

**Minutes of the Meeting of Compton Bassett Parish Council
Held on Thursday 13th February 2025
At 7 pm in the Benson Hall**

Those Present: Cllr Szczesiak, Chair (PS), Cllr Lloyd-Davies (RLD), Cllr Waite (LW), Cllr Barnett (PB), Cllr Barlow (JB), D. Zeitzen, Clerk (DZ), County Cllr O'Neill (AN)

No members of the public attended

AGENDA

24/123 Apologies for absence Cllr Reis (CR), Cllr Budge (EB),

24/124 Minutes –The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 9th January 2025 were unanimously approved and signed by PS

Circulated before the meeting

24/125 Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda None

24/126 Receipt of Public Questions None

24/127 Gov.uk email LW The problem with storage of the back up emails has now been rectified at no cost to the parish council.

24/128 Finance and Accounts

- a. Bank statement and Income & Expenditure as of 12 February £10,261.42p
- b. Invoices: February Clerk's salary £152 & HMRC £38, Village history website £260

From 28 February 2025, the parish council will receive monthly charges, a minimum of £4.25 from Lloyds Bank for their account. The bank will debit the charges from the account.

- c. VAT refund application submitted to HMRC £91.20, received 28.01.25
- d. Precept 2025-26 £9000
As from 1 April 2025 132 properties within Compton Bassett boundary
Unitary elections 1st May 2025

All item 24/128 unanimously agreed. **Action: DZ to set payments up, LW to release**

Documents item 24/128 emailed to councillors before meeting

24/129 Matters Arising Parish Steward Visits, PB new schedule January – December 2025, steward attended today and cleared some drains and gullies, filled potholes. Next visit March 6th
Swindon and Wiltshire Prepared Emergency Contact Hub LW ongoing
Verges ongoing

24/130 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

10.01.25 Chased Becky Chivers for updates

28.01.25 Becky Chivers has requested tanker clears and jets village w/c

02.02.2025. Once this is completed, the drainage team can start planning the repairs needed.

Following the most recent flooding which resulted in a lot of rubble, stones on road below bridleway next to village hall field, Becky Chivers has requested the road sweeper to attend. She is also going to speak to Steve Leonard, the rights of way officer to see if he has any suggestions for a solution to the problem.

The road sweeper has now attended

24/131 Planning

PL/2024/10885 Hill's Freeth Farm, Compton Bassett Discharge of conditions 4 (examples of conveyor enclosure), 5 (confirmation of colour of cladding of roadbridge, 6 (written scheme of investigation), 8 (Noise management plan), and 11(Dust Management plan) of 16/05708/WCM

The particulars in connection with application PL/2024/10885 were not available on Wiltshire Council's public register.

The parish council have submitted their objections to Wiltshire Council

PL/2025/01227 Two Staks, 40 Compton Bassett Remove tamarisk tree to ground level. No objections from parish council **Action: DZ to submit parish council comment to Wiltshire Council**

Planning enquiry PL/2022/07893 and PL/2023/10421 up to 90 houses plus a shop and nursery off Spitfire Road, Calne, land this transfer to Compton Bassett Parish in May 2025 awaiting decision from planning inspectorate

Action: Council to submit letter outlining concerns, JB to compose

24/132 Correspondence Defibrillator records update, Invite to film "Six Inches of Soil", Wiltshire Speed Survey Report, Walc Chairs' Network, CPRE Wiltshire Best kept Village, Wiltshire Council News local elections, fly tipping etc, Chief constable updates, Town and Parish Council update – Wiltshire Council, Wiltshire Council Leader's vlog, Go-Collaborate (services re NHP's), Concerns over slurry spreading

All previously circulated and noted. Slurry spreading not under remit of parish council.

EB advises Community defibrillator team have updated 'The Circuit' to show he is the contact point. Both adult and child pads are up to date until March 2026 and battery has sufficient charge.

24/133 Feedback from meetings

EB attended Calne Community NHP Steering Group meeting

PS attended Calne Area Parish Forum, Calne banking hub now up and running, its run by 'Cash Access'

RLD attended LHFig meeting – see 24/136

Forthcoming Calne Area Board Meeting 18 February, questions invited from parish councils to Chief Constable Roper, who will be in attendance

LW proposed the Chief Constable be asked

" Why does Wiltshire Police not support parish councils using Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) devices that identify and collect data from vehicles caught persistently speeding?"

It was unanimously agreed the question should be submitted.

Action: DZ to submit question to Matthew Hitch, Calne Area Board

24/134 Community Governance Review On going, details to be included in next newsletter

24/135 NHP Review On going

24/136 Traffic Consultation RLD Posts are now in. An application has been submitted to LHFig for funding for village gates in next financial year.

The batteries for SID are now not holding their charge for long.

Unanimously agreed to look into prices and ways of charging batteries

Action: RLD and LW to look at costings of new batteries/solar panels for SID

24/137 VE Day 2025 There will be no extra Bank Holiday to celebrate VE Day, instead commemorative events will take place on the early May Bank Holiday, Monday 5th May 2025.

The parish council will not be organising any events for this, but will discuss with any potential interested parties who wish to do so.

24/138 Communications **Action:** LW and JB will be producing a newsletter in the next few weeks.

24/139 Councillors Observations

The road through the village will be closed on Friday 21st February for sewer repairs.

LW A litter pick through village will be arranged for a Sunday in late March/early April

Nominations open for the parish council elections on 12 March at 10am and close 2 April 2025 at 4pm

Nomination papers to be delivered by hand to Wiltshire Council Offices in Chippenham.

Meeting closed at 9pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 20th March 2025 7pm at Conference Room, The White Horse, Compton Bassett- last meeting before Unitary and Local Elections

Meetings 2025-2026 after Unitary and Local elections 1st May 2025

Wednesday 7th May 2025 Annual Parish Council Meeting at the Conference Room, The White Horse

Wednesday 21st May 2025 Annual Community Meeting

Thursday June 19th 2025 Parish Council Meeting