

**Minutes of the Meeting of Compton Bassett Parish Council
Held on Wednesday 3rd December 2025
At 7 pm at the Benson Hall, Compton Bassett**

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

AGENDA

25/95 Apologies for absence: Cllr Barlow (JB), County Cllr O'Neill (AN)

25/96 Minutes: The minutes of the parish council meeting held 30TH October 2025 were unanimously approved and signed by PS.
Circulated before the meeting

25/97 Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda : None

25/98 Receipt of Public Questions : None

25/99 Finance and Accounts

- a. Bank statement and Income & Expenditure as at 30 Nov 2025
£12,732.45
Building Society statement £23,000
DZ has submitted VAT refund request to HMRC
- b. Invoices authorised and paid in November:
Replacement defibrillator (paid 31.10.25) £1,647.60 – Imperative Training
Clerk's salary £156.00 and HMRC November £39.00
Second SID £2,627.99 – Elan City Ltd
Brackets for second SID £42.41 – Start Traffic
Chippings for war memorial, second load £105.79 Huws Gray
Relocation AutoSpeed Watch £58.20 – Auto Speed Watch
Remembrance Wreath £20.00 – Royal British Legion
Installation of defib at Benson Hall £150.00 – CJ Steel Electrical

For authorisation December :
Clerk's salary £156.00 and HMRC December £39.00,
A Elmer £605.40 CBPC emails, SSL certificate
VHC £100 Christmas tree donation
Notice board – this has now been purchased £99.95 by LW for CBPC

All above unanimously agreed. DZ to set up payments , LW to authorise

Pollard tree by war memorial - pending
- c. CIL payments from Calne Without. Figures were circulated before the meeting to show the spend to date
- d. Budget to 31 March 2026, Budget 1 April 2026– 31 March 2027 The figures circulated by DZ before the meeting were discussed
- e. Precept 2026- 27 A full discussion was held to provisionally set the precept for 2026-27. It was provisionally agreed the precept should be increased to £9,500 take into account inflation
- f. Budget to date figures were discussed
- g. Internal Auditor 2025-26 – Chrissie Roberts happy to carry out £65 fee

Documents item 5 emailed to councillors before the meeting

25/100 Matters Arising Parish Steward Visits, these may be cancelled or interrupted due to gritting or emergency call outs in winter weather, next visit 4 December

Bridleway and works to mitigate flood issues – on going Leaking fire hydrant opposite the Pippins – work carried out 19-20 November,
Dog waste bins Penn Wood, Penhill – on going
New defibrillator now installed at Benson Hall

Action: EB will return the old defib to supplier as agreed. LW will remove old case from phone box

LW will investigate defib self help training for parishioners

New noticeboard – now purchased

25/101 Highway matters

The footpath running down towards Rosemary Cottage is very badly damaged, we assume by heavy vehicles parking or driving over the path. The flagstones are lifting and are a danger to pedestrians.

Work carried out 10 -15 November. More work due to take place in January 2026. Pipework will be replaced and original flag stones pavement will be reinstated

Tarmac pavement is eroding away between Compton Farm and no 34 Compton Bassett, this has been caused by cars driving over it.

Action: DZ to contact Becky Chivers, Highways Engineer

Complaint sent to Streetwise, Wiltshire Council regarding lack of road closure signs and late notice of road closure for works to fire hydrant 19- 21 November, Awaiting response.

20.06.25 Request submitted for all white lines, slow signs written on road etc in Compton Bassett to be refreshed. On Wiltshire Council's programmes but no guarantee that it will be completed this year

25/102 Planning

PL/2025/02426 Land North of Abberd Lane. Outline application with all matters reserved for residential development of up to 300 houses. Comments by 24.04.25. This area of lane will fall within Compton Bassett boundary after 01.05.25. After discussions on 10 April, parish councillors unanimously agreed to object to the development, backing Calne Without Parish Council's comments and objections to the application.

PL/2024/11469 High Penn Solar Farm, Calne SN11 8TE. Removal/variation of conditions. (Installation of 25.53Ha 12MW Solar park, including Transformer housing, Security fencing and cameras, Landscaping and Associated works) to adjust the proposed operational lifespan of the project from 25 to 40 years. Comments by 22.05.25

JB, PS and EB visited site on 18.11.25 see feedback from meetings 25/104

PL/2025/05844 The Chalk Barn, Buttle Farm, Compton Bassett SN11 8RE Change of use of holiday let to permanent use. Comments by 14.08.25

PL/2025/05943 Land east of Spitfire Road 20 dwellings comments by 28.08.25, Comments/objection submitted. 11.11.25 plans amended, any further comments by 02.12.25

PL/2025/08020 33-34, Compton Bassett SN11 8RE Notification of Proposed works to trees in a conservation area T1 Copper Beech reduce crown Up to 25% Comments by 30.10.25 No objections from Wiltshire Council 12.11.25

PL/2025/09147 The Old Rectory, Compton Bassett, Calne, SN11 8RE Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area. T1 Aspen - Crown reduction up to 5 meters back to original points to reduce the leverage weight on the tree. Finished height to be approx. 10m. G3 Apple x 2 - Reduce to previous reduction points by up to 2.5 meters. Finished height to be approx. 5m. T4 Hawthorne - Fell to near ground level by carefully dismantling around the BT wires.
Comments by 12.12.25

PL/2025/08548 Prior notification Fairholme Farm, Compton Bassett SN11 8RB Proposed steel portal framed building to be used as a general store. Prior approval refused by Wiltshire Council 19.11.25

PL/2025/09192 Land at Penn Hill, Calne. Outline planning application with all Matters reserved (except for access into site) for proposed development of up to 210 residential dwellings and 0.75 ha employment land. CBPC to submit Objection **Action: EB to advise DZ re objection**
Comments by 25.12.25

25/103 Correspondence Post for SID – see 25/106 minutes Calne Area Board, parish steward visits, Wiltshire Council update on local plan, Examination, Visit Wiltshire Newsletter, Wiltshire Council latest news, ONH new NPPF,
All noted

All emailed to councillors before the meeting

25/104 Feedback from meetings

EB, PS and JB visited the solar farm at Penn Hill. **Action: EB will contact Wiltshire Council to enquire if the variations to conditions of original application may result in any CIL funding**

LW and PB attended the VHC meeting. LW advised the committee is continuing with upgrading of the village hall. See 25/107

25/105 NHP Review: Ongoing

25/106 Traffic Consultation and Management Traffic survey completed October 2025 – awaiting survey results

Agricultural vehicles through village – police were made aware of vehicles using village as cut through

General questions emailed to John Derryman prior to his attendance at CBPC Jan meeting.

Awaiting response from Police and Crime Commissioner re ANPR,

Post for SID **Action: RLD completing form for LHFig**

25/107 VHC Solar panels VHC are looking for funding to possibly install solar panels, to be discussed further at January meeting

25/108 Dates for 2026-2027 CBPC meetings – see below. The dates will be on the Benson Hall Calendar and CBPC website

25/109 Communications LW and EB are hoping to produce a copy of the Compton Bassett Matters newsletter before Christmas.

25/110 Councillors Observations PS circulated provisional grant application forms and policy for discussion at January meeting

Meeting Closed: 8.50pm

Meeting Dates:

Thursday January 15 2026 Parish Council Meeting
Thursday February 19th 2026
Thursday March 19th 2026

Thursday May 7th 2026 Annual Parish Council Meeting
Thursday June 11th 2026
Thursday July 30th 2026
Thursday September 17th 2026
Thursday October 29th 2026
Thursday December 3rd 2026
Thursday January 14th 2027
Thursday February 18th 2027
Thursday March 18th 2027