

**Minutes of the Meeting of Compton Bassett Parish Council
Held on Thursday 5th March 2015 at 7.30pm**

Those Present: Cllr Szczesiak Cllr Reis, Cllr Alberry, Cllr Barnett, Cllr Waite, Sonya Stockhill (Wiltshire Police) County Cllr Christine Crisp, D Zeitzen (Clerk)

1. **Apologies for absence** – Dave Jackson, Dave Coward
2. **Minutes of the Meetings** held on 18th September 2014, January 29th & February 19th 2015 were agreed & signed.
3. **Declarations of Interest** - None
4. **Receipt of Public Questions** – None
5. **Matters Arising**

a. Compton Bassett area Police Matters

Sonya Stockhill advised there had only been 2 crimes reported in the area in February. An exhaust pipe stolen from Cherhill on 25th Feb and a fire extinguisher removed/damaged from Cherhill CC. 3 warnings were issued after speed checks in Cherhill. The rural crime signs are to be moved to Compton Bassett. Rogue traders have been cold calling in Calne advising people they need roof repairs carried out. Arrests have been made. Sonya is hoping to arrange an evening in the village hall to show residents how policing is working in the area. It is hoped community messaging will start soon.

b. Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Alberry advised that a meeting had been held with Georgina Clampitt –Dix head of Spatial Planning at Wiltshire Council, attended by Cllr Alberry, Cllr Szczesiak and Dr Izatt which had been both helpful and co-operative. David King, the Wiltshire link officer who had made further criticisms of Compton Bassett Parish Council has now been removed and, as Wiltshire Council appears to have very few remaining issues, the Neighbourhood Plan should be ready for public consultation by the end of April. As a result it was decided not to send the draft letter refuting Mr King's further unfounded criticisms but to respond to Ms Clampitt-Dix in a positive way. **Action A draft letter to be sent to Georgina Clampitt –Dix was approved by all. Clerk to send the letter.**

c. Broadband

Cllr Alberry advised that the Compton Bassett broadband working group had arranged for 4 questions on rural broadband to be tabled by Lord Jones of Cheltenham:

1. What plans does Her Majesty's Government have to roll out superfast broadband to rural areas of the United Kingdom?
2. Does the Government plan to fast-track those rural areas which have not received funding for superfast broadband?
3. What assessment has the Government made of the impact of the lack of superfast broadband on businesses, farming

communities, households and the elderly, particularly in rural areas?

4. Will the Government use Compton Bassett in Wiltshire as a pilot test case for installing superfast broadband in rural areas due its special and unusual challenges.

This is believed to be the second time that Compton Bassett has been referenced in a House of Lords debate. An article has been released to the National Press for publication next week. Cllr Alberry is also looking into the possibility of the village having a digital broadband service provided by LDE technology and will report back in due course.

d. Highway Matters - None

e. Hills

Cllr Alberry reported Wiltshire Council had requested more information on the Hills HGV movements in Calne and a greenfield baseline assessment of air quality in Calne for Hills latest planning application 14/09744 at Lower Compton. Hills had not complied with Wiltshire's request and claimed that Lower Compton HGV movements of 69,722 (no project "greenfield" baseline); 97,238 (existing and 116,092 (future) would not make a perceptible difference to Calne air quality despite the fact that these HGVs are a significant fraction of the total 800 HGVs per day passing through Calne and causing around 80% of the pollution which is up to 10 times the legal limit for NOx in the afternoons. The Parish Council approved the draft letter of objection against Hills' latest proposal.

Action: Letter of Objection to be sent by Clerk

f. Community Speed Watch

Four Speed Watch surveys were carried out in February and around 30-40% of cars were speeding in the Village (20% above 36 mph). Compton Bassett has been allowed to retain the camera for March and further Speed Watch surveys are planned.

g. Self help – voluntary groups

Cllr Waite reported that the first meeting of the War Memorial Group was held two weeks ago coordinated by Jeremy Monk.

h. Planning Matters

The planning status of the wooden chalet at The Freeth is being investigated by Wiltshire Council.

Cllr Waite also asked about the planning status regarding the new mirror erected on the side of the road opposite Woodville, Compton Bassett.

Action. Clerk to ascertain the planning status for the mirror opposite Woodville.

i. Correspondence Received

There was no significant correspondence apart from the correspondence regarding the Neighbourhood Plan.

j. Finance and Accounts

Manor Cottage Studios invoice £135

IAC internal audit invoice from July £60

Compton Basset Benson Hall Hire £78.75

Parish Clerk Wages (27hrs) £220.15 plus expenses £11.16

The HMRC position regarding filing and the Parish Accounts were discussed.

Actions. Clerk to liaise with accountant and submit PAYE returns for tax year 2014/15 and raise P45 previous Clerk. Clerk to contact IAC regarding their invoice dated 31/07/14

k. Councillors Observations and items for the next meeting

Village name signs at each end of the village were being considered. **Cllr Alberry investigating**

Bus shelter roof in need of repair or replacement.

Cllr Szczesiak investigating roofing materials

Parish Council standing orders

Cllr Alberry and Cllr Waite investigating

Parish Council Notice Board repair

Cllr Szczesiak is having problems locating a suitable lock for the notice board

Cllr Reis asked if the Parish Council would look into the possibility of making a contribution to the cost of supplying The Villages magazine to all houses in the village currently born by the PCC

Cllrs agreed to discuss this at the next Parish Council meeting

l. Date of next meeting

AGM Thursday 14th May 2015 7.30pm