

**Minutes of the Meeting of Compton Bassett Parish Council
Held on Tuesday 14th March 2023
At 7 pm in the Benson Hall**

Those Present: Cllr Szczesiak Chair (PS), Cllr Reis Vice Chair (CR)
Cllr Barnet (PB), Cllr Waite (LW), Cllr Barlow (JB), County Cllr O'Neil (AN)
D. Zeitzen (DZ) (Clerk),

Edward Budge (EB)

No Members of the public attended the meeting

AGENDA

276/22 Apologies for absence None

277/22 Minutes –Minutes of the Meeting held 5 January 2023 were amended to show correct date for March 14 2023 meeting, then unanimously approved and signed by PS – circulated before the meeting

278/22 Resignation of Parish Councillor Hailei Spencer stepped down as a parish councillor in January 2023.

279/22 Casual Vacancy and co-option of new Councillors Following the resignation of Hailei Spencer, the casual vacancy was advertised by Wiltshire Council. No request by 10 electors was received by Electoral Services so as of 6 February the vacancy could be filled by co-option, along with the other councillor post that has been vacant since the May 2022 local elections. Two residents have now come forward to fill these vacancies

280/22 Signing of Acceptance of Office Edward Budge was welcomed as a new parish councillor by PS. EB signed the declaration of acceptance of office
Declarations of Interest Wiltshire Council Action: EB to complete his declarations of interest on Wiltshire Council Website, DZ to send EB all the relevant details. EB also to set up his parish council email address, DZ to send relevant details

281/22 Declaration of Interest in items on the Agenda EB planning applications PL/2023/00167, PL/2022/09749 and PL/2023/02008 Yew Tree Cottage, 45 Compton Bassett SN11 8RG

282/22 Receipt of Public Questions- None

283/22 Finance and Accounts

- a. Bank statement and Income & Expenditure as at 13 March £8,002.07
- b. Invoices Clerks salary, HMRC Paye Feb paid
Clerks salary £278.28, HMRC Paye £39.80 March
LHFIG Speed limit assessment Wilts Council £500
A Elmer Parish councillors email addresses set up £27.20
Village litter pick refreshments as unanimously agreed by email No costs
Village History website previously unanimously agreed No costs
All above unanimously agreed. DZ to set payments up, JB to authorise and release.

Internal auditor 2022/23 It was unanimously approved to use Rita Harris for Internal audit.

Clerk monthly payments April 2023- March 2024 This will increase in line with recent pay award. Any adjustments either way to annual salary to be made in March 2024

Documents item 7 emailed to councillors before meeting

284/22 Matters Arising Parish Steward Visits PB no visits to report

Blocked Gulleys these have now been cleared,
Community Governance Review on going see 288/22
Community Plan This has now been completed by LW
Rights of Way Audit On going, new signage to be installed on a number of routes
Defibrillator Circuit website details **Action: EB agreed to take responsibility for this, LW and CR to pass on details and information**

285/22 Planning

Objection to Hills appeal re 16/05464 and 16/05708, inspectorate refs APP/ROMP/22/1 & APP/ROMP/22/2 by Compton Bassett Parish Council
Objection sent 22.07.22

Appeal 16/05464/wcm Appeal dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate
Application for costs made by Hill's is refused

CR proposed a letter should be written to Dr Peter Alberry for all the work and time he spent on objecting to the appeal. Seconded by PS.

Action: DZ to write to Dr Alberry

PL/2022/02255 Old Hangars, Yatesbury Development

Conversion and refurbishment of listed Officers Mess to form three residential dwellings. Conversion of curtilage listed Teaching Block and Lecture Hut into four residential dwellings, Squash Court and Hostel into ancillary domestic buildings. Demolition of structures. Erection of 36 new build residential dwellings with: associated landscaping; tree works; site drainage; access road improvements; vehicle and cycle parking; pedestrian and cycleway improvements; ecological enhancements; and associated infrastructure and engineering works. Works to Grade II Listed Hangar 02 to facilitate B8 storage.

Comments by 11.05.22. Objections submitted by Parish Council On going

PL/2023/00122 TCA 36 Compton Bassett SN11 8RF Fell sycamore tree, Yew tree Topiary pruning, Holly tree fell, Acer tree 30% crown reduction 14.02.23 No objections from Wiltshire Council

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 On going

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. On going

PL/2022/08810 2 The Breach, Compton Bassett, SN11 8SN Proposed porch to front elevation, single storey rear extension, loft conversion with front dormer and associated works. Comments by 21.12.22. Extension to date granted by Wiltshire Council. Objection submitted by Parish Council

Revised plans submitted to Wiltshire Council. Comments by 22 March 2022

Parish councillors appreciated the dormer has now been moved to the back of the property, however they still feel the porch is oversized with the inclusion of a WC and utility room and therefore object to the application. **Action: DZ to submit the objection to Wiltshire Council**

PL/2022/09355 12 BRIAR LEAZE, COMPTON BASSETT, CALNE, SN11 8RQ

Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area. T1 – Leylandii Close to property and encroaching onto roof of property. Pruning inappropriate due to size/species. Section & dismantle to ground level. Chip & remove timber/brush. Comments by 28.12.22 No comments from Parish Council
No objection from Wiltshire Council

PL/2022/09680 Compton Farm, Compton Bassett, Calne. Proposed tree works, Walnut tree fell, hazel tree coppice, eucalyptus tree reduce height.

Comments by 10 January. No objection from Parish Council No objections from Wiltshire Council

PL/2023/00167 & PL/2022/09749 Yew Tree Cottage, Compton Bassett Alter existing outbuilding, replace garage and storage building and associated works. Comments by 9 Feb 2023 No comments from Parish Council. Revised plans submitted to Wiltshire Council . Comments by 20 March 2022 PL/2023/02008 T1 - Section fell Plum tree to as close to ground level as possible. T2 - Coppice Hazel at approximately 1m above ground level. T3 - Section fell leaning, Ivy clad Plum tree to height of hedge. EB left the hall for councillors to discuss the application. Councillors have no comments on the applications. **Action: DZ to advise Wiltshire Council**

PL/2023/00711 27 Compton Bassett SN11 8RE

Clear ivy, dead trees & stumps covered in ivy, remove mis-shaped trees (due to ivy) and generally tidy up garden boundary with footpath. See sketch for location of trees.

T1 Elder, remove as of no value T2 Field Maple, remove as too close to oak tree

T3 Hazel, prune T4 2x Lilac trees, remove T5 Dead Crab Apple & Lilac stump intertwined, remove as no value & for safety

T6 Holly tree, remove as mis-shapen due to being smoothed by ivy. Comments by 22 Feb 2023 No objections from Parish Council. No objections from Wiltshire Council

Proposed diversion of footpath Cherhill 8, Compton Bassett 10 and bridleways Cherhill 6A and Compton Bassett 1- discussed by email – unanimously agreed by email no objections and no comments. Decision submitted to Wiltshire Council by DZ

ENF/2022/00896 The Old School, Compton Bassett, Calne SN11 8RE

Alleged unauthorised mature tree cut down to half the original size in a Conservation Area. **Action: DZ to chase enforcement**

286/22 Correspondence Fly tipping – a complaint has been received from a member of the public regarding tipping of construction waste in a gateway to a field on the Freeth Farm road. Parish councillors discussed the complaint at length. There is no evidence to suggest anything illegal is being carried out by the landowner. **Action: DZ to advise member of public of outcome of discussion.**

Smell from tip see 288/22

Operational flood working group hybrid meeting 19 January, Calne Community Neighbourhood Plan villages copy, Benson Hall events, WALC January newsletter, Wiltshire & Swindon Countryside Access Forum presentation Chippenham 27th Feb, Dogs Trust Free Talks to groups, Best Kept Village Competition, Calne our Community Matters.

All circulated to councillors before meeting and noted.

287/22 Parish Councillors Handbook **Action: LW and JB to review the current handbook for discussion at next meeting**

288/22 Feedback from meetings

PS and LW attended informal meeting to discuss division of monetary assets from Calne Without Parish Council boundary changes

PS attended an LH Fig meeting. The speed limit assessment for Compton Bassett has been deferred until the next meeting.

Application for a footpath by the war memorial in Compton Bassett has been withdrawn, there were concerns vehicles would drive over a footpath. The possibility of white lines either side of the carriageway to slow traffic is being discussed.

PS attended the Hills Liaison meeting, the reported recent smell from the tip is possibly due to gas release getting into the air.
The onsite security lights should now have been fitted with sensors.

PS Chaired Calne Area Parish Forum. The 2025 precept will be based on the new boundaries.

Sustrans route – work to be carried out

NHP updates. Information sharing of emergency plans in Wiltshire and Swindon under discussion for the future.

LW attended the Wits and Swindon Countryside Access Forum- Interesting presentations and discussions

PB and LW Village Hall Committee. Hire of hall and events going well. A cream tea event is being organised for the King's coronation on 8 May. VHC have funded new equipment for play park, options are being discussed on position of goal posts.

289/22 Traffic Consultation SID monthly report and placement

LHFig pavement request LW will circulate the SID reports every 3 months.

See 288/22 feedback from meetings.

290/22 Calne Without Parish Council financial distribution PS The division of the monetary assets is to be decided see 288/22

291/22 Annual Community Meeting Wednesday 17 May 2023 7pm

The guest speaker will be the editor of Bee Craft magazine, Richard Rickitt, He will talk about Bees in Wiltshire and Bees at Buckingham Palace, refreshments will be available.

292/22 Communications Action: The spring newsletter will be produced shortly by LW and JB

293/22 Councillors Observations None

Meeting closed at 9pm

Date of next meeting: Thursday 11 May 2023

(Annual Parish Council Meeting Thursday 11 May 2023 at 7pm)

(Annual Community Meeting Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 7pm)