

**Minutes of the Meeting of Compton Bassett Parish Council  
Held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2024  
At 7 pm in the Benson Hall**

**Those Present:** Cllr Szczesiak, Chair (PS), Cllr Lloyd-Davies (RLD), Cllr Waite (LW), Cllr Barlow (JB), Cllr Reis (CR)  
County Cllr O'Neill (AN)

No members of public present

**AGENDA**

**24/93 Apologies for absence** Cllr Budge (EB), Cllr Barnett (PB), D. Zeitzen (DZ) (Clerk)

**24/94 Minutes** – The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 were unanimously agreed and signed by PS

Minutes circulated before the meeting

**24/95 Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda** None

**24/96 Receipt of Public Questions** None

**24/97 Finance and Accounts**

- a. Bank statement and Income & Expenditure balance £11,617.05 as at 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2024
- b. Lloyds Bank DZ has investigated changing banks but not possible to find free banking, hence agreed to stay with Lloyds
- c. Invoices/payments December Clerk's salary £152.00 and HMRC £38.00  
A. Elmer £446.40 website , Footfall £55.46 newsletter printing,  
Christmas tree donation to Benson Hall £100

All unanimously approved, DZ to set payments up, LW to release

- d. Donation from Benson Hall for events inclusion on newsletter – PS has spoken to Benson Hall Chair, agreed in future should re rephrased as an advertisement and invoice raised by clerk. **Action: DZ to raise invoice to Benson Hall for £25 for advertisement in November newsletter**
- e. Clerk new pay scale from April 2024 Unanimously agreed to back date to £13.91 as from 01.04.24
- f. Community Governance Review – estimates of transfer of assets to Compton Bassett Parish Council in 2025 received. At present estimate £10k in solar fund plus £400 general reserves estimate. Funds will be transferred to CBPC April/May 2025
- g. Budget Draft budget agreed by the parish council
- h. Precept 2025-26 Precept of £9000 is agreed pending January meeting. **Action: Prior to meeting, parish council needs to establish new number of dwellings after boundary changes. DZ to contact Perry Holmes monitoring officer, Wiltshire Council  
Also establish if Wiltshire Council intend to incorporate the boundary changes due to take effect in may 2025, into the forthcoming precept**

(April 2025) which would therefore modify the current precept calculation.

Documents emailed to councillors before meeting

**24/98 Matters Arising** Parish Steward Visits no report  
Swindon and Wiltshire Prepared Emergency Contact Hub – LW has contacted local rep, but are in process of registering.  
Verges, ongoing, issue to be resolved

### **Highway matters**

Water leak – spring by Rosemary Cottage.

Road closed 18<sup>th</sup> November investigations took place.

Highways, Wiltshire Council discovered a clay pipe has been put in, by persons unknown, adjacent to the main pipe. The land drainage team have now been instructed to take on the repair as it is a much bigger job than originally anticipated. They are due to return and initiate repairs within a reasonable time scale. Council have agreed for local residents to provide materials for re instatement of pathway.

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. Update Wilts Council land drainage team to CCTV whole of Compton Bassett, no date yet but on list of priorities.

16.10.24 Becky Chivers advised still chasing drainage team on update on the CCTV survey of the village drainage system

One Network pre-surface dressing patching Highway Common, Hilmarton and Compton Bassett to be confirmed

Meeting agreed to note the above.

**24/99 Planning** Nothing to note

**24/100 Correspondence** Update on local elections 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025, Wessex Water Community Drop ins 2025, Waste & Recycling News Wiltshire Council, Submission of Wiltshire Local Plan Review, Revised Heart of Wessex devolution proposal  
Storm Bert Flood Warden update.

All noted

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### **24/101 Feedback from meetings**

Hills Liaison Committee (RLD) 2 people in attendance. Meeting planned for 16.01.25 to discuss NP's Lower Compton Landfill Closure- review next summer. Hills regards fires as caused by portable BBQs and inflammable materials from the public.

Calne Parish Forum meeting 06.11.24 (PS unable to attend) discussion about May elections but little to affect CBPC. Next meeting January 2025.

LHFig meeting took our submission for 2 new posts to be installed by end January 2025. Also possibility of funding of gates. CBPC agreed to offer up to 30% of costs for gates and fitting.

**Action:** RLD and JB to put forward submission.

Benson Hall meeting 19<sup>th</sup> November nothing to report

**24/102 Storm Bert** Nothing to report.

**24/103 NHP Review** Discussed, nothing to report

**24/104 Traffic Consultation** Work on placement of new SID, ASW deployment and pole, plus pole for current SID. Speed watch in the new 40mph zone. ( JB, RLD, LW) LHFig application, list of approved contractors  
Covered in feedback from meetings

**24/105 War Memorial** Beech hedge at rear of garden requires extensive cut. Quote received. £190 to include removal of materials. Unable to get additional Competitive quotes, unanimously approved as good value.

**24/106 Communications** Compton Bassett Matters November edition finished and distributed

**24/107 Village Christmas tree** Erected

**24/108 Councillors Observations** Apologies from JB for 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 meeting

With thanks to JB who took the minutes in the absence of the clerk.

**Date of next meeting: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 7pm**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025 Parish Council Meeting 7pm**

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2025 Parish Council Meeting 7pm to be held in Conference Room, The White Horse, Compton Bassett**

**Meetings 2025-2026 after Unitary and Local elections 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 Annual Parish Council Meeting**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 Annual Community Meeting**

**Thursday June 19<sup>th</sup> 2025 Parish Council Meeting**