

**Minutes of the Meeting of Compton Bassett Parish Council
Held on Thursday, 15th January 2026
At 7 pm at the Benson Hall, Compton Bassett**

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

County Cllr O'Neill (AN)
3 members of the public

AGENDA

John Derryman (JD), Chief of Corporate Services, Wiltshire Police
Perry Payne (PP), Wiltshire and Swindon Road Safety Partnership
PC Nick Dorey (ND) Neighbourhood Policing Team Calne Rural attended the meeting.

John Derryman thanked the parish councillors for the invitation to attend the meeting. The Chief Constable of Wiltshire Police Catherine Roper sent her kind regards.

The parish council had submitted various questions to JD and PP prior to the meeting.

JB explained that the amount and speed of traffic going through the village was a big concern to people who live in the village. The traffic has increased significantly and so has the speed of the traffic.

RLD said the village now has 2 new SIDs up and running plus an ANPR camera

JD said SIDs and ANPRs do not enable prosecution but do inform the police of activities. Since Wiltshire Police has taken information from SIDs the number of drivers caught has significantly increased

The roads policing units, neighbourhood policing teams, community speedwatch, SIDs and ANPRs are all used to help reduce speeding traffic and catch offenders.

Traffic incidents can be reported on the Wiltshire police website

Dashcam footage can also be uploaded to dashcam.portal.snap Members of the public can submit dashcam, CCTV or phone footage of dangerous driving.

JD and PP answered questions submitted previously, from a member of the public, over the issue of tractors and trailers hauling stone and rubble using the village as a cut through for a number of weeks in 2025.

The DVSA (Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency) is responsible for tests on safety and licences of commercial operations not the police.

It was agreed that for the next 6 months the parish council would send in SID data to Wiltshire Police. It was agreed that at the end of this period the outcomes from submitting the information would be discussed with Wiltshire Police.

The parish council will also contact the neighbourhood policing team directly with concerns over persistent speeding vehicles that come through the village.

JD said Wiltshire Police commended Compton Bassett Parish Council for all the good work they do for the parish.

PS thanked JD, PP and ND for attending the meeting. The parish council look forward to working closely with Wiltshire Police.

JB highlighted that RLD has spent a considerable amount of time working on SID and ANPR information and will continue to do so.

The Parish Council Meeting then continued as below

25/111 Apologies for absence Cllr Reis (CR)

25/112 Minutes – The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 3rd December 2025 were unanimously approved and signed by PS circulated before the meeting

25/113 Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda None

25/114 Receipt of Public Questions 2 members of the public from voiced their concerns over the large amounts of dog waste at Penn Wood, High Penn
Action: JB will contact Wiltshire Wildlife Trust again re ownership and possibility of supplying and emptying dog bins.

25/115 Finance and Accounts

- a. Bank statemen and Income & Expenditure balance as at 11 Jan£13,018.76
Building Society statement £23,000, interest rate decrease

Received VAT refund from HMRC £1,435.24

Benson Hall invoiced £25 for advert is December issue Compton Bassett Matters Received 07.01.26

Invoices

Footfall Direct £60.08 CBPC newsletter paid 18 December

Clerk wages January £321.11, HMRC January £80.20

Clerk hours to date- Total hours 1st April – 31st December paid

Clerk salary review – February meeting

Pollard tree by war memorial – work has been started by contractors MH Tree services

War memorial lawnmower service- Request from Eugenie Brooks for service of war memorial lawnmower. Quote of £65 received plus any parts required. Unanimously approved.

- b. CIL payments from Calne Without –as discussed December meeting
- c. Budget to 31 March 2026, Budget 1 April 2026– 31 March 2027 as discussed December meeting

- d. Precept 2026- 27 provisionally agreed as £9,500, unanimously confirmed at this meeting.

Action: Clerk to submit request to Wiltshire Council by Jan 20th 2026

- e. Budget to date figures as discussed December meeting

Documents item 5 emailed to councillors before the meeting

25/116 Matters Arising Parish Steward Visits-No visit January due to stewards carrying out pot hole repairs throughout Wiltshire. Next visit Thursday 5 March.
Bridleway and works to mitigate flood issues- ongoing
Dog waste bins Penn Wood, Penhill, see 25/114
New noticeboard- now purchased **Action: LW and PS to instal**

25/117 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.

Road closed 8 January re Wessex Water
More work due to take place from 19th January 2026 for 12 days, road will be closed

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, Response received.

Further complaint made re the positioning of signs in road at Church Corner and Goodenough Corner when road closed 8th Jan.

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 programme

Tarmac pavement between Compton Farm and 34, Compton Bassett eroding away- reported to Wiltshire Council Highways will not be completed until 2027-28 as 2026-27 programme booked. The pavement will be monitored by Highways for any safety defects.

25/118 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

Letter sent asking for meeting with owners to discuss solar park (letter to be signed for sent on 09/05/25, delivered and signed for 8.27am 12.05.25) No response has been received. Advised planning officer of this and hence no comments submitted

Letter sent to planning officer voicing disappointment over solar park owner' not responding to parish council letter.

CBPC have had response from Solar Farm Real Assets Team.

JB, PS and EB visited site on 18.11.25 On going

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/2025/09147 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 to near ground level by carefully dismantling around the BT wires. Comments by 12.12.25 No objection from Wiltshire Council 18.12.25

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 have objected Comments by 25.12.25

PL/2025/09676 47 Compton Bassett, Calne, SN11 8RG Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area. Yew tree - Reduce two thirds of the crown to where the tree mushrooms out. Comments by 01.01.26

Compton Bassett House, Compton Bassett Wedding venue
As a result of community interest, the parish council will contact the owners.

25/119 Correspondence LHFig survey, Electoral Register Request, Christmas Card from leader of Wiltshire Council, Wiltshire Council updates, Parish steward visits cancelled until New Year or situation becomes more manageable – high volume of pot hole repairs throughout Wiltshire, Wessex Water Community Drop In Dates 20 January, 10 March, 5 May 10am -12noon and 1pm-2pm, Wiltshire Council updates, Wiltshire Council Local Plan, New NPPF Consultation free zoon planning seminar Tuesday 20 January 12.30 -1.30pm, Update on Wiltshire Council Local Plan examination, Digital Wiltshire, Lower Compton & Sands Farm Liaison Committee meeting 14 Jan 6pm via Teams, Calne Area Board meeting 6.30pm Tuesday 3 Feb in Calne Hub and Library

All emailed to councillors before the meeting and noted

25/120 Feedback from meetings RLD attended LHFig meeting. Application for post deferred to next meeting.

RLD advised for him to be able to download and submit data to Wiltshire Police a new laptop is required.

It was unanimously agreed up to £500 could be spent on a laptop for this purpose.

Action: RLD to purchase laptop on behalf of parish council

25/121 Closure of Lower Compton Recycling Facility Press statement from Cherhill Parish Council and report circulated by PS.

The proposed closure was discussed. AN advised that even if the re cycling centre closes to the public the rest of the site will still be operational.

JB stated

“The report raises legitimate concerns about consultation, carbon displacement, and service gaps, but it underplays or ignores the potential local benefits of reduced traffic through Compton Bassett. It treats Hills’ narrative as fact and the Council’s as spin, assumes worst-case scenarios for fly-tipping and booking systems, and does not reflect our parish’s specific context or priorities.

A more nuanced, locally grounded assessment is therefore required before we can form a legitimate view.”

25/122 NHP Review Full discussion Feb meeting

25/123 Traffic Consultation and Management Traffic survey completed October 2025. Post for SID See 25/120

25/124 Parish Council Grants Draft Policy and Draft Application Form

The draft application form and policy, drawn up by JB and completed by LW was circulated to councillors before the meeting.

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the form and policy.

Grants can be applied for by individuals and organisations for use for the benefit of the parish. Details will be available on the parish council website.

Action: JB will pass details and form to parish council website, LW will add to village facebook page. DZ will add to standing orders

25/125 Gov.uk emails to be discussed at Feb meeting

25/126 Communications LW and JB: A newsletter will be produced in the spring

25/127 Councillors Observations

Following representations made to parish councillors by parishioners, the parish council has agreed to ask the owners of the White Horse for clarification of future plans, if they are able to share them.

Next Meeting : Thursday February 19th 2026