

Minutes of the Meeting of Compton Bassett Parish Council

Held on Thursday 8th March 2018

At 7.30 pm

Those Present: Cllr Szczesiak (PS) (Chair), Cllr Waite (EW), Cllr Marshall (JM)
Cllr Barnett (PB), Cllr Barlow (JB), Cllr Reis (CR) D. Zeitzen (DZ) (Clerk)

Members of the Public- One

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence** – County Cllr Crisp
2. **Minutes** – The minutes of meeting held on 25th January 2018 were unanimously approved and signed by PS
3. **Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda** - None
4. **Receipt of Public Questions** - None
5. **Location of WW1 Memorial trees** –The parish council received a letter from Andy Slade with concerns over the siting and shade from the 4 proposed Hornbeam Fastigiata . PS met with Andy Slade and discussed these concerns. Andy Slade thanked PS for meeting with him, he will not be objecting to the siting of the trees. PS assured him the trees will be kept in shape. After careful consideration of Andy Slade's concerns the tree planting will go ahead in the autumn. They will be sited behind the benches, but at the side so shadw isn't thrown on to the benches or memorial too much.
6. **Actions & Matters Arising**
Quarterly newsletter quotes JB reported the quote has been reduced to £65 for 110 to be printed,
Speedwatch JM will produce statistics every 3 months, these will go on the website and in the newsletters. More volunteers are needed for Speedwatch, please contact Fran Creasey if you are interested.
Bench We now have the bench and inscribed plaque. Arrangements to install the bench will be made at the next meeting
40mph signs We will have more information on when they will be installed later in the month after the CatG meeting
Parish steward visits The parish steward has been in contact with PB and will liaise with him over future visits. On his last visit he filled numerous potholes. The road sweeper has also been through the village cleaning the pavements.
Light pollution A response had been received from Wiltshire Council but further details are required.
Action: JM will contact Wiltshire Council
7. **Planning:** Hills various applications – these are still pending.
Fairholme Farm Compton Bassett farm workers dwelling – the application is within Cherhill parish council boundary. The date for comments closed on 6th March but all agreed Wiltshire Council should be contacted and advised if planning was granted the parish councillors would want a permanent agricultural tie placed on the dwelling.
Action: Clerk to contact Wiltshire Council
8. **Annual Parish Meeting Wednesday 11th April 2018** – After discussion it was decided that after the short presentation on North Wessex Downs AONB, we to have talks on St Swithins Church, Greensquare development at Briar Leaze, broadband, road management and the village events for 2018. This will be followed by wine and nibbles. It's hoped parishioners will come along and support the event.
Action: EW will produce posters advertising the meeting.
9. **Feedback from Meetings**
PS meeting with Greensquare re Briar Leaze- The ecologist report on the bat situation should be ready shortly. If it's signed off work can commence. If its not ready by September, work will be held up until March 2019, The drainage issues are still to be sorted, Contractors are now on site. Briar Leaze residents will be given information before the general public. 6 properties are being demolished, they will be replaced with 13 properties. The BT regional Director has been informed that BT can now roll out fibre optic to the Hilmarton end of the village now that planning has been approved.
Action: JB to try to clarify the situation regarding broadband.

PS – Calne Area Parish Forum - Lord Lansdowne has offered land at Mile Elm for planting a Copse. Talks are on going with Wiltshire Highways on installing a splay.

JM – Village Hall Committee.- JM and PB have agreed to be on the committee. They won't become trustees until the AGM

JB and EW meeting with Adrian Elmer re website. Adrian had been concerned about a decrease in the number of hits on his website since parish council communications have increased. Hopefully this will be resolved with links from parish council communications to the website. The contract between the parish council and the village website is due its annual review so this will be done at the next parish council meeting,
The clerk will have 3monthly refresher training with Adrian so in Adrian's absence she can upload on parish council items on the website.

Action: Clerk to arrange training with Adrian

10. Correspondence Received; Andy Slade location of WW1 memorial trees – item 5, North Wessex Downs – item 8,
Steve Burns Hills Waste advised the wheelwash on the inert tipping area has been repaired and inputs to this area slowed to reduce the number of loads per hour and road sweeping increased. The Parish Council will monitor the situation,

11. Annual Parish Council Meeting (AGM) Thursday 3rd May – Parish councillors to put their nominations in writing to the clerk for chair and vice chair before the meeting.

12 Finance and Accounts

- a. Bank statement as at 1st Feb 2018 £5,046.37
Income & Expenditure as at 1st Feb 2018 £4,716.42
Cheque no 372 for bench £329.95 not yet presented. Unanimously approved.
- b Invoices Clerks salary £115.96, Wiltshire Council £536.46, SJW Accountancy £60.00
All unanimously approved.

13. Calne Running Club Event – Sunday April 29th 2018

Action: PS to find out approx number of competitors

14. WW1 Memorial Event – Compton Bassett are holding 3 main events

- 1) 8th September village fete – with a theme of life in that era
- 2) 3rd week October at Church with music, the choir and poetry. The numbers for this event are limited so admission will be ticket holders only.
- 3) 11th November – lighting of beacon at Starve Knoll
Any monies raised will be split between the Church and the British Legion.

15. Dates for Parish Council Meetings April 2018 – March 2019 – the provisional dates were confirmed

16. The General Data Protection Regulation – With new regulations coming out in May 2018 the clerk is looking into training courses available. All unanimously agreed the clerk should have training on this subject

17. Councillors Observations and items for next meeting – PS and JM agreed to update clerk's Appraisal forms and circulate before meeting in May

Meeting closed at 9.15pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 3rd May Annual Parish Council Meeting

Annual Parish Meeting : Wednesday 11th April 2018