

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 (unconfirmed).**

**Present:** Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, C Chelu, P Crosthwaite, R Cox and S Gledhill. Mrs D James (Clerk).

Mr G Bundy, Mr and Mrs P Hartgill, Mrs A Bird, Mr D Morgan, Mr W Imeson, Dr J Cullis, Mr D Parson, Mr S James, Mr and Mrs R van der Horst, Mr C Baughan, Mr and Mrs J Speirs, Mrs L Buckley, Mr and Mrs D Simmonds, Mr and Mrs D Shinn, Cllr. J Johnson, Mrs T Chelu, Mr and Mrs C Fitton, Mr T Mynott, Miss K Mynott, Mr C May, Mrs H Oliver, Ms K Seal, Mrs J Epworth, Mr F Ellis.

**88 Apologies for absence:** Mr R Maycock, Mrs P Pratt.

**89 Public question time:** The Chairman opened public question time by explaining that following the extra ordinary meeting that took place on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013 to discuss the application for a proposed solar park at Bake Farm, the Parish Council had been granted permission to have a six week extension to the consultation period. He then read out an email received from Giles Frampton, Business Development Manager at British Solar Renewables (BSR). This stated that BSR are prepared to offer free heating at Coombe Bissett School and the Village Hall, using an appropriately sited and scaled Ground Source Heat Pump (GSP). The GSP will require electricity so added into the proposal would be appropriately sized photovoltaic (PV) systems for both the School and the Village Hall. Following this announcement there was discussion and questions which included importance of consultation with the School and the Village Hall committee. Discussion regarding the application included reinstatement of the land after the 25 year period, increase in traffic during construction and method of planning decision. There was debate as to whether Cllr. J Johnson – Wiltshire Councillor, should request the application be decided by the Southern Area Planning Committee or determined by the delegated planning officer. The Parish Council will make their decision within the next week and their response to the planning application can be viewed on the Wiltshire Council website or on the link via the village web site. Alternatively, for those without internet access, please contact the Clerk (718850).

**90 Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes were proposed by C Chelu, seconded by P Crosthwaite and agreed by all as a correct record.

**91 Declarations of interest:** There were no additional declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

**92 Matters arising:**

**Speed Indicator Devices and Community Speedwatch:** A speed indicator device was in use for a short period on the Blandford Road, although it was sited too close to the village centre. It is anticipated it will be sited on the Salisbury Road in the near future. The speed indicator gun has not yet been allocated but it is predicted this will occur at the end of January.

**Homington traffic:** The traffic calming measures are almost complete. The Parish Council have been asked to contribute £390 (10%) to the cost of the work.

**Council housing in Coombe Bissett:** A public inspection of the council house plans to be built on the Chalk Pit site on the Blandford Road took place just prior to the Parish Council meeting. Present were Wiltshire Council's head of new housing, an officer from the architect's department and the business support officer. It is proposed there will be a semi-detached property with two, 2 bedroom homes and a flat type property with two, 1 bedroom flats. The Wiltshire Council Officers took questions from the public which included enquiries about drainage, funding and maintenance of the area to the rear of the site. The Officers assured the meeting that there had been thorough consultation with Wiltshire Highways. A full planning application will be submitted in the next 4 to 5 weeks.

**Winter planning information:** C Chelu has ordered and obtained more salt for Coombe Bissett.

**Tree pruning:** The willow tree on the Donkey Field has been pollarded.

**The War Memorial:** The pre-application for a grant to the War Memorials Trust was accepted a few weeks ago. Mr B Woolnough has obtained quotes from 4 stone masons and is preparing necessary documentation for the Diocese. He and the Clerk are in the process of preparing the full application. This is very detailed and requires as many photographs and as much history of the Memorial as possible.

**The electronic warning sign on the A354:** There was concern at the position of the electronic warning sign on the A354 from Blandford into Coombe Bissett as it is close to the bend. A request to Wiltshire Highways for the sign to be replaced 50 metres further back was submitted. Wiltshire Highways have responded and confirmed the site of the sign complies with the necessary regulations so will not be moved. C Chelu has sent a reply.

**Homington Triangle seat:** There has been a kind offer from two Homington residents to repair the seat and also raise the canopy of the tree. The Parish Council will pay for materials only.

**Donated bench:** This needs collection from Cranborne Bungalow, which C Chelu has volunteered to organise. Mr G Bundy has kindly offered to store the bench until the next Parish Council meeting when a decision will be made as where to position the bench.

**106 fund expenditure:** There is £1726 in this fund which must be spent by 2016. This has to be spent on something recreational and beneficial to the community. It cannot be used to pay for maintenance or repairs. The Clerk will write to the Cricket Club and ask if there is any equipment that they need.

**Village defibrillator:** S Gledhill indicated there was support for a community defibrillator in Homington. The Southern Area Board has recently advised a grant may be available and they support the installation of village defibrillators. The Clerk will apply for a grant.

**Proposed solar farm on land at Bake Farm:** Details are minuted under public question time.

**Kick wall in the play area:** The repair work needs to be done and the Clerk will organise.

**The pond opposite the Fox and Goose:** Due to the severe flooding this item will not be discussed at present.

**93 Vacancy for a councillor:** A vacancy for a Parish Councillor has been advertised due to the sad death of Westley Cole. The closing date is 30<sup>th</sup> January 2014.

**94 Flooding:** P Crosthwaite gave a report on the affects of the flooding. 20 homes have been significantly affected and 8 households have been forced to leave their homes. Many more homes have considerable sewerage problems. D Hobson added that 7 Homington homes are pumping out. P Crosthwaite thanked Charles May from Coombe Bissett Stores and Keith Smith from the Fox and Goose for their huge amount of help. D Rattue on behalf of the Parish Council sincerely thanked Charles and Keith also, as well as all the other villagers who have done so much to help during this extreme period. D Rattue also praised and thanked Pippa Crosthwaite and Bill Imeson the flood wardens who have contributed their time and vast efforts. Thanks and appreciation also goes to the Plymouth Brethren who donated sand bags to the village. Mr R Maycock and those affected by the floods specifically asked for thanks to be conveyed to Pippa, Bill, the Plymouth Brethren and all others who helped. He also requested that a meeting be organised between the Environment Agency and Wiltshire Council to discuss the problems and future management. P Crosthwaite advised that the Environment Agency have carried out inspections and their technical specialist in flood incident management is pushing forward a meeting with Wiltshire Council. There followed discussion and valuable input from parishioners with information about drain lay out, recommendations for the future and a request to reappraise the drainage system from Shutts Lane down to the Church. D Rattue stated the Parish Council will address this.

**95 Parking on Recreation Field – requests:**

20-01-14: Garden Club  
13-02-14: Phoenix (afternoon)  
17-02-14: Garden Club  
13-03-14: Phoenix  
15-03-14: Private party  
17-03-14: Garden Club  
10-04-14: Phoenix  
27-04-14: Cricket

**96 Parking on Donkey Field:**

28-04-14: Garden Club

**97 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:**

No requests

**98 Correspondence received:**

Request for donation of £200 from Wiltshire Citizens Advice – Declined by Parish Councillors.

**99 Planning:**

Planning received:

13/06336/FUL – Land to the west of Bake Farm Buildings, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett. The erection of solar photovoltaic panels and associated works and infrastructure, including switchgear, inverter stations, access tracks, security fencing, security cameras and grid connection.

13/01037/ADV – Coombe Down Farm, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Retrospective application for the erection of 6 non illuminated signs (relating to the business) situated near vehicular access to site.

13/05265/TCA – Squareys, Drove Lane, Coombe Bissett. Raise lower canopy to 5m of 1 x Horse Chestnut. Re-pollard 2 x limes. Reduce height of 1 x Conifer by 50%. Remove left stem and 5 limbs of 1 x Horse Chestnut. Remove limb of 1 x Sumach.

13/05755/TCA – Water Lane Cottage, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Fell 1 x Willow.

13/07272/PNTEL – PCP Footpath S/O Coombe Bissett Telephone Exchange, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Prior notification for the installation of an openreach broadband cabinet. The Clerk will write to the planning department with a request that the cabinet be sited on BT land.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

13/04222/Full – The Brines, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Proposed replacement single storey rear extension and minor internal alterations to ground and first floor. Proposed replacement of existing pre-fabricated flat roof garage with timber car barn and home office.

**100 Reports from representatives:**

Police report – D Rattue reported that the Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire, Angus Macpherson has asked for comment on the proposed increase of £3.15 per year for the average home (band D) to help reduce the impact of significant central government grant reductions on policing and crime services in Wiltshire and Swindon. The consultation runs until 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014. Feedback can be given by logging onto: <http://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/Take-Part/Council-Tax-2014/police-and-crime-element-of-council-tax-feedback.aspx>.

C Chelu has offered to take over as the School representative.

**101 Finance:**

**Income:**

J Webb – Allotment rent	£25.00
Interest	£1.21

**Outgoings:**

346 SLCC – Membership subscription	£76.00
347 Coombe Bissett Village Hall – Room hire	£40.00
348 Bawden Landscapes November account	£122.68
349 K Cooper - Willow pollard	£250.00

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351 Office expenses	£438.10
352 CB&H Cricket Club – Field maintenance	£475.00
353 W Imeson – Re-imburement for sand	£60.60
354 P Crosthwaite – Re-imburement for sand and bags	£146.78
355 W Imeson – Re-imburement for sand	£106.20
356 SSE Lighting – Lamp change and repair in Shutts Lane	£108.14

**Balance on accounts:**

The balance on the reserve account is £11998.56

The balance on the current account is £13830.22

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £25828.78

R Cox proposed, S Gledhill seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 346 – 356 be paid.

**102 Date of next meeting:** 18<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7pm.

**103 The meeting closed at 8.35pm.**