

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting  
of Compton Bassett Parish Council  
Held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.30pm**

**Those Present:** Cllr Szczesiak (Chair) Cllr Coward (Vice Chair) Cllr Reis, Cllr Alberry, Cllr Barnett, Cllr Waite, Sonya Stockhill (Wiltshire Police) Mark Cook (Wiltshire Police) Kathleen Williams (Bobby Van Trust) John Skinner (Calne Culture & Tourism Steering Group) David Dillamore (Calne Culture & Tourism Steering Group) D Zeitzen (Clerk)

30 Members of the public attended

**Apologies for absence** – Dave Jackson, County Cllr Crisp

**1. Welcome by the Chair Pete Szczesiak**

The Chair Cllr Szczesiak gave a short introduction explaining the aims of the Annual Parish Meeting. Although called by the Parish Council, the meeting does not deal with or form part of the Parish Council Business. It is a statutory requirement that every Parish holds an annual Parish Meeting to express their concerns on local matters. Members of the Parish Council are on hand to answer questions

**2. Calne Culture & Tourism Steering Group**

John Skinner & David Dillamore of Calne Culture & Tourism Steering Group gave a short presentation on the group. It has been in existence for 5 months. Its aim is to increase tourism along the A4 corridor from Hungerford to Box. They hope to work with local parishes and businesses to increase the number of visitors to the area. Promoting the history of the area, heritage and culture. Parishioners were invited to ask questions at the end of the presentation. It was asked how wide a corridor the group will be working in, it will be 5 miles either side of the A4. When asked what the footfall of tourists to the area is at present they did not have any figures at present.

**3. Presentation by PCC Mark Cook and Sonya Stockhill**

Mark gave a presentation with slides and short videos with stand up boards to highlight the work of the Calne Neighbourhood Police Team. He talked about incidents that they had attended and planned in recent months, including drug warrant work and Operation Mather which is the Rural operations they set up. At the end of the presentation parishioners were invited to ask questions. It was asked if the police know how many times they drive through the village each week – the exact numbers weren't known but they said they do drive through regularly and more frequently if crime or problems have been reported.

**4. Presentation by Katherine Wheeler of the Bobby Van Trust**

Kathleen gave a presentation on the work of the Bobby Van Trust. She explained that it works for elderly people to help keep them

safe in their own homes. The Bobby Van Trust was set up by Wiltshire Police in 1998. It is a Charitable Trust and works out of Devizes Borough Police Station. The parishioners had no questions.

Cllr Szczesiak thanked the speakers for their presentations and the parishioners for attending. He advised everyone is welcome to attend the AGM on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2015. The meeting was then closed.