

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Compton Bassett Parish Council
Held on Wednesday 20th May 2020
At 7pm via Zoom due to the coronavirus situation

Those Present: Cllr Szczesiak (PS), Cllr Marshall (JM) (Vice Chair), Cllr Waite (LW), Cllr Horseman (TH), Cllr Reis (CR), Cllr Barlow (JB), County Cllr Crisp (CC), D. Zeitzen (DZ) (Clerk)

No members of the public attended

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for absence-** Cllr Barnett (PB)
2. **Chairman's Report** – This was circulated before meeting, copy at end of minutes see below.
3. **Election of Chairman** plus signing of acceptance of office. JM nominated PS, JB seconded this and it was unanimously agreed. PS accepted and will sign the declaration of acceptance of office.
4. **Election of Vice Chairman** plus signing of acceptance of office PS nominated JM, JB seconded this and it was unanimously agreed. JM accepted and will sign the declaration of acceptance of office.
5. **Minutes** – Minutes of the Meeting held 5TH March 2020 – circulated before the meeting were unanimously approved, PS will sign
6. **Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda** None
7. **Receipt of Public Questions-** to be emailed to clerk prior to meeting None
8. **Audit 2019/20** – Internal Audit Carried out by Anne Duffield who will submit report
9. **Audit 2019/20** – Approve and sign Annual Governance Statement. JM proposed approval of statement, LW seconded, unanimously approved and signed off
10. **Audit 2019/20** – Approve and sign Annual Accounting Statements. JM proposed approval of statement, JB seconded, unanimously approved and signed off
11. **Audit 2019/20** – Certificate of Exemption. JM proposed approval of statement, JB seconded, unanimously approved and signed off

Documents 9-11 were emailed to councillors before meeting

12. Finance and Accounts

Bank statement as at 1st May 2020 £13,690.34,
Income & Expenditure as at 19th May 2020 £13,440.34,
Precept of £5,000 received at end of April
Invoices: Clerks salary £264.25, Stationery £15.98

All unanimously approved and cheques signed.

Documents item 12 were emailed to councillors before meeting

- 13. On Line Banking** JB thanked JM for her work on this. JM and DZ will finalise and put in place.

- 14. Councillors Observations** Concerns were raised that the Hill's planning applications should not be heard at a remote Strategic Planning Meeting. It was unanimously agreed the parish council will email Wiltshire Council with their concerns.
PB wished it to be noted that a cyclist had fallen from a bike in the centre of the village after hitting a pothole. JM will contact Matt Perrott about the pothole
Gigaclear JB contacted Gigaclear for an update after receiving complaints about the lack of service, he has been advised that Gigaclear are running behind schedule and are now looking at July – September 2020 for a live service.

CC Wiltshire Council have a lot of extra work due to coronavirus and currently have 400 people involved in working on other work to their normal duties. They have received £31 million in funding but so far have spent £50 million.

WALC It was unanimously agreed to join WALC, who had been very helpful with advice on online banking. Payment will be sent when on line banking set up in a couple of weeks, Green Square Housing PS has meeting with them over resurfacing work they have to carry out at Briar Leaze due to damage caused by heavy machinery.
Phonebox ongoing

Meeting ended at 7.40pm

Date of next meeting: Thurs 2 July 2020 at 7pm, this may be held by zoom, depending on the situation with coronavirus.

Chairman's Report

It is the duty of the outgoing Chair to give a report on the activities of the Council for the preceding year..

Gigaclear Representative attended the May meeting, he stated that they would be starting work in the village in June and would take approx. nine months to complete??

We was also awaiting a quote from SSE to disconnect electric from the telephone box so that it could be moved for renovation.

Hills planning application for sand extraction and conveyor belt was discussed at the May meeting and it is still not resolved one year later.

A speed survey was carried out near Dove cottage and in seven days 7463 vehicles was recorded with a average speed of 37.4mph

In June work started on 13 new build houses on Briar Leaze due for completion in April / May 2020

We co-opted Laurie Waite on the Council in June. In September a grant to buy a snow plough was approved from SSE Thanks to Councillor Marshall for her input in obtaining the grant. and to Councillor Ries for storing the plough. The Neighbourhood Plan was also reviewed this year and is now being monitored by Councillors Waite and Barlow.

Planning applications have been low this year. Apart from a couple of tree removal /pollarding applications, we still have the Hills Sands/ conveyor at the Freeth outstanding, we also objected to two other planning applications, an extension to a property at the Breach and a Boundary Fence at the Old Post Office.

In March the first death from the Covid virus was recorded in Wiltshire. It was decided that the Parish Council should set up a Community help group in the village. We had a great response from the residents for volunteers. And I would like to thank Councillors Waite and Barlow for their on going work and for setting this up. And a big thank you to all of the volunteers who go out of their way to help the vulnerable residents in the village.

Thank you to all of our Councillors for your work this last year.

A big thank you to Councillor Marshall for her support and the work she has done in which has been a difficult year for her.

And lastly thanks to Diane for her support and work this year.

Pete Szczesiak