

Minutes of the Meeting of Compton Bassett Parish Council

Held on Thursday 19th September 2019

At 7pm

Those Present: Cllr Szczesiak (PS), Cllr Marshall (JM) (Vice Chair), Cllr Barnett (PB), Cllr Horseman (TH), Cllr Waite (LW), Cllr Reis (CR), D. Zeitzen (DZ) (Clerk)

No members of the public attended

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence-** County Cllr Crisp (CC), Cllr Barlow (JB)
2. **Briar Leaze development update – Peter Crouch.** Peter advised GreenSquare Housing are on target to complete the first 2 plots by Christmas and the next phase by May 2020. At present a specialist contractor is on site to remove buried asbestos from near the garages, this will cost in the region of £21K. All the SSE cables are in and there are no problems with Wessex Water. The garages have been completed and handed over to no 14 and 15. PS asked why the garages have been built in red brick, Peter advised brick is easier to build with, and the decision was based on cost and planning conditions. PS also asked why there are different roof tiles on some of the houses. Peter said different types are commonly used. He will look into what types will be used on the rest of the properties and report back. Peter was also asked if there any plans for tree planting, nest boxes etc, he will bring details and the ecology plan to the next meeting. JM said she had very positive feedback about the contractors from residents. CR said he would like to see the grass around the village hall and play area cut more often. Peter will look into this, JM and PB will bring this up at the next VHC meeting. Peter will attend the next CBPC meeting in October.
3. **Minutes** – Minutes of the Meeting held 1st August 2019 were unanimously approved and signed by PS.
4. **Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda** -None
5. **Receipt of Public Questions** -None
6. **Actions & Matters Arising :** Phone box – LW advised BT have paid a sub contractor to disconnect the phone box but no date has been given for this. Thanks to Michael Ransom who has also been chasing this up. **Action: LW and JB to look into chasing up the sub-contractors.**
SSE grant application – This has been approved see item 9.
Footpaths – Thanks to PB for arranging removal of fallen tree from bridleway.
White lining Goodenoughs Corner and by Church- the lining at Goodenoughs Corner has been completed – thanks to CC for her help over this. Lining by church not yet carried out **Action: JM will contact Wiltshire Council over this.**
Gigaclear – CR said there are a lot of concerns and queries over Gigaclears' work in the village. It was unanimously agreed to invite Gigaclear to attend the next parish council meeting. **Action: DZ to contact Stephen Harris of Gigaclear**
NHP review update – A 5 year review draft has now been produced, this will be discussed at a meeting later this month. A village meeting will be convened to obtain final comments before submission to the parish council before the end of the year.
Parish Emergency Assistance Scheme see item 9
7. **Planning**
Hills - 16/05708/WCM Extraction and conveyor belt and Footpath and bridleway diversion order Objection from Compton Bassett Parish Council – ongoing. It was

unanimously agreed to write to Wiltshire Cllr Sturgis following his visit to the Freeth area. No acknowledgement was received from Cllr Sturgis. The parish council unanimously agreed to send an objection to Hills Freeth Farm planning application 16/05464 and Conveyor application 16/05708/WCM see item 10 19/04760/Ful Austins Farm, change of use from agricultural building to classic car storage building and material change of use of existing classic car storage to agricultural building Comments by 05.07.19. No comments from parish council. Approved with conditions 09.08.19

19/05427/Ful 1, The Breach Single storey extension to rear of property, two storey extension to side of property, loft conversion and relocation of oil tank. Comments by 03.07.19 Any comments from parish councillors to DZ by 02.07.19. Comments sent to Wiltshire Council. Further comments by 20 August 2019

8. Annual Parish Meeting 2020 – to be discussed at next meeting

9. Snow Plough – JM has secured a grant from SSE for the parish council to purchase a snow plough. CR has kindly agreed to store the snow plough once purchased. It is for use in the event of Wiltshire Highways being unable to access the village and the village being cut off. It was unanimously agreed any salt required would be ordered after the purchase of the snow plough. PB has kindly agreed to store any salt. **Action: JM and CR to liaise over purchase of snow plough. JM to order salt.**

10. Feedback from meetings – PS and PB attended the Hills Liaison Meeting, the internal link road is not yet officially open as the technology infrastructure is still to be installed. In the meantime, vehicles based at Lower Compton would make use of the site. When open, which should be by the end of the year, it will only be used by HGV vehicles visiting either the Sands Farm Facility or Lower Compton Site. Steve Burns of Hills said the Freeth extension was still to be resolved with the planners and that Wiltshire was running out of soft sand reserves in the County which is counter to national mineral policy. It was unanimously agreed to write CC to ask for an update on this from Wiltshire Council. **Action: DZ to contact CC**

On 1st September a fire broke out on the landfill at Lower Compton. The cause of the fire is unknown and being investigated. The appropriate authorities have been notified.

11. Parish Council Page of Village Website – JM advised Adrian (AE) has responded to requests to keep governance correctly. The parish council will keep this under review. LW proposed being point of contact and communication with AE. JM seconded this and it was unanimously agreed. DZ will continue to send all documentation for the website to AE. **Action: DZ to advise AE and LW to arrange meeting with AE.**

12. Reviewing Minutes – JM said minutes should be a true record of the meeting, councillors should not ask for them to be amended to meet a councillor's own bias. PB seconded this and said the minutes should be factual and impartial. This was unanimously agreed.

13. Correspondence Received: Change of time of Area Board Meeting, Parishes newsletter, Alexa Davies Calne Area news circulated to councillors Wiltshire Bee and Honey Show – 3 October Devizes, information available from JB

Lower Compton Landfill fire see item 10,
Tree removal – complaint from resident investigated
PCC's Annual Report, Briefing Note Wiltshire Housing Land Supply, North Wessex Downs Landscape Trust as circulated to councillors
Council Tax Setting Programme – budget to be set at meeting in November

14. Finance and Accounts

Bank statement as at 02.09.19 £9622.51

Income & Expenditure as at 19.09.19 £9538.57, one cheque not yet cleared
VAT refund £126.39 has been received,
Invoices Clerks salary £211.40
All approved and cheque signed

15. Communications - None

16.. Councillors Observations – Agenda items for next meeting JM – Traffic calming,
JM – Wildlife following on from presentation by Dr Gary Mantle, LW – Village Archives
PS – 2020 road race, PS - bus shelter paint, LW- Emergency plan register

Meeting closed 9.15pm

Date of next meeting; Thursday 24th October 2019