

**Minutes of the Meeting of Compton Bassett Parish Council
Held on Thursday 8 August 2024
At 7 pm in the Benson Hall**

Those Present: Cllr Szczesiak Chair (PS), Cllr Reis Vice Chair (CR),
Cllr Lloyd-Davies (RLD), Cllr Barlow (JB), Cllr Waite (LW), Cllr Barnett (PB)
Cllr Budge (EB), D. Zeitzen (DZ) (Clerk),

No members of public present

AGENDA

24/42 Apologies for absence None

24/43 Minutes The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Thursday 27th June, 2024 were unanimously approved and signed by PS.
Circulated before the meeting

24/44 Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda None

24/45 Receipt of Public Questions None

24/46 Finance and Accounts

- a. Bank statement as at 1st Aug £15,310.26 Income & Expenditure as at 8 Aug £15,120.26 (£190 Clerk wages and HMRC July paid 4 Aug)
- b. Invoices: Clerk's salary £152 & HMRC £38 payments for July paid 4 Aug

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Autospeed Watch SID and sign £837.60
Stationery clerk (ink cartridges) £51.19
- c. ICO standing order £35.00 paid 22 July 2024
- d. Clerks' pay scales 2023-24 reviewed by PS, no amendment necessary
- e. Members handbook page 39, items 1,2 and 3 contracts and purchase orders reviewed by councillors, no amendment necessary

All 24/46 unanimously agreed and approved. Invoices to be released by LW

Documents item 5 emailed to councillors before meeting

24/47 Matters Arising Parish Steward Visits re PB no visit in August, next visit due 5 September.

Dog warden update ongoing

Height of landfill ongoing, councillors expressed their disappointment in Hills over their lack of response/action to correspondence from the parish council. It was unanimously agreed to write to Hills.

Action: DZ to write to Hills

Highway matters

Water leak – spring by Rosemary Cottage. being dealt with by Becky Chivers, Highways officer contacting Wessex Water. Road will be closed at some stage
Flooding issue by Austins Farm and the pond. Becky Chivers contacting Wessex Water re small temporary pipe that was installed
Flooding Freeth Corner- being dealt with by Becky Chivers, Highways officer
Gulley clearing Becky Chivers

DZ emailed Becky Chivers for update on above and information submitted by LW, also voicing concerns of parish councillors over damage to road and potholes. CC in AN. Chased again 27.04.24. Update Wilts Council land drainage team to CCTV whole of Compton Bassett, no date yet but on list of priorities. Ditch opposite 20 Compton Bassett has been dug out. Masonry job on water leak/broken pipe outside Rosemary Cottage marked as a priority.

Five gullies cleared through village by Wiltshire Council discretionary gully service, as requested by Parish Council. Report forwarded to parish councillors

Fire hydrant sign opposite southern boundary of no 57- Dorset and Wilts Fire & Recue hydrant technician to attend and investigate. DWFR have attended and defected hydrant as frame and cover damaged. Wessex Water are to repair, then a new post will be put in place. DZ chased for update 27.04.24, chased again 09.08.24. On Wessex Water list to repair.
Fire Hydrant opposite no 52 has had work carried out on it by Wessex Water to make it possible for fire hose to be attached in case of emergency (Re RLD)

Temporary road closure part of C15 from its junction with Briar Leaze for a distance of approx. 750m in northerly direction for Wessex Water to carry out sewer survey, cleaning and other associated works, 16 September 2024 for 3 days 8.30am to 4pm

24/48 Planning

PL/2024/03290 - Barn at Buttle Farm, Compton Bassett, Calne, SN11 8RE
Conversion of a Redundant Agricultural Building to Residential Dwelling, Associated Parking, Drainage, Landscaping, Infrastructure, and Associated Works
Comments by 17.05.24. Extension of time for parish council comments until 29.05.24. Objection submitted by Parish Council

APP/Y3940/W/24/3341350, Land adjacent to 53 Compton Bassett, Calne SN11 8RH

Ref PL/2022/08092 Erection of dwelling. Comments by 2 July 2024. Objection submitted by Parish Council

Planning Inspectorate ROW/3329137 footpath 18 near The Freeth SN11 8RD.
Footpath no 18 (part) & Bridleway no 5 (part) Compton Bassett Public Path
Temporary Diversion Order 2023. An Inspector will be appointed by the Secretary of State to determine the order. The start date for the order is 8 May 2024.
Comments by 06.07.2024. Comments submitted by Parish Council

PL/2024/0582 Land to south of Compton Bassett House, Compton Bassett, Calne SN11 8RE Installation of ground mounted solar array. Comments by 02.08.24
Paris Council granted extension of time to comment by 15.08.24
Parish councillors discussed the application and unanimously agreed they had no comments on it.

24/49 Correspondence Solar Together, White Horse Way, Emergency Contact Hubs, Operational Flood Working Group North meeting 11th July, PCC public consultation re future policing priorities, public footpaths, Wilts Council briefing note Local Nature Recovery Strategy, Wiltshire Council News- new car park machines etc,

Calne area Board catch ups, Lyneham Banks update, Jacs UK village gateways, SSEN Communities Fund, Avon Printing Services, Local Nature Recovery Strategy map, Visit Wiltshire, Launch of Home Upgrade Grant with EDF Energy, New Chief Executive of Wiltshire Council, Calne Area Board catch ups, Draft LNRS map, Town and Parish Council update

Circulated to councillors before meeting and all noted

24/50 Fire at Hills 9 June 2024 A response has been received from Simon Allen, Divisional Director, Hills to the parish council's complaint about the recent fire at the landfill. Councillors were unanimous in their disappointment in the response they received. It was unanimously agreed JB will contact local MP and also AN.

Action: JB to contact local MP

24/51 Feedback from meetings PS attended the Calne Area Parish Forum, SSEN Communities Fund still open for a few more weeks. Camella Town, National Power Outage Officer, Wiltshire Council gave a short presentation 'Emergency Contact Hubs'. PS proposed the parish council invite Camella to give the presentation at the next parish council meeting. Unanimously agreed.

Community Governance review see item 24/55

Fairtrade update. A farmer from Kenya will be in Calne 9- 11th September, they will attend a civic reception.

Action: DZ to contact Camella

VHC - LW and PB, the recent appeal for new chairs was very successful.

24/52 Website/emails annual review On going

24/53 Traffic Consultation JB and RLD met with the highways engineer, Becky Chivers on 12 July to discuss the position of the SIDs and village entrance gates. One of the two poles erected for the current SID is missing. The parish council will have to pay for the poles to be erected in their new positions. RLD obtained a quote from a local contractor which was very substantial. CR has very kindly agreed to erect the poles at cost. The new SID has now been ordered, after approval at an earlier meeting.

The parish councillors discussed the various village entrance gates that are available and 2 quotes were obtained by RLD, one from Glasdons and one from JACS (UK). The JACS (UK) quote was the most competitive, it was unanimously agreed to use JACS (UK).

Councillors discussed the designs, styles and wording available. It was unanimously agreed to install the Oxford gate with wording 'Compton Bassett A Conservation Village Drive Carefully'

The gates will cost approx. £2500-£3000 plus installation costs. CR once again kindly agreed to install the gates at cost.

It was agreed that once the position of the gates has been finalised DZ will contact Gigaclear with the What3Words locations to ascertain where the Gigaclear cables run.

Action: RLD and JB will continue work on the positioning of the 2 SIDs and the gates in the village.

24/54 Neighbourhood Plan Update EB has been investigating the possibility of obtaining a grant from Locality of up to £10,000. It was unanimously agreed to apply for a grant to update the NHP

Action: EB will submit the expression of interest form, EB and JB will apply for the grant

24/55 Calne Without Parish Council financial distribution To be discussed at Calne Area Parish Forum on 3 September 2024

24/56 Communications LW and JB will produce a newsletter after the September meeting

24/57 Councillors Observations Two health and safety issues.

- 1) A stile has been cut down on farmland by persons unknown, the landowner is looking into why this has been done, and is worried about the safety issues this causes. The landowner will repair the stile.

- 2) There are concerns about boundary hedges to properties encroaching on to the pavement in the village. The parish council will be writing to the owners of the properties concerned.

Meeting closed 9pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 19 September 2024