr Alberry commented that the lack of information was causing some distress to elderly residents, which was of concern to CBPC.
 - b. Is the current development of 50 houses a big development for Green Square ? **CBPC answer:** We do not know but it probably isn't a large scale development for them but it was felt likely that Green Square Group would submit the Plan to Wiltshire Council in any event regardless of whether it complied with the CBNP.
 - c. Would the development include properties for sale and for rent ? **CBPC answer:** We have received no information whatsoever from Green Square Group, so we are unable to answer the question. It was noted that Wiltshire Council policies would be likely to require a percentage of affordable homes in any significant development.

Meeting Ended 7.50pm.