

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 13th January 2015 (unconfirmed).**

Present: Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, C Chelu, P Crosthwaite, S Gledhill, A Bird and G Bundy. Mrs D James (Clerk). Dr Jeffrey Easton, Mr Vince Ryalls and Mr Steve James.

89 Apologies for absence: Mrs Pauline Pratt, Mr Robin Maycock and Mr Jim Webb.

90 Public question time: G Bundy submitted a question on behalf of Jim Webb: As a result of an estimated 5000 dog walks on the Nature Reserve each year a certain amount of dog excrement is deposited which can cause cattle to abort. The Wiltshire Wildlife Trust plan to provide bins and bags for dog walkers but request the Parish Council is responsible for emptying and disposal of the bin contents. The Parish Council agreed that a request for a volunteer from the community to take on this task should be sought. Anyone prepared to do this job please contact Jim Webb or the Parish Clerk on 718850.

91 Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were proposed by G Bundy, seconded by C Chelu and agreed by all as a correct record.

92 Declarations of interest: D Rattue declared an interest in Stocks Bridge Lane repairs, A Bird declared an interest in council housing and therefore will not take part in any Parish Council considerations. There were no additional declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

93 Matters arising:

Council housing in Coombe Bissett: Wiltshire Council has now received some tenders for the build contract for the four new homes. Upon appointment of the contractor SSE will be instructed to carry out wayleave works which need to be put in place before construction can commence. Wiltshire Council has indicated that building should start around April 2015.

Flooding: Most of the work agreed by Wiltshire Council last spring has now been carried out. The flood first aid kits promised have not arrived despite several reminders. The Wiltshire Council flood management strategy consultation was responded to by the Clerk.

The War Memorial: The grant application for £1000 has been assessed by The War Memorial Trust and offered subject to a satisfactory completion report. The completion report together with additional photographs has been submitted and a final decision is awaited.

Village defibrillators: The third community defibrillator which will be fitted outside the Village Hall is ready for installation subject to availability of the electrician. Parish Councillors kindly thanked the Clerk.

Proposed solar park on land at Bake Farm: A public meeting was held just prior to the parish council meeting. It was attended by 36 parishioners, Wiltshire councillor Julian Johnson, Andrew Fido representing Savills and Giles Frampton on behalf of British Solar Renewables. At the public meeting A Fido indicated that a definitive soil classification would be available soon. G Frampton stated that BSR would not be returning to extend the solar park if this application is approved and the community benefit would be £1500 per megawatt each year index linked for 25 years. Residents had the opportunity to ask questions. At the parish council meeting, the Parish Councillors decided to wait for the soil classification result before submitting their response, whilst being aware that the balance of public opinion expressed is overwhelmingly against the solar park. The Clerk will follow up and obtain in writing G Frampton's statement that the solar park will not be extended and confirmation of the community benefit offer.

Repairs to Stocks Bridge Lane: Wiltshire Highways have offered to install tarmac bunds across Pennings Drove to deflect more water into the grips and away from Stocks Bridge Lane. The Clerk has confirmation that the job is on their list but no time scale can be offered by Highways. The Wiltshire Council drainage engineer is planning to visit Homington soon so a request for him to visit Stocks Bridge Lane on the same occasion has been made.

Improvements to footpath 7 in Homington: The footpath has been laid but there has been a completion delay due to drainage problems. A recent site visit by Nick Cowen, Wiltshire Council Rights of Way Officer in consultation with the land owner, local residents and the contractor has been positive and subject to a visit and judgement from Wiltshire Council's drainage engineer soon, the job can be completed.

New seat adjacent to the tennis courts: The seat is now positioned and installed. Appreciation to all CHAV's concerned.

Telephone cables along Stratford Tony Road: C Chelu reported that redundant cable was removed by BT, cable has been renewed and all is working well now.

Damage to bus shelter in Coombe Bissett: D Rattue attended Wiltshire Council's Community Area Traffic Group meeting in November. He reported that Wiltshire Council will not be replacing the bus shelter due to financial restraints. They have indicated that they will remove it. The Clerk will request this. Once it has been removed discussion regarding a replacement can take place.

Cemetery gates: G Bundy reported that action for replacement gates is in progress.

Broadband cabinets in Coombe Bissett: Mr David Germain is following up requests for a change in location for the Broadband cabinets in Coombe Bissett on behalf of parishioners. The Parish Council are appreciative of his updates. D Hobson raised the issue of major problems encountered by Barbers Lane residents who have had ongoing issues with their landlines and internet connections since the installation of Broadband cabinets in Homington.

Removal of Coombe Bissett BT payphone: It is planned by BT to remove the phone box in Coombe Bissett because of its low usage. A consultation took place and the Parish Council responded with an objection to the phone box removal. In the event of this occurring the Clerk will request village adoption of the box.

Recreation field maintenance: Following last year's parish asset review it was noted the picnic benches in the recreation field need replacing. A Bird will research models and prices. She will also investigate replacement bins for the field.

94 Parking on Recreation Field:

19-01-15: Garden club

07-02-15: Quiz night

12-02-15: Phoenix

16-02-15: Garden club

21-02-15: Lent lunch

12-03-15: Phoenix

16-03-15: Garden club

21-03-15: Wedding reception

28-03-15: Private event

95 Parking on Donkey Field:

No requests

96 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

07-02-15: Quiz night

97 Correspondence received:

Request for a donation from the Citizen's Advice Bureau.

98 Planning:

Planning received:

14/10548/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, grid connection, together with temporary construction access, compound and unloading area.

14/10812/FUL – Coombe Rise, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett. Replace existing single garage with oak structured garden room and ground level patio with oak structured roof to side height.

14/11840/FUL - Middle Hill, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Provide first floor accommodation to existing bungalow and replace conservatory with single storey utility room.

14/12196/FUL – Tuscan Breeze, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Alterations and extensions including new attached garage and loft conversion involving raising of roof and inserting two dormers and new roof lights.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

14/08533/FUL – Field House, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Demolish existing garage and erect 2 storey side extension with associated works.

14/09937/FUL – Middle Hill, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Change of use of land to equestrian and creation of ménage.

14/10364/TCA – Weaveland, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Pollard two beech trees to hedge.

99 Reports from representatives:

Police report: D Rattue reported that the Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner is proposing an increase in council tax of £3.06 a year for the average band D property (1.9%), to help fund policing and crime services in Wiltshire. This is necessary because central government has reduced its grant to Wiltshire Police.

Homington report: D Hobson reported that volunteers are urgently needed for Homington Community Speed Watch. The scheme may be forced to fold if help does not become available.

100 Finance:

Income:

J Webb – allotment rent	£25.00
CB&H Archive project closure of account and transfer of funds	£126.00

Outgoings:

398 Siteform – part payment for footpath 7 work	£1200.00
399 Siteform – part payment for footpath 7 work	£600.00
405 Mrs D James – reimbursement for flood warden’s expenses	£17.10
406 N May – donation to Coombe Bissett Stores towards mail bag holder	£200.00
407 Community Support Wiltshire – donation	£50.00
408 Bawden Landscapes – October account	£125.45
409 SLCC – annual subscription	£77.00
410 Bawden Landscapes – November account	£125.45
411 T Byrnes – reimbursement for tennis seat fixings	£31.76
412 CB&HVH - hall hire	£62.00
413 Cardiac Science – Village Hall defibrillator	£972.00
414 Bawden Landscapes – December account	£125.45
415 CB&H Cricket Club – field maintenance	£475.00
416 Office expenses	£497.74

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is £12003.36

The balance on the current account is £13067.74

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £25071.10

C Chelu proposed, S Gledhill seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 398 to 416 be paid.

101 Date of next meeting: 10th March 2015 at 7 pm.

102 The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.