

Minutes of the Meeting of Compton Bassett Parish Council

Held on Thursday 1st December 2016

At 7.30 pm

Those Present: Cllr Szczesiak (Chair), Cllr Coward (Vice Chair), Cllr Jackson, Cllr Alberry, Cllr Reis, Cllr Barnett (arrived 7.50pm), D. Zeitzen (Clerk)

Members of the Public present: Erik Granvold, Reni Granvold

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Waite, County Cllr Crisp
2. **Minutes** – The minutes of meeting held on 6th October 2016 were approved by all and signed.
3. **Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda** – Cllr Szczesiak and Cllr Alberry declared an interest in items relating to plans for redevelopment of Briar Leaze by the Green Square group.
4. **Receipt of Public Questions** – Erik and Reni Granvold asked for an update on broadband in the village and the Hills' planning application for Freeth Farm. Cllr Szczesiak welcomed them to the village and advised both items were on the agenda for discussion. Erik and Reni Granvold were happy to stay for this.
5. **Actions & Matters Arising**
 - a. **Planning** – There were no objections to the felling of the dead chestnut tree at Compton Bassett House.
Application to remove laurel hedge and replace with yew hedge further back from road Compton Bassett House – see 5E no objections.
An appeal has been submitted against the refusal of the holiday let at Freeth Farm. Cllr Alberry asked for clarification of the enforcement action if the appeal is refused.
Action: Clerk to contact Wiltshire Council for clarification
 - b. **Speed indicator ,speeding traffic CATG 4648** Cllr Coward advised the batteries for the speed indicator device have now been purchased and he will fit them shortly, the comms cable will take longer to obtain because it needs to be sourced from Germany. Cllr Alberry advised CATG have found the Compton Bassett Parish Council 40mph application that had been mislaid. The Parish Council will have to fund the legal costs and repeater signs (see item 6) The Highways Officer asked Cllr Alberry to write in with the 40mph request, it will have to meet Wiltshire Council's guidance.
Wiltshire Council will be measuring speeds in the 40mph request area.
Traffic calming in the area by Whites House was discussed and all agreed an enquiry should be made about this.
The two new village signs will shortly be ready for installation, the cost of installing these will be £160 each as Wiltshire Council insist for safety reasons new posts must be used.
Action: Cllr Alberry will email for update and also send a brief around the village
 - c. **Parish Steward Scheme** Cllr Barnett advised the parish steward scheme is going well. Residents aware of any village tasks for the parish steward please contact Cllr Barnett on 01249 812274. The parish steward is next in the village w/c 2nd January 2017. Potholes, dog mess, graffiti and litter should be reported directly to Wiltshire Council in one of 3 ways: online using the Council's website www.wiltshire.gov.uk/report.htm , via mobile phone using the 'My Wiltshire' App or by phoning Wiltshire Council on 0300 456 0105 (this is the least preferred option)
 - d. **Resilient Communities Fund Application** The application was unsuccessful due to Compton Bassett not experiencing long term power cuts over the last few years..
 - e. **Overgrown hedges** The laurel hedge belonging to Compton Bassett House between the Church and Ransom's is being replaced by a yew hedge further back from the road.
Cllr Szczesiak and Matt Perrott met with Gary West a couple months ago to discuss the overgrown hedging/shrubs by Home Farm and he agreed to cut them back.
Cllr Szczesiak asked for an update on this.
Action: Clerk to contact Gary West for an update.

6 Budget and Precept 2017/18 The Clerk advised the estimated reserve to carry forward to 2017/18 is £3,400. As already discussed in item 5b (see above) the Parish Council will have to contribute towards any traffic calming, speed restrictions and safety issues. Cllr Alberry advised these items are a priority of the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Alberry proposed an increase of £1,000 to the precept for these issues for the year 2017/18. Cllr Szczesiak seconded this and all agreed unanimously to the increase specifically to enable the Parish Council to be able to respond to improve traffic safety issues in the village.

Action: Clerk to submit the precept request to Wiltshire Council

7 Standing orders To be carried forward to next meeting as Cllr Waite raises the standing orders

8 Hills Cllr Alberry explained that the planning appeal regarding the recycling site has been deferred to 20th February 2017, there will be a revised environmental statement. The Freeth Farm planning application for sand extraction and conveyor has been postponed until 8th March 2017.

The Parish Council sent a letter to Wiltshire Council on November 8th regarding their concern over fly tipping at Freeth Farm to date no response has been received.

The Parish Council have approved another draft letter regarding this fly tipping which all agreed should be sent to Wiltshire Council with a copy to the Environmental Agency.

Action: The clerk to send the approved letter to Wiltshire Council and a copy to the Environmental Agency.

9 Broadband Cllr Alberry had good news – Wiltshire Council and BT have confirmed they will fund super fast broadband for the Calne end of the village and are hoping it will be available from March/April 2017.

BT has been lobbied regarding super fast broadband for the Hilmarton end of the village and a costed implementation plan produced. GreenSquare have agreed with BT to finance the broadband for this end of the village and the work should start in March 2017.

10 GreenSquare Cllr Alberry advised the planning application for Briar Leaze has not yet been approved and is subject to the Section 106 agreement between Wiltshire Council and Green Square. (Section 106's are also known as planning obligations and are agreements made between the local authority and developer, they are used to prescribe, compensate and mitigate the local community.)

11 Correspondence Received – Michael Ransom re HGVs through Compton Bassett – Michael Ransom highlighted his concerns about HGV's driving through the village- he has contacted the police who have spoken to a local company who were using the village as a short cut.

Smart meters – Karen Smith CSE No date was fixed for a short talk on these meters as the talks are only available until the end of December

Jen Russell enquiry re RAF Compton Bassett- Jen Russell emailed to thank all residents who contacted her with information on the married quarters after she contacted the parish clerk.

Caroline McKenna community projects funding Tesco bags of help,- Cllr Alberry advised the Village Hall committee are looking into applying for funding.

Great West Way update – online survey circulated to parish council

Erik Gramvold request for update on Broadband – Clerk and Cllr Alberry contacted Mr Gramvold who attended this evening's meeting.

Precept 2017/18 information from Wiltshire Council – information with details on applying and deadline.

12 Finance and Accounts

a. Bank statement as at 2nd November 2016 £4,613.38 Income & Expenditure as at 30th November 2016 £4,451.70p (cheque 334 £161.68 SID installation paid 11th Nov 2016)

All approved and agreed the bank statement and Income & Expenditure statement.

b Invoices Clerks salary £194.04 Sue Wright (HMRC payroll) £10

SID batteries £56.96 All approved and agreed the invoices and cheques were raised and signed.

13 Annual Parish Meeting – Thursday 18th May 2017 –Due to the forthcoming parish and council elections on 4th May 2017 the Annual Parish meeting will be held on Thursday 18th May 2017 – details of the meeting to be discussed at next Parish Council Meeting on 12th January.

14 Record Management – requested by Cllr Waite – Will be carried forward to January meeting as Cllr Waite not present.

15 Village Welcome Pack – requested by Cllr Waite Cllr Reis said the Church is very happy to continue producing the Village Welcome pack. All agreed that this should continue and there is no need for the parish council to also produce a pack. Cllr Reis asked if anyone aware of new residents to pass the details to him so he can arrange for them to receive a pack.

16 Councillors Observations and items for next meeting – No observations

Date of next meeting Thursday 12th January 2017 at 7.30pm