

**Minutes of the Meeting of Compton Bassett Parish Council
Held on Thursday 20th March 2025
At 7 pm at the Conference Room,
The White Horse, Compton Bassett**

Those Present: Cllr Szczesiak, Chair (PS), Cllr Reis (CR), Cllr Waite (LW), Cllr Barnett (PB), D. Zeitzen, Clerk (DZ),

No members of the public attended

AGENDA

24/140 Apologies for absence Cllr Lloyd-Davies (RLD), Cllr Budge (EB), Cllr Barlow (JB), County Cllr O'Neill (AN)

24/141 Minutes – The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13th February 2025 were unanimously approved and signed by PS. Minutes circulated before the meeting

24/142 Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda- None

24/143 Receipt of Public Questions- None

24/144 Finance and Accounts

- a. Bank statement and Income & Expenditure as at 17 March £9,792.17
- b. Invoices: Clerk's salary £176.24, HMRC £44.00, Payroll annual invoice £75.00, Newsletter invoice £55.46, Benson Hall Hire for meetings £160.00, Wilts Council contribution to sockets and posts for SID deployment in village £152.87, E Waite grabbers for litter pick £19.49

All unanimously agreed. DZ to set up payments, LW to release.

Lloyds Bank monthly fees will be taken directly from the parish council bank account

£25 received from VHC for their advert in the March newsletter

- c. Audit 2024-25 DZ to submit documents to internal auditor mid April
- d. Clerk monthly payments April 2025-March 2026. Following the clerk's pay increase, it was unanimously agreed the monthly pay would rise to £195. Any adjustments to total pay for financial year to be paid January and March 2026

Documents emailed to councillors before meeting

24/145 Matters Arising PB -Parish Steward Visits – next visit due 7th April. Aware of water running across the road in the village. Becky Chivers, Highways engineer, is aware of the issue and looking into the problem, to clear the drain that pipe runs into underground.
Swindon and Wiltshire Prepared Emergency Contact Hub – LW has received details of the digital contact
Verges – on going

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. On going

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.

07.03.25 DZ emailed Becky Chivers for any updates on the various issues in the village. On going

24/146 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. Ongoing

PL/2025/01227 Two Staks, 40 Compton Bassett Remove tamarisk tree to ground level. No objections from parish council. Approved by Wiltshire Council 06.03.2025

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.

On 17 February 2025 decision made to allow the 'Residential development for up to 90 houses, associated works, including infrastructure, ancillary facilities, play area and open space and landscaping, and a new Local Centre, day nursery and convenience store with associated parking, access and landscaping. The approval comes with certain conditions.

PS had written to Cllr Nick Botterill, Wiltshire Council Cabinet Member for Finance, Development, Management and Strategic Planning to express Compton Bassett Parish Council's disappointment at this large scale housing development.

Recent reply from Cllr Nick Botterill can be seen on Compton Bassett Parish Council website.

24/147 Correspondence Wilts Council updates best kept village competition etc, WALC online meeting in association with Wilts and Swindon Countryside Access Forum on Feb 24th, Wilts Council travel and transport news, Wilts Local Nature Recovery Strategy – winter update, CPRE Wilts best kept village competition 2025, Wiltshire Wildlife invasive species, Mobile Library – stops on a Monday, every 4 weeks at Briar Leaze, 10 Mar, 7 Apr, 2 June, 30 June, 28 July, 25 Aug, Wilts Council Waste and Recycling News, Wilts Council 2025/26 Budget , VE Day celebrations etc, Local Nature Recovery Strategy briefing notes, Lyneham Banks update, Wilts Council Planning newsletter.

All noted

All emailed to councillors before the meeting

24/148 Feedback from meetings

RLD and JB met with Mark Stansby (Principal Engineering Manager, Highway, Wilts Council) to discuss and agree the position of the proposed new village gates.

LW and PB re VHC meeting. A discussion was held about the possibility of planting a few trees in the village hall grounds, no decision has been made.

24/149 Parish Council Elections 1st May 2025 Nominations close 2 April 2025 at 4pm. This is the last parish council meeting before the elections.

24/150 Community Governance Review - Ongoing

24/151 NHP Review - Ongoing

24/152 Litter Pick, Sunday 23 March 2025- LW All welcome, please meet by bus shelter, Briar Leaze at 10am.

24/153 Traffic Consultation See feedback from meetings above

24/154 VE Day 2025 A free event is being held in the village hall to commemorate the 80th anniversary of VE Day. The Committee have asked the parish council if they would make a donation of £100 towards the catering for the event. CR proposed a donation of £100 is made, PS seconded and it was unanimously agreed. The donation will be made in April

24/155 Communications- LW and JB produced the latest Newsletter earlier in month, it has been circulated to residents.

24/156 Councillors Observations -None

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

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, Compton Bassett

Wednesday 21st May 2025 Annual Community Meeting

Thursday June 19th 2025 Parish Council Meeting