

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 9th JANUARY 2018 (unconfirmed).**

Present: Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, P Crosthwaite, C Chelu, S Gledhill, A Bird and G Bundy. Mrs D James (Clerk). Wiltshire Councillor R Clewer. Mr and Mrs P Buckley, Mr D Simmonds, Mr J Wallis, Mr D Hewlett, Mrs J White, Mrs M Ford, Mrs W Moulard, Mr S James, Mrs H Scutt, Mr D Germain and Mr G Vaughan.

78 Apologies for absence: Miss K Byatt.

79 Public question time: Mrs H Scutt requested on behalf of the Village Hall committee, a grant towards a new electric screen for film night use as well as its availability for other appropriate occasions. She explained that the existing screen is very difficult to set up. £500 can be used as a contribution from village hall funds. A new screen would cost about £2000.

Mr J Wallis, Chairman of Coombe Bissett and Homington Cricket Club reported that since the club's roller was stolen in November, about half the cost of a new roller plus a storage shed has been raised by donations and using most of the club's reserves. However another £3525 is still needed. The amount required will include the cost of a secure lean to shed as well as an alarm system and possibly cameras. This means it can be insured.

Mrs J White, secretary of the Badminton Club explained that the existing lights used for play are not adequate and that new LED lights at a cost of £360 are needed. She clarified that the club has no financial reserves.

Mr D Germain made enquiries about how Stocks Bridge Lane repairs are being funded. He commented on the problems he has encountered whilst reporting incidents of fly tipping to Wiltshire Council (WC). He also made observations regarding flooding and surface water adjacent to the Mill Pond.

Mr Germain reported he is now in possession of some 20 mph stickers, which can either be adhered to wheelie bins or attached to garden walls. If anyone would like stickers please can they contact him or a member of the Parish Council.

80 Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were proposed by S Gledhill, seconded by C Chelu and agreed by all as a correct record.

81 Declarations of interest: D Rattue declared an interest in Stocks Bridge Lane repair work and G Bundy declared an interest in development in the Bundy field, Wiltshire housing site allocations development plan and neighbourhood development plan. C Chelu declared an interest in the community benefit fund. Therefore they will not take part in any Parish Council considerations. There were no additional declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

82 Matters arising:

Development in the Bundy Field: There is no further update.

Wiltshire housing site allocations development plan: There is no update. R Clewer reported that no additional site allocations are expected. The closest development to the Parish will be built in Harnham Road, Salisbury.

Neighbourhood development plan: The application has been submitted and a WC link officer has been appointed.

Community benefit fund: It was proposed by D Hobson, seconded by A Bird and agreed by all, that the Village Hall committee should submit an application for a £1000 grant to WC Southern Area Board, for a new screen. If this is successful the Parish Council will contribute the remaining £500. If unsuccessful the application will be revisited by the Parish Council. Any money granted will come out of Parish Council funds, not the Community Benefit fund.

D Hobson proposed that the Cricket Club submit a grant application to WC Southern Area Board for the full amount needed. If this is unsuccessful the Parish Council will reevaluate the situation. All were in favour.

All agreed that the Badminton club's request be granted. This will come out of Parish Council funds.

A354 drain improvement work: There is still no further information from WC about this project. R Clewer has recently communicated with WC senior drainage engineer D Everett. R Clewer gave assurance that he will continue to apply pressure to accomplish the job.

Council housing in Coombe Bissett: Building and fitting out continues. The 4 new homes should be occupied in the spring.

Stocks Bridge Lane repair work: The contractors are on site this week.

Grant opportunity for outdoor community equipment: The Parish Council has been awarded a grant by the Tesco token scheme to pay for adult fitness equipment. C Chelu asked for public opinion via the Express and received 12 replies indicating support. D Hobson proposed and A Bird seconded that C Chelu should proceed with selecting a piece of exercise equipment adhering to the grant of £2000.

Speeding in Homington Road: Parish Councillors believe Speed Indicator Device's (SID) are only effective for a limited time spell, so purchasing a SID is unlikely. The Clerk will investigate with Community Speed Watch (CSW) representatives the probability of CSW activity along the stretch of Homington Road adjacent to Tottens.

Housing needs survey: The housing needs survey for Coombe Bissett and Homington will be taking place in February. A questionnaire will be delivered to all households. The majority of the questionnaires will be enclosed in copies of the next Express. Others will be hand delivered or posted. It's important to the Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Development Plan group that parishioner's opinions and needs are known and identified.

Repairs to the play area: Following the recent RoSPA report, it was identified that the laminate deck board at the top of the slide needs attention and this will be repaired shortly. D Hobson proposed and S Gledhill seconded that the repair quote for £400 be accepted. The fence around the play area will be replaced. 3 quotes have been obtained but because they are not like for like, councillors want more clarification. The Clerk will review.

83 Fence replacement in the Recreation Field: Following the theft of the Cricket Club roller in which the fence was damaged, there has been information that Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) may want to be consulted and involved in a suitable replacement. The Clerk will make contact with WWT.

84 Parking on Recreation Field:

08-02-18: Phoenix (afternoon)

08-03-18: Phoenix

85 Parking on Donkey Field:

No requests

86 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

Film club

Phoenix

87 Correspondence received:

Policing precept increase information and consultation.

Thanks from Village Hall committee for acoustic panel funding.

An invitation to join Campaign to Protect Rural England – declined by the Parish Council.

88 Planning:Planning received:

None

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

17/09982/TCA – Centre Cottage, Homington Road, Homington. T1 – Liquidambar – Crown reduce and reshape by 1.5m. T2 – Birch – Crown lift to a maximum of 3m. T3 Pear Tree – Fell.

17/10493/TCA – Rosewall, Homington. 1 and 2: Elm trees – reduce to 2m stumps. 3: Beech tree – reduce to 4m. 4: Beech tree – reduce to hedge height. 5 and 6: Beech tree – fell. 7, 8 and 9: Beech tree – reduce to hedge height.

17/10922/TCA – The River House, Shepherds Close, Coombe Bissett. T1 – Copper Beech tree – crown reduce by 1.5m, back to suitable growth points. T2 – Spruce tree – reduce height by a third. T3 – Cypress tree – fell. T4 – Cherry tree – fell.

17/11310/TCA – The Donkey Field, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Willow tree – pollard.

89 Reports from representatives: None received.

90 Finance:

Income: Nil

Outgoings:

574 Mrs D James – reimbursement for SLCC and ALCC subscription	£102.00
575 Bawden Managed Landscapes – cemetery hedges	£734.40
576 Mrs D James – reimbursement for CSW stickers	£26.85
577 S James – reimbursement for weed killer	£16.85
578 WC – contribution for C12 white lines	£100.00
579 CB&H Cricket Club – recreation field maintenance	£475.00
580 Bawden Managed Landscapes – grass cutting November	£127.94
581 RBCF – speed indicator device erection	£85.00
582 CB&H Village Hall – annual hire cost	£52.00
583 Bawden Managed Landscapes – grass cutting	£127.94
584 CB&H Village Hall – AED electricity	£35.00
585 Office expenses	£432.00

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is: £32019.68

The balance on the current account is: £16591.63

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £48611.31

S Gledhill proposed, C Chelu seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 574 to 585 be paid.

91 Date of next meeting: 13th March 2018.

92 The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.

