

**Draft Minutes of the Compton Bassett Annual Parish Meeting
Held on Wednesday, 22nd May 2019 at the Benson Hall
At 6.30pm**

Those Present: Cllr Szczesiak, Cllr Barnett, Cllr Marshall, Cllr Barlow, Cllr Horseman
D. Zeitzen (Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr Reis, County Cllr Crisp, John Reis, Annie Monk, Sara Buttle

30 Members of the Public were present

AGENDA

1. **Welcome and introduction by the Chair of Compton Bassett Parish Council Pete Szczesiak** – Cllr Szczesiak welcomed everyone to the meeting, He explained that the Parish Council has a statutory duty to hold a parish meeting annually for members of the public to express their concerns on local matters. The meeting does not deal with or form any part of parish council business. The next Parish Council meeting is on Thursday 27th June at 7 pm in the Benson Hall, members of the public are welcome to attend. Cllr Szczesiak outlined the agenda for this evenings meeting.
2. **Minutes of Annual Parish Meeting 11th April 2018 to be approved and signed** – The minutes were approved unanimously and signed by Cllr Szczesiak
3. **Update on fundraising for St Swithin’s Church from Jennie Brooks** – Jennie explained this year’s fundraising target is £3,000. Every penny raised will go to the village church. We’re selling refreshments to spectators and runners at the Calne 5K run on Saturday 7th July at 11am. The run starts and finishes at the village hall. If you would like to help or are interested in setting up a stall please contact Jennie jennie.c.brooks@btinternet.com tel 01249 813717 or Pete S. peter.szczesiak01@gmail.com
The Church Fete will be held on Saturday 31st August at 2pm, There will be a planning meeting at the Benson Hall on Monday 3rd June at 7pm. Please come along if you would like to help. If you would like to help can’t make the meeting please contact Jennie. Any ideas for fund raising please contact Jenny, Pete or any member of the PCC.
Church painting Saturday 29th June 10.30am , Lime washing of some of lower interior walls. If you would like to help please contact Jennie.
4. **Presentation by Dr Gary Mantle CEO Wiltshire Wildlife Trust** This was an interesting and thought provoking presentation. The Trust was established in 1962 its aim was to see some nature left in 25 years time. The Trust now has 81 members of staff, 19,500 members and 2,000 volunteers. The Trust creates living landscapes across Wiltshire by restoring, reconnecting and recreating wildlife habitats across landscapes for wildlife and people. They protect, maintain and enhance their nature reserves. Increase the amount of land, rivers and wetlands managed better for wildlife. Stand up for wildlife and the natural environment. Influence and support the development of at least two living landscapes in each of Wiltshire’s distinctive landscape biodiversity areas. Other projects include Calne Repair Academy, this provides training and goods for families in crisis. Dr Mantle took questions at the end of the presentation.
5. **Closing words by Chair of Compton Bassett Parish Council**
Cllr Szczesiak thanked everyone for attending the meeting. He also thanked Dr Gary Mantle for his presentation. Boards with information on the broadband situation in Compton Bassett and other village topics were set up at the back of the hall. Attendees were invited to leave their comments about village matters. Any ideas for next year’s meeting please contact any member of the Parish Council. The meeting closed at 8pm
It was followed by a parish social event.