

**Minutes of the Meeting of Compton Bassett Parish Council
Held on Thursday 21 September 2023
At 7 pm in the Benson Hall**

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

AGENDA

59/23 Apologies for absence Cllr Barlow (JB), Cllr Barnett (PB), Cty Cllr O'Neill (AN)

60/23 Minutes – The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held 10 August 2023 were unanimously approved and signed by PS– circulated before the meeting.

61/23 Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda DZ re PL/2023/05511 2 New Cottages, Compton Bassett, Calne SN11 8RE. Proposed driveway.

62/23 Receipt of Public Questions- None

63/23 Finance and Accounts

- a. Bank statement and Income & Expenditure as at 19 Sept
£11,956.47
- b. Invoices. Clerks salary £146.40 & HMRC £28.60 Sept payments,
Kennet Print £136, Autumn newsletter print.

DZ advised Lloyds Bank will no longer be sending paper statements to the parish Council.

An invoice for £38.40 has been received from Parish Online, we believe this to be a scam invoice, as its not an organisation the parish council use.

All unanimously agreed, PS to release payments.

Documents emailed to councillors before meeting.

64/23 Budget The spend so far, and estimated spend till year end 31 March 2024 were circulated before the meeting and fully discussed.

65/23 Matters Arising Parish Steward- next visits 2 and 30 October, 27 November.

Defibrillator EB child defib pad- received and installed, adult pad replacement required in March 2024.

Water leak – spring by Rosemary Cottage- highways engineer will arrange further inspection, Wessex Water have been unable to find any issues. **Action: DZ to chase up Highways for update.**

Map of village RLD working on.

Stiles LW Several neglected stiles have now been replaced and brought back into use.

Aggressive dog – CPN issued.

66/23 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/2022/08092 Land adjacent to 53 Compton Bassett, SN11 8RH
Full planning permission application for Erection of dwelling
Comments by 30.11.22 Objection submitted by Parish Council.

PL/2023/05511 2 New Cottages, Compton Bassett, Calne SN11 8RE. Proposed driveway. Comments by 04.08.23

Temporary Diversion of Compton Bassett Footpath 18 (part) and Compton Bassett Bridleway 5 (part) – following Northern Area Planning Committee meeting on August 23 2023, Wiltshire Council will forward temporary diversion order to Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs without modification.

PS proposed a draft letter to Wiltshire Council that has been circulated to parish councillors be sent, LW seconded, unanimously agreed.

Action: DZ to email letter to Wiltshire Council

67/23 Correspondence Waste sorting at Wilts Household Recycling Centres, James Gray, Locality NHP Newsletter, Local Plan Consultation, WALC Newsletter, Sustainable Development Fund Grants, Scribefest Conference, Proposed development Pen Hill Farm, Wilts Council latest news, Wiltshire Community Resilience – Community Emergency Plans data base, Benson Hall licence application. Rural crimes.

All circulated before meeting and noted.

68/23 Feedback from meetings RLD will attend the next LHFig meeting on 13 Oct.

VHC meeting LW, the new chair is organising installation of an AV system for showing of films. A licence to serve alcohol has been applied for.

The VHC are going to purchase a Christmas tree again this year and have asked the parish council for a donation. PS proposed a payment of up to £200, or half the cost of the tree, whichever is lower. EB seconded this. It was unanimously agreed to give the donation this year. However, some parish councillors feel that paying £400 annually for a Christmas tree is rather excessive.

69/23 Website Annual Review In light of the internal auditors comments, the parish council is obliged to look at alternative providers.

70/23 Traffic Consultation SID monthly report and placement, Speed limit review, Auto speed watch device, Village gates.

The 30 and 40mph zones, Hilmarton side of the village will be extended, hopefully by end of March 2024. The parish council will have to pay a contribution of approx. £1800 to Wiltshire Council towards the signage etc

Details of an auto speed device have been circulated to the parish councillors and discussed. LW proposed the purchase of one, at a cost of £620 plus vat, with a future annual cost of £150. This will give the village 2 SID to use at different locations in the village. CR seconded and it was unanimously agreed.

Action: LW to purchase auto speed device

Future purchase of village gates will be discussed at a later date.

71/23 Calne Without Parish Council financial distribution On going

72/23 Tree Sparrow Nesting Boxes CR, Bremhill Vales Farmers Group is a cluster group of landowners, looking to improve biodiversity, priority habitats and support priority wildlife species. Tree sparrows have declined significantly in recent years but efforts across the Marlborough Downs providing nesting boxes have been very successful. A donation of £200 is requested to provide up to 20 nesting boxes within Compton Bassett Parish. The boxes will be provided by Wiltshire Wood Recycling, a local initiative.

CR proposed a donation of £200 is made, EB seconded it and it was unanimously agreed.

73/23 Communications LW Autumn Newsletter has been produced and printed, it will be circulated to residents shortly.

74/23 Councillors Observations None

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 7 December 2023 at 7pm