

Minutes of the Meeting of Compton Bassett Parish Council

Held on Monday 12th June 2017

At 7.30 pm

Those Present: Cllr Szczesiak (Chair), Cllr Alberry (Vice Chair), Cllr Waite, Cllr Reis
Cllr Barnett, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Barlow , D. Zeitzen (Clerk)

Members of the Public- 1 arrived during the discussion of item 5

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence** - None
2. **Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda** – Cllr Barlow item 6
3. **Receipt of Public Questions** - None
4. **Application to Wiltshire Council to divert footpath no 18 and bridleway no 5 at Freeth Farm Quarry for period of up to 12 years ref AR/PC.71/2017/10** - Cllr Szczesiak advised he had been contacted by Oliver Laidler, Minerals and Waste Surveyor of Land and Mineral Management who said the diversion would only be needed for 6 years, however the diversion application is for a period of up to 12 years. The application was discussed and various issues were highlighted. These included the fact that ancient hedgerows and woodland would be destroyed, it is an AONB, the diversion would be 2 to 3 metres below the water table, it would pass through a boggy area that would not be passable the whole year round. Cllr Alberry met with Sarah Jones the North Wilts Rights of Way Officer of the BHS (British Horse Society) on site. The BHS is very much against the diversion of the bridleway and will be sending an objection to Wiltshire Council. As an individual resident of Compton Bassett, Peter Alberry has written to residents of Compton Bassett advising them of the proposed diversion should they wish to object.
Action: Cllr Szczesiak proposed Compton Bassett Parish Council should write to Wiltshire Council stating their objections to the proposed diversion, this was seconded by Cllr Barlow. Cllr Alberry will forward a letter for approval and once approved it will be sent to Wiltshire Council by the clerk.
5. **Obstruction of bridleway at Freeth Farm** – During this discussion Mrs Henley arrived at the Parish Council meeting. Unfortunately due to an oversight the meeting was not advertised as a closed meeting. Cllr Szczesiak explained to Mrs Henley that she had arrived during the discussion about the obstruction to the bridleway, an item she has an interest in. However Cllr Szczesiak allowed Mrs Henley to briefly talk. She said they had permission to put rails on the bridleway. Mrs Henley then left the meeting. Cllr Alberry said the distance between the rails obstructing the bridleway had recently been widened. He felt the issue of the obstruction should be taken into account with the application to divert the bridleway,
Action: Cllr Alberry proposed Compton Bassett Parish Council should write to Wiltshire Council to enquire if permission had been given to obstruct the bridleway, this was seconded by Cllr Szczesiak. Cllr Alberry will forward a letter and once approved it will be sent to Wiltshire Council by the clerk. Cllr Marshall proposed the parish council should write to Mrs Henley to apologise over the error on the agenda and for any embarrassment caused. Cllr Szczesiak seconded this. The clerk will send a letter to Mrs Henley.
6. **Planning Application 17/04264/FUL– The Old Forge, Compton Bassett** – Cllr Barlow read out a statement to the Parish Council regarding his planning application. He then left the meeting. The application was discussed and various concerns were highlighted, mainly regarding the size of the proposed building and for it not to be sold off in the future as a separate building.
Action: Cllr Alberry proposed Compton Bassett Parish Council should write to Wiltshire Council with their comments. Cllr Szczesiak seconded this. Cllr Alberry will forward a letter and once approved the clerk will send it to Wiltshire Council.

Date of Next Meeting : Thursday 6th July 2017. The meeting closed at 8.45pm