

**Draft Minutes of the Meeting of Compton Bassett Parish Council
Held on Thursday 14 March 2024
At 7 pm in the Benson Hall**

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

No members of public present

AGENDA

113/23 Apologies for absence Wilts Councillor Ashley O'Neil (AN)

114/23 Minutes – The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held Thursday 11th January 2024 were unanimously approved and signed by PS– circulated before the meeting.

115/23 Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda DZ 120/23
2 New Cottages

116/23 Receipt of Public Questions None

117/23 Finance and Accounts

- a. Bank statement and Income & Expenditure as at 12 March 2024
£9,450.37
Lloyds bank £50 compensation received for bank error.
- b. Invoices to pay: Clerk's salary £151.40 HMRC payment £29.80, Clerk stationery £20.24
Payroll £72 2023-24, Benson Hall hire £124 2023-2024
Unanimously agreed, LW to authorise payments.
- c. Invoices authorised and paid:
Bremhill Vale Farmers tree sparrows donation £200
Paid 29.01.24 previously unanimously agreed
Wiltshire Council contribution towards white line by War Memorial £180
Paid 24.02.24 – previously unanimously agreed
- d. Clerks' pay scales 2023-24 to be looked at by parish councillors

Monthly pay to clerk April 2024- March 2025 In line with the clerk's recent pay rise, it was unanimously agreed her monthly amount would rise to £190, any adjustments to final figure to be made at end of financial year.

Documents 117/23 emailed to councillors before meeting

118/23 Precept and Budget £8,000 precept request submitted to Wiltshire Council by clerk

Precept will be paid into parish council bank account in April

119/23 Matters Arising Parish Steward Visits 7 Feb, 7 March and 8 April, re PB
The steward has been filling potholes in the village.
Map of village RLD- ongoing

Tree sparrow nesting boxes CR 6-8 nest boxes are now up
Dog warden update – nothing new to report
Review of flood plan LW to chase up

Highway matters

Water leak – spring by Rosemary Cottage. being dealt with by Becky Chivers, Highways officer contacting Wessex Water
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
Gully clearing Becky Chivers

Action: DZ to email Becky Chivers for update on above and information submitted by LW, also voicing concerns of parish councillors over damage to road and potholes. CC in AN

Fire hydrant sign opposite southern boundary of no 57- Dorset and Wilts Fire & Rescue hydrant technician to attend and investigate. DWFR have attended and defected hydrant as frame and cover damaged. Wessex Water are to repair, then a new post will be put in place. **Action:** DZ to chase up

120/23 Planning

PL/2022/06790 Fairholme Farm Compton Bassett SN11 8RB
Full planning permission application for
Situating of a mobile home to provide on site accommodation for our shepherd.
Comments by 10.11.22 Objection submitted by Parish Council

PL/2023/08203 Full planning permission Cowes, The Courtyard, Buttle Farm, Compton Bassett SN11 8RE Change of use from holiday lets, food preparation and production plus ancillary residential use with extension to form enclosed corridor and greenhouse to unencumbered residential use together with the erection of linking corridor, enclosed main entrance, associated parking and ancillary residential storage.
Discussed at extraordinary meeting on 31.10.23. There were no objections from Parish Council
Approved with conditions 26.01.24

PL/2023/08204 The Chalk Barn. Removal/variation of conditions.
Removal of Conditions 16 and 17 (Tourism Occupancy Restriction Conditions) and addition to plans set out within Informative 1 associated with N/10/00054/FUL relating to details of external elevation treatments and proposed boundary treatments defining residential curtilage. Replace with condition(s) restricting occupancy to over 55's only plus dependent relatives and carers.
Various concerns were raised about application PL/2023/08204, including bringing another residential property to the village would contravene the Compton Bassett Neighbourhood Plan. Councillors were concerned this may set a precedent in the future for the village.
At extraordinary meeting on 31.10.23, a unanimous decision was made by the Parish Council to submit the various comments to the planning department.
Refused 26.01.24

DZ left the building whilst councillors discussed the application below, it was received from Wiltshire Council on 12.3.24

PL/2024/02662 2 New Cottages, Compton Bassett, Calne, SN11 8RE Proposed Single Story Rear Extension. Comments by 10.04.24, before the next parish council meeting in May.
After fully discussing the application, there were no objections, assuming that the extension is same material as house, so it's in keeping.

Action: PS to submit comment to Wiltshire Council

DZ returned to meeting and confirmed the extension will be white render as the house.

121/23 Correspondence Local Nature Recovery Strategy, Gully service 5-9 Feb, CPRE best kept village competition 2024, Wiltshire Town and Parish Councils update, Electric vehicle chargers in town/parish, Wiltshire Council waste and recycling news, Walc Jan newsletter, Consultation on Calne Community NHP, Septic tank upgrades, Feb Neighbourhood Watch news, Dorset & Wilts Fire & Rescue draft community safety plan, Community First trustees vacancies, Development of Cultural Strategy for Wiltshire, Public Rights of Way letter resident of neighbouring parish, Proposal for new solar panel farm. All previously circulated to parish councillors and noted.

122/23 Feedback from meetings NHP meeting see 124/23 VHC meeting LW and PB, the VHC would like to erect a banner behind the bench on the village hall grass to advertise forthcoming events. After discussion, it was unanimously there were no objections in principle but councillors would like to see the final version.

123/23 Traffic Consultation SID monthly report and placement. Proposed speed limit changes consultation 30 November 2023 – 2nd January 2024. No objections raised to the speed limit change. The road has been marked up for the changes
Auto speed watch device for purchase when speed limit changes in place.
Current pole will be moved in line with speed limit changes

124/23 Neighbourhood Plan Update JB and LW, following discussion with Wiltshire Council they are looking at updating the plan in the next financial year.

Action: DZ to investigate grant applications

125/23 Calne Without Parish Council financial distribution On going

126/23 Annual Community Meeting 15 May 2024 at 7pm. Speaker Johnny Cooper talking about birds and wildlife. Wine and nibbles. Parish councillors will be on hand to answer questions.

127/23 Meeting Dates April 2024 – March 2025, Annual Parish Council Meeting and Annual Community Meeting 2025 (can be held between 1st March and 1st June)

See dates below minutes for meetings until end March 2025.

128/23 Communications LW and JB will produce a spring newsletter. A discussion was held over the possible inclusion of a small section to include a list of forthcoming events for residents.

Action: LW and JB will produce draft newsletter for councillors to approve

129/23 War Memorial Lawnmower potential service LW advised the lawnmower has not been serviced since it was purchased in 2019. A service would cost approx. £100. After discussion it was unanimously agreed LW to carry on using lawnmower but to look at costs of replacement one for the future.

Action: LW to investigate cost of replacement lawn mower.

130/23 Councillors Observations

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Dates of next meetings:

Wednesday 15th May 2024 Annual Community Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 22nd May 2024 Annual Parish Council Meeting 2024 at 7pm

Thursday 27th June 2024 Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Thursday 8th August 2024 Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Thursday 19th September 2024 Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Thursday 31st October 2024 Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Thursday 12th December 2024 Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Thursday 9th January 2025 Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Thursday 13th February 2025 Parish Council Meeting 7pm

Thursday 20th March 2025 Parish Council Meeting 7pm

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