

**Minutes of the Meeting of Compton Bassett Parish Council  
Held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
At 7 pm at the Benson Hall, Compton Bassett**

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

County Cllr O'Neill (AN)

0 members of the public attended

Emma Biggs, Highway Engineer, Wiltshire Council

Before the parish council meeting started, Emma spoke to the parish councillors. She thanked councillors for the data the parish council submitted from previous flooding.

The flooding and drainage problems by Rosemary Cottage was passed to Emma by Rebecca Chivers of the Highways Department, Wiltshire Council. Emma met on site with PS and other councillors a few months ago to discuss the problems. Commencing on 10 November, for the week, a survey crew and drainage construction team will be working on site to try to resolve the problems. The road will be closed for the duration of this time.

**AGENDA**

**25/78 Apologies for absence** Cllr Reis (CR)

**25/79 Minutes** – The Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025 were unanimously approved and signed by PS circulated before the meeting

**25/80 Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda** - None

**25/81 Receipt of Public Questions-** None

**25/82 Finance and Accounts**

- a. Bank statement and Income & Expenditure  
Building Society statement  
At 29 October 2025 £21,846.38 in Lloyds Account  
£23,000 in Hinckley and Rugby Savings Account
- b. Invoices to pay:  
Clerk's salary £156, HMRC October £39,  
Clerk Stationery £19.95  
Costs of Local Elections May 2025 to CBPC £340  
Elan City £3000.01 (SID plus accessories) from CIL fund as previously discussed  
Rod Lloyd Davies £52.56 (brackets for new SID- Start Traffic Ltd)  
Huws Gray- chippings (War Memorial) £423.17  
Beechfield Reclamation sandstone slabs (War Memorial ) £192

All above unanimously agreed.

DZ to set payments up, LW to authorise

Steve's Horticultural Supplies £1,500 (memorial garden path metal border) paid 24.09.25 as previously agreed

Footfall Direct -CBPC newsletter printing £62.39 paid 08.10.25 as previously agreed

Remembrance wreath for War Memorial – unanimously agreed to purchase

- c. CIL payments from Calne Without – SID no 2, War memorial works – quote to reduce lime tree £750 LW has had difficulty in obtaining quotes for reducing lime tree therefore, it was unanimously agreed in this instance to accept this quote  
chippings, paving ,cement sand etc approx. £1000, Village gates, defib £1373 plus cost of installation, noticeboard etc
- d. Precept 2026- 27 to be provisionally set at December meeting. Budget to date figures. Deadline for precept request to be submitted by 20 January 2026.
- e. Internal Auditor 2025-26 It was unanimously agreed to ask Chrissie Roberts if she would carry out the parish council internal audit for the year 2025-26. **Action: DZ to contact Chrissie Roberts**

Documents item 5 emailed to councillors before the meeting

**25/83 Matters Arising** Parish Steward Visits, PB Next visits 6th November, 4<sup>th</sup> December

Swindon and Wiltshire Prepared Emergency Contact Hub, LW pack received  
Bridleway and works to mitigate flood issues – in progress

NCN 403 Cross council working group, no representative from CBPC

Leaking fire hydrant opposite the Pippins – on going, DZ has chased for an update, has now been passed to Wessex Water

Dog waste bins Penn Wood, Penhill, JB received following response from his request to Wiltshire Wildlife for dog waste bins at Penn Wood:

*"Thanks for sharing. In principle, yes we can, but we have some complexities with the neighbours and the entry road to the site, leading to some very challenging conversations.*

*We'll do our best to come back to you as soon as we can, but there may be a delay"*

### **25/84 Highway matters**

PS attended an onsite meeting with Wiltshire Council drainage engineers Emma Biggs and Richard Williams re issues in the village.

The problems by Rosemary Cottage were discussed with the owners of Rosemary Cottage. The drainage team will arrange for a crew to dig up the affected area. The work will have to be booked in and a request submitted for a road closure.

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.

### **Road Closure Monday 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> November for works by Rosemary Cottage**

The first section, approximately 1m from the kerb edge, is Highways, Wiltshire Council to complete. They have the flagstones from outside of Rosemary Cottage in safe keeping, as until the drainage work has been completed there, there is nothing they can do to make this repair right.

Until the drainage has been repaired, this issue will continue to cause defects in the area due to the 'leak'. This area may be dug up again and it would be better to wait until all work has been completed before proceeding with

repairs. Highways can have 'uneven' footway boards put out to warn people of the surface, in the interim. The parish council have requested the boards.

To help alleviate the problems with heavy water flow down the road (after heavy rain), from the track/bridleway by the village hall field, when available a crew will clear blocked drainage at the bottom of the track. They also had some suggestions about the blocked ditch by the side of the track.

Parish Council have also chased up the cleaning out of the drain under the road, about 20 yards down the road from the pipe in the bank, on the same side as the White Horse Inn, but just up the hill from it. It got rather treacherous in the winter when the water was across the road and froze.

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 programmes but no guarantee that it will be completed this year

## **25/85 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, CBPC councillors are hoping to set up on site meeting

**Action:** PS, JB and EB are meeting with Solar Farm Real Assets Team on site on 18 November

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

PL/2025/06623 Dugdals Farmhouse, Compton Bassett SN11 8SW Notification proposed works to trees in a conservation area, T1 field maple- remove via sectional dismantle Comments by 02/09/2025. No objections from Wiltshire Council 17.09.25

PL/2025/06752 64, Compton Bassett, SN11 8SW Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area Conifer tree – fell Comments by 09/09/25. No objection from Wiltshire Council 24.09.25

PL/2025/07356 The Benson Hall, Compton Bassett SN11 8RQ Notification of Proposed works to trees in a conservation area – fell silver birch tree Comments by 14.10.25 No objection from Wiltshire Council 27.10.25

PL/2025/07357 War Memorial, Compton Bassett. Notification of

Proposed works to trees in a conservation area Small leaved lime tree, whole Crown reduction to 5-6 metres high Comments by 14.10.25 No objection from Wiltshire Council 21.10.25

PL/2025/08020 33-34, Compton Bassett SN11 8RE Notification of Proposed works to trees in a conservation area T1 Copper Beech reduce crown Up to 25% Comments by 30.10.25

Penn Hill, Calne. Castlewood Homes proposed upcoming plans for 270 homes, previous application submitted in 2022 and withdrawn. Invitation to CBPC to meet with Castlewood Homes. After discussion it was unanimously agreed CBPC will object to the application when it is submitted to Wiltshire Council

**25/86 Correspondence** Water flooding down bridleway, by village hall field, on to road and down the hill: PS,  
Parish Councillors hope to meet with landowner before next CBPC meeting Calne Community Neighbourhood plan parishes meeting 22 Sept, Wiltshire Council news, Calne Area Board meeting 4 Nov, Wiltshire Council local plan newsletter, flood warden newsletter, town and parish council update, Budget drop in sessions  
All noted

All emailed to councillors before the meeting

**25/87 Feedback from meetings** None

**25/88 Defibrillator re location** Confirm type, cost and supplier of defib. Quotes from electricians to install. Suggested defib Physio Control LIFEPAK CR2 Semi Auto USB and AED Armor cabinet Community CR2USB £1373 plus vat .  
It was unanimously agreed to purchase a new defibrillator  
**Action:** EB to purchase

**25/89 Parish Council Noticeboard** It was unanimously agreed to purchase a new noticeboard to affix to the telephone kiosk. Approx cost £100  
**Action:** PS and LW to purchase

**25/90 NHP Review** On going

**25/91 Traffic Consultation and Management** Traffic survey requested 26.06.25, being carried out at present. Some concerns from parish councillors that part of it is being carried out in half term when traffic is lighter.  
Response from Police and Crime Commissioner re ANPR, response from Bob Eccleston, traffic management officer in response to letter sent to Chief Constable re large tractors and trailers using Compton Bassett as a cut through.  
PS advised that CBPC have done all they can regarding the tractors and trailers using the village as a cut through. The parish council has reported incidents to the police.  
Residents with concerns please report incidents on following link  
<https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/rs/road-safety/making-a-road-traffic-incident-report/>

We are hoping John Derryman, Chief of Corporate Services, Wiltshire Police, will attend the CBPC January meeting.

**25/92 VHC Christmas tree** After discussion it was agreed the parish council will donate a maximum of £100 towards the Benson Hall Christmas tree. The parish councillors would like to discuss a more sustainable option for next year.

**25/93 Communications** None

**25/94 Councillors Observations** Possible donation towards solar panels for Benson Hall to be discussed at next CBPC meeting  
EB and RLD both apologised for not being able to make next meeting on 11 December

**Next Meeting :**

**Thursday December 11th 2025 Parish Council Meeting**