

Minutes of a Meeting of Compton Bassett Parish Council
Held on Thursday 21st July 2011 at 7.30pm
At Compton Bassett Village Hall Meeting Room

Those Present: Cllr Szczesiak (Chair), Cllr Barnett, Cllr Jackson, Cllr Ransom, Cllr Mrs Henley, Cllr Coward, County Councillor Christine Crisp, A Maddox (Clerk)

- 1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr Reis
- 2. Minutes** of the AGM held on 24th May 2011 having been read were approved and signed.
- 3. Minutes** of the Hills Meeting held on 16th June 2011 having been read were approved and signed. It was noted that nothing has been heard from Andrea Pellegram and there have been no updates on the Hills Website since the meeting. The Planning Application is due on the 19th August 2011.
- 4. Register of Interests** under the Parish Councils (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007: Cllr Jackson registered an interest in item 7 – Planning Application N/11/01784/TCA as a neighbouring property.
- 5. Receipt of public questions:** None
- 6. Matters Arising**
 - a. Hills / Landfill Liaison Meeting** – Cllr Ransom attended the Viridor meeting in June. The meeting had the same format as the Hills meetings and discussed the restoration plan of the site to agricultural use. A new plan is going to be shown at a public exhibition on Thursday 28th June 2011 at Calne Town Hall. They need to publicise the access to the site particularly the access road to Low Lane because of the sand conveyor in three months. Due to the theft of cable from the Viridor site it is likely that there will be extra lighting which could be visible. It is possible they may reopen the aggregates factory.

Cllrs Ransom and Henley attended the Hills meeting but it is just a matter of now waiting for the Planning Application to come through. Cllr Henley questioned why they would want to send industrial waste to Compton Bassett with the poor access it has and has concerns for the future such as possible incinerating.
 - b. Village Speed/Traffic Restrictions**
County Cllr Crisp had sent some information to Cllr Coward since the last meeting but said it was very unlikely closure of the road would be achievable.

The Clerk is to chase up Wiltshire Council regarding the status of the Community Speedwatch application.

c. War Memorial

Cllr Coward is still working on the hand rail.

Cllr Szczesiak has talked to Simon Waite regarding the height of the hedges.

d. Telephone Box

Cllr Ransom has cut back some hedging around the Telephone Box and confirmed that there is power in the Box but the light is broken. BT still pays for the power. The Parish Council need to decide on a use for the Box, cut back extra hedging so it is more visible and possibly restore it. The structure of the Box is sound however the window panes are plastic (which BT put in temporarily) and glass would look a lot better. A restored Telephone Box would be worth £3000-£5000. An unrestored Telephone Box (its current state) is worth £850. Restoration costs (including glass, frames to fix glass, paint and a light) would cost £650. This does not include labour costs. Cllr Henley questioned if the panes need to be glass if they are breakable? However, it was reasoned that it would look worse in time if plastic. Cllr Ransom reported that it had not been misused internally and Cllr Coward said he has a lock for the Box.

Cllr Coward brought up the idea again of a competition to decide on a use for the Telephone Box to see if it is popular with the community. As there is not enough time to put details in the village magazine Cllr Coward will prepare a flyer advertising a competition on the day of the fete. Cllr Ransom will put a note on the Box itself.

e. Village Broadband

Cllr Ransom reported that the upgrade of the Calne exchange may affect Compton Bassett and make it slightly better but this would not be until the end of September. He also reported that BT have been forced to cut prices in rural areas which could bring down the tariff but won't improve the speed.

f. Other highway matters

Cllr Henley noted that the sign on Freeth Corner had not been mended. Clerk to report again to Clarence.

Cllr Szczesiak reported that the pothole at Goodenough Corner had been filled but the other at the Bushton turning (Calne side) had not. Clerk to report again to Clarence.

Cllr Jackson noted a big pothole opposite the old school house. Also the pavement at the entrance to Rosemary Cottage had loose flagstones. Clerk to report both to Clarence.

Cllr Ransom reported a problem with parking by the church. Recently during a couple of big funerals the car park had been full and there had been cars parked on the road which had resulted in no passing spaces and the road had become jammed during the service. A similar problem had occurred during bell ringing on a Sunday as there had been no signs to direct people to park at the church car park and cars were parked on the bend causing traffic problems. Cllr Barnett said it was not thought appropriate to have permanent signs for the car park because it could then get used by non-church goers. It was felt that the church needs to be more responsible for the parking problems in particular making people more aware of the car park available.

7. Planning Matters

Cllr Szczesiak noted that there had been no paperwork raised yet for planning permission for the cutting down of Leylandi on "Digby's" land.

Cllrs Ransom, Barnett and Coward had not seen the Planning Application details which were circulated for Austin's Farm (N/11/01594/FUL) and raised concerns that it was now too late to view them before the end of the consultation period. It was agreed that major Planning Applications need meetings scheduled before the consultation period closes. The Clerk will pass all Planning Application details onto Cllr Szczesiak and he can then decide if a meeting is required.

8. Correspondence received – up to 21st July 2011

1 st June – Simon Waite	Invoice (April & May)	Cheque to be raised
9 th June – Viridor Credits	Land Communities Fund Information	To Discuss
10 th June – WALC	Newsletter	To Note
10 th June – Lloyds TSB	Change of Address Form	To Action
11 th June – Wilts Council	Planning Application N/11/01594/FUL	To Forward and Discuss
13 th June – Wilts Council	Feedback Sheet – Pothole Repairs	To Note
14 th June – Wilts Council	Parish Newsletter (June)	To Note
17 th June – Wilts Council	Calne Area Board Agenda for 28 th June 2011	To Forward
21 st June – Wilts Council	Active Listening Course 5 th July 2011	To Forward
21 st June – Wilts Council	Public Forum – Change of Venue	To Forward
22 nd June – Hills	Reports for Liaison Committee Meeting held on 29 th June 2011	To Forward
22 nd June – Wilts Council	Planning Application	To Forward

	N/11/01784/TCA	
23 rd June – Alvian Ltd	Advertising as Play Area Maintenance & Repair Company	To Note
30 th June – Historic Towns Forum	Understanding Localism Course 21 st July	To Forward
4 th July – Michael Dear	Advertising as Community Development Worker	To Note
5 th July – Gary Beales	Advertising for Traffic Calming	To Note
11 th July – WALC	Newsletter	To Note
11 th July – Lloyds TSB	Change of Address Form	To Action
11 th July – Simon Escreet	Advertising to help with Land and Property registration	To Note
13 th July – Historic Towns Forum	Latest Update	To Discuss
14 th July – Wilts Council	Parish Newsletter (July)	To Note (forward?)
16 th July – Lloyds TSB	Bank Statement to 15 th June	To Reconcile
16 th July – Community First	Notice of AGM	To Discuss
16 th July – Sovereign	Advertising for Playground Equipment	To Note
18 th July – Viridor	Sands Farm Landfill – Revised Restoration Plans Exhibition	To Discuss
19 th July – Viridor	Calne Liaison Minutes & Agenda for 11/01/2012	To Discuss
19 th July – Simon Waite	Invoice (June)	Cheque to be raised
19 th July – Wilts Council	Minutes for Calne Area Board (28/06/2011)	To Discuss

The Viridor letter from 9th June 2011 requested someone to sit on a steering group. It was agreed that Cllr Ransom be the representative. The Clerk will write a letter to Viridor nominating Cllr Ransom and inform him of the outcome.

8.36 Cllr Coward left the meeting.

9. Finance and Accounts

Cllr Szczesiak passed the Clerks Contract of Employment to Cllr Barnett to read through to the other Councillors. Clerk to look at the details referred to in the "Green Book", amend Sickness and Holidays, and check with AON insurance if the Council has Employers insurance. For more assistance with

the Contract the Clerk will contact WALC. When the Contract is amended the Clerk will pass on to Cllr Szczesiak to sign.

The Clerk reported that a P46 had been filled in but this does not need to be sent to the HMRC as she currently earns below the NIC's limit.

Cllr Szczesiak reported two Royal Wedding mugs had been sold and passed £5 cash to the Clerk to bank for one of them.

– **Payment of Invoices** – The following invoices were approved for payment
Simon Waite £84, Clerk £263.51, Simon Waite £42

10. Councillors Observations and Items for the next meeting

Cllrs Szczesiak and Henley confirmed the Diamond Jubilee celebrations would be held on Monday 4th June 2012 as agreed with the Village Hall in alliance with the Parish Council. The Parish Council had agreed to pay for the hire of the marquee which would need to be budgeted for when calculating the 2012/13 precept.

9.13pm County Cllr Crisp left the meeting.

11. Date of next meeting – Thursday 22nd September 2011

Meeting ended 9.20pm.