

Minutes of the Meeting of Compton Bassett Parish Council

Held on Thursday 14th December 2017

At 7.30 pm

Those Present: Cllr Szczesiak (PS) (Chair), Cllr Waite (EW), Cllr Marshall (JM)

Cllr Barnett (PB), Cllr Barlow (JB), D. Zeitzen (DZ) (Clerk)

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AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence** – Cllr Reis, County Cllr Crisp
2. **Minutes** The minutes of meeting held on 2nd November 2017 were unanimously approved and signed by PS
3. **Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda** – PS declared an interest in the Green Square Housing planning application for Briar Leaze
4. **Receipt of Public Questions:** Adrian Elmer voiced his concerns over keeping the village Website up to date with a free flow of information. JM proposed feeding back information From CATG and Calne Area Board meetings to Adrian for the website. PS seconded this. PS thanked Adrian for all the work he puts into the website and said he believes it to be One of the best village websites. JB seconded this. It was unanimously agreed to keep Adrian updated with all relevant information.
Action: JM to give feedback from external meetings. All to identify issues for the website and feedback to DZ for sending to Adrian.
5. **Actions & Matters Arising**
Bench quote –PS advised it has been suggested that the bench would have more use and Give more enjoyment if sited at the play park not at the War Memorial. PS proposed asking The Village Hall Committee if the bench could be sited at the play park. EW seconded this. DZ had forwarded details of bench quotes to councillors. PS proposed approving and Ordering a Wealden 2 seat Farleigh Commemorative bench at a cost of £295.00 plus £34.95 delivery. Seconded by PB who kindly agreed to take delivery of the bench and store It ready for installation. JM advised it may be possible to get a grant towards the installation Of the bench which will require a concrete base.
Action: DZ to contact village hall committee to ask for permission to site bench at play Park. When permission is received DZ to order bench for delivery to PB.
JM to investigate and apply for grant for installation of bench.
Quotes for newsletter JB has received a quote of £82 for the quarterly newsletter from Hallmark.
Action: JB will source other quotes
Calne Running Club event – A representative of the club will attend the next parish council to update on the event.
Annual Parish Meeting 2018 – Wednesday 11th April 2018 A speaker from North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty has been booked to give a presentation. Speedwatch JM advised a survey of traffic speeds in the village has been published in the Villages magazine. JM proposed bi monthly statistics are requested from Speedwatch for publicising. EW seconded this.
Action: JM to contact Speedwatch
Parish steward update PB advised the temporary steward Phil Gayle has been busy in the Village filling potholes and digging out gulleys. He is trying to arrange for the drains to be dug out. There is no parish steward visit in December, the permanent steward is hoping to be back at work from January. Any resident with request for the parish steward please contact PB or JM
Action; JM to pass details to Adrian Elmer for village website
Christmas tree JM very kindly donated the two tipi lights which are situated in the White Horse Pub garden and also supplied the lights in the two trees by the village hall. PS thanked JM for this, seconded by PB. JM proposed asking residents what Christmas decorations the village would like for 2018 and how funding could be raised for this. JM proposed discussing this at the annual parish meeting. EW seconded this.
6. **Planning:** Hills various applications
PS explained that Hills Waste wish to extend the land fill until 2042. He explained that using Hills' own figures it should be filled by 2031. PS proposed the parish council should object to the extension date as this affects the village. PB seconded this.
A draft letter was circulated to parish councillors who unanimously agreed it should

be sent to Wiltshire Council objecting to the extension to 2042.

Action: Clerk to send objection letter to Jason Day

PB raised the fact that the road to the A4 through Lower Compton from the Hills Waste site is often unsightly and potentially dangerous from residue off the lorries.

It was noted that Hills due use a road sweeper on this section of road but this isn't adequate.

EW proposed the parish council write to Hills with their concerns, this was seconded by PS

Action ; Clerk to write to Hills

17/10751/TCA Tree works The Old Rectory – no comments or objections –

Approval has been given for these tree works,

Green Square – PS advised the 106 has now been signed off. The bat situation is on going and being monitored.

7. Feedback from Meetings

Calne Area Board – JM confirmed we will have the grant of £250 for the purchase of trees for the commemoration of World War One losses from the village

Calne Area transport group (Catg) – JM The sign for the A3012 to advise HGV's not to come through the village has been designed and will be in place before April 2018

For projects requested through Catg the normal amount expected towards a project is 30%. JM is exploring the possibility if reducing the costs of the 40mph signs. It would mean reapplying and waiting longer but would reduce costs considerably, However it may not be possible at this stage. We will report more on this once we have more information.

Action: Timescales for drawing down the grant money need to be agreed later next year

JM to secure funding for HGV signs from Hills

JM to follow up on possibility of reducing costs of 40 mph signs.

- 8 **Correspondence Received** - Village Hall Committee formally acknowledged receipt of Nomination of PB and EW to act as trustees for the Benson Village Hall registered charity. EW has decided to withdraw her nomination as she didn't feel comfortable over the response to it. JB asked for it to be noted that he was disappointed EW didn't feel comfortable over the response to her nomination. EW proposed JM was nominated in her place, JB seconded this. PS proposed JM and PB nominations are reviewed in a year. JB seconded this.

Action : DZ to write to Village Hall chairman to advise of change of nomination

PS advised the war memorial and land it stands on is managed by the parish council.

In remembrance of the 4 villagers who lost their lives in WW1 the parish council will be planting 4 trees on the war memorial ground. Cllr Reis has advised Hornbeam fastigate PS proposed planting Hornbeam fastigiated, PB seconded this.

Action: DZ to write to Village Hall chairman to inform him the 4 trees will be planted in Autumn 2018

Wilts Council – register of electors 2018 – this has now been received by DZ by email

Jennie Brooks – asked if the parish council will be having a village meeting to discuss the Hills planning applications. PS has advised her that the parish council doesn't feel this is necessary as CDSOS team and Wilts Waste Alliance keep residents updated.

Wilts Council 40 mph signs – see item 7 Catg for latest update.

Broadband – JB advised that at the Calne end of the village some properties now have Super fast broadband while others have not had a positive experience with BT.

BT have apologised for any negative aspects of their implementation and offered a complex series of factors which affected timelines and service. Including congestion on the telegraph poles, a systems re-boot being required and issues of access to existing cable trunking. They maintain they are working to resolve issues.

At the Hilmarton end the contract for the implementation of SFBB is with a new provider Gigiclear. Having been given conflicting dates on when this service will be ready JB has now gained a written reassurance from Gigiclear that the Network Build programme activates in Q4 2018 (Sep – Dec) for Compton Bassett and this has been confirmed by Wiltshire Council.

9. Finance and Accounts

a. Bank statement as at 1st Dec £4742.09 (includes £30,00 standing order for website)
Income & Expenditure as at 30th Nov 2017 £4772.09 Budget – this was discussed with the projected balance to c/f from 2017/18 and projected spend for 2018/19.

JB proposed there should be funding available for any future training for the clerk. PS seconded this. DZ and JB recently attended a training day at County Hall, Trowbridge.

DZ had not asked to be paid for attending, JB proposed that DZ should be paid for attending. PS seconded this

Action ; DZ to receive payment at next meeting.

External Audit 2017/ 18 new charges – DZ advised new charges are now being brought

In, the external audit, this will be £200. If the parish council asks to be exempt from paying the external auditors to carry out the audit, we still have to have an external auditor in place. JB proposed using the appointed external auditors and paying £200. PS seconded this.

Precept It was unanimously agreed the precept for 2018/19 will be £5000.

On the basis we have new costs imposed upon us, and we want to raise the precept by as little as possible the meeting agreed with JB that the donation to the Villages magazine is reduced by £100 to £100 provided that the village still gets its copies of the magazine which are valued by many parishioners. EW seconded this.

b Invoices Clerks salary, £178.40, EW parish council newsletter paper and ink £91.08 invoices unanimously approved.

10. Parish Councillor Vacancy JB proposed the vacancy is reviewed after the Annual Parish Council Meeting (AGM) in May 2018, PS seconded this.

11. WW1 Memorial EW advised as yet no residents have come forward with any ideas for this event. To be discussed more fully at next parish council meeting

12. Councillors Observations and items for next meeting

EW commented on the damage to the verge by the War Memorial and will keep an eye on the situation.

EW will look at drawing up a plan for dealing with correspondence in a timely and accessible way.

Meeting closed at 9.45pm

Date of next meeting ; Thursday 25th January 2018