

**Minutes of the Meeting of Compton Bassett Parish Council
Held on Thursday 9th January 2025
At 7 pm in the Benson Hall**

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

1 member of the public present

AGENDA

Cllr Doug Price, East Ward, Calne Without Parish Council briefly addressed the councillors about the Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan and the Community Governance Review changes that will take effect in May 2025, when Calne Without Parish will cease to exist. Part of what is currently within Calne Without will then become part of Compton Bassett Parish.
Cllr Price advised a site, currently on the outskirts of Calne, in Calne Without Parish is going to planning appeal in January – From May this proposed development will be in Compton Bassett Parish.

EB will attend meeting on 16 January at Derry Hill, "How to use the new Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan"

24/109 Apologies for absence Cllr Barlow (JB), County Cllr O'Neill (AN)

24/110 Minutes The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12th December 2024 were unanimously agreed and signed by PS

24/111 Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda None

24/112 Receipt of Public Questions None

24/113 Finance and Accounts

- a. Bank statement and Income & Expenditure £10,810.19 as at 2 January 2025
- b. Invoices: Clerk's salary £308.67 January, includes back dated pay rise April – December 2024, HMRC £77.00 January 2025
TI Garden Works cutting of war memorial garden hedge £190
Stationery clerk £24.30
All unanimously agreed. DZ to set payments up, LW to release

Benson Hall newsletter payment received £25.00
- c. Payroll fee increase to £75 annual fee, unanimously agreed
- d. Budget as discussed at previous meetings
- e. Precept 2025-26
It was unanimously agreed to confirm a precept of £9000 as provisionally set at the December meeting.
Action: DZ to submit precept request to Wiltshire Council

As from 1 April 2025 132 properties within Compton Bassett boundary
Unitary elections 1st May 2025

Documents emailed to councillors before meeting

24/114 Matters Arising Parish Steward Visits, new schedule January – December 2025
Swindon and Wiltshire Prepared Emergency Contact Hub ongoing.
Verges ongoing.

Highway matters

Water leak – spring by Rosemary Cottage.

Road closed 18th 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.

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

Action: DZ to chase Becky Chivers for update on works by Rosemary Cottage and land drainage CCTV of village drainage system

One Network pre-surface dressing patching Highway Common, Hilmarton and Compton Bassett to be confirmed. This refers to road to Highway not road through Compton Bassett

24/115 Planning

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 s 257, 261, CBAS5 & CBAS18 – response from Ali Roberts, Wiltshire Council “I can confirm the diverted section of CBAS5 will have the status of a restricted byway and a width of 6 metres as described in the order”.

A site currently on outskirts of Calne, in Calne Without parish, is going to appeal in January (21st) large housing development on land east of Spitfire Road, plus local centre with convenience store and nursery

Wiltshire Council rejected the plans because they were contrary to multiple policies in the Wiltshire Core Strategy, Calne Town Council also objected, claiming there was a lack of infrastructure, like doctors and dentists, to serve more residents.

A spokesperson said “The level of recent development on Calne has left a serious issue with infrastructure in the town and this application will worsen the situation.

But the developer says the scheme will “create a distinctive development with a strong identity and provide “much needed housing”

– from May 2025 this proposed development will be within Compton Bassett Parish – see presentation above from Doug Price

24/116 Correspondence Waste & recycling news, WALC consultation workshop, Circulated to councillors before meeting
All previously circulated. Noted

24/117 Feedback from meetings None

24/118 NHP Review See address from Cllr Doug Price above

24/119 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.

Re RLD road has been marked up, new posts should be installed shortly

24/120 War Memorial Beech hedge at rear of garden requires extensive cut. Quote received. Approved at December meeting. Work completed and paid (24/113) LW advised only one quote was received despite efforts to get more quotes for the work.

24/121 Communications Newsletter LW, next one will be produced in the spring

24/122 Councillors Observations None

Meeting closed 8.15pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 13th February 2025 7pm

Thursday 13th February 2025 Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Thursday 20th 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 1st May 2025

Thursday 8th May 2025 Annual Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday 21st May 2025 Annual Community Meeting

Thursday June 19th 2025 Parish Council Meeting