

Minutes of the Meeting of Compton Bassett Parish Council
Held on Thursday 28th January 2016
At 7.30 pm

Those Present: Cllr Szczesiak (Chair), Cllr Coward (Vice Chair), Cllr Alberry, Cllr Barnett, Cllr Jackson, County Cllr Crisp – left at 8.30pm) D. Zeitzen (Clerk)

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Waite
2. **Minutes** – Minutes of the Meeting held 10th December 2015 were approved and signed.
3. **Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda** – Cllr Szczesiak declared an interest in items relating to plans for redevelopment of Briar Leaze by the Green Square group. Cllr Alberry also declared an interest in this as Chair of The Village Hall Committee
4. **Receipt of Public Questions** - None
5. **Actions & Matters Arising**
 - a. **Planning** – Green Square Group application re Briarleaze Item 9 on agenda
 - b. **War Memorial** – The Clerk has sent a letter of thanks to Laurie Waite to be passed to the anonymous donor for their generous donation of £275 to pay for repair works to the steps
 - c. **Speed checks and indicator** – Sonya Stockhill arranged a speed check in the village on December 11th. No tickets were issued. Another speed check will be carried out in the near future by the police. Parish Councillors will arrange further speed checks in the spring.
The Clerk is waiting to hear back from Wiltshire Council regarding the possibility of a speed indicator device for the village.
County Cllr Crisp advised Calne Town Council are looking at the possibility of taking on the speed indicators
 - d. **Parish Council Laptop** – Cllr Coward is going to help the Clerk and Cllr Waite look into the various laptops and office packages that are available and advise on the most suitable buy.
 - e. **Precept** – The Clerk has submitted the precept request for year 2016/17. As all previously agreed the precept will stay the same as last year . Precept £3474.42, top up grant £22.92 Total £3497.34 from Wiltshire Council

6 Neighbourhood Plan – Anna McBride of Wiltshire Council has requested a revised map Showing the extent of the allocated area at Briar Leaze for the proposed Green Square Group development area.

Action: Clerk to send map to Anna McBride

7 Broadband – Cllr Alberry advised talks and meetings continue with BT over the problems with BT broadband in the village and the possibility of super fast broadband for the village.

8 Hills – Hills' Lower Compton have now put in CLUED and Section 73 planning applications to Wiltshire Council. A letter has been sent to Jason Day at Wiltshire Council objecting to the applications.

9 Green Square Update – The Green Square Group planning application for proposed 13 new dwellings and associated works following demolition of 6 existing dwellings and garages at Briar Leaze has now been submitted to Wiltshire Council. Planning application ref 15/12294/FUL All comments and responses to be received by Wiltshire Council by 11th February 2016. All councillors agreed the response of the Parish Council “as support subject to conditions “as follows:

“The developers appear to have made an attempt to comply with the Compton Bassett Neighbourhood Plan. However Compton Bassett Parish Council would ask Wiltshire Council to look at the following:

The width of the access road into Briar Leaze, the size and number of car parking spaces and the green space to be provided. To be in keeping with the rest of the village and comply with the requirements of the Neighbourhood Plan there would be no street lighting. It is known bats use the roofs and crevices of the houses for roosting so timing of the demolition is crucial. Nesting birds will also need to be considered."

Action: Clerk to send response with comments to Wiltshire Council

10 Correspondence Received –

Tracy Ruse advised Compton Bassett has been added to the programme for the gulley cleaner.

Action: Clerk to chase up

Calne Emergency Planning Workshop will take place on Wednesday 10th February at 6.30pm at Calne Town Hall – Chair Cllr Szczesiak will attend

Calne Highways Working Group meeting will take place on Tuesday 9th February at 4pm at the Community Hub Calne – Cllr Alberry will attend

Local Highways Involvement Group meeting to take place on 19th April

Action : Representative to be discussed at next meeting

Cllr Barnett advised a vehicle had been damaged on the kerb opposite the Old School House . All councillors agreed for safety reasons the bank should be brought out and a pinch point made.

Action: Clerk to contact Wiltshire Council

Nicky Alberry has been contacted by the Association of Lord –Lieutenants regarding the lighting of a beacon to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday on evening of 21st April. All Councillors agreed to this. Cllr Reis is happy for the beacon to be lit on his land at Starve Knoll

Action: Councillors and Clerk to follow up on this

11 Finance and Accounts –

a. As at 31st December 2015 with no cheques outstanding the balance of reserves was £3146.61. Councillors looked at the bank statement for December and the income and expenditure sheet.

b. Invoices agreed and paid

Clerk wages £194.04

Sue Wright payroll £5

12 Annual Parish Meeting 2016 – The agenda was discussed. Cllr Waite had suggested and talk on the past, present and future of St Swithin's Church to be included. All councillors agreed with this.

Action: Cllr Reis to arrange talk on St Swithin's

Cllr Alberry will give an update on BT Broadband in the village.

James Gray will talk on life as an MP

Action; Clerk to send agenda to James Gray MP

13 Dementia Awareness Evening – Cllr Coward suggested asking Hilmarton/Heddinton Parish Councils if they would be interested in running a joint evening. All councillors agreed.

Action: Clerk to contact clerks

14 High Penn Solar Farm – The clerk contacted Hive Energy who developed the site, they passed it to Sun Edison who have not replied to our email. Cllr Coward suggested the clerk contacts Hive Energy again and asks for a copy of the original letter they sent out when developing the site.

Action : Clerk to contact Hive Energy

15 Councillors Observations and Items for the next meeting

Internal Audit

16 Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 10th March 2016 at 6.30pm ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
Thursday 24th March 2016 at 7.30pm Parish Council Meeting

Meeting closed at 9.15pm.