

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 10th JANUARY 2017 (unconfirmed).**

Present: Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, C Chelu, P Crosthwaite, S Gledhill, A Bird and G Bundy. Mrs D James (Clerk). Wiltshire Councillors: Julian Johnson and Richard Clewer. Mrs L Buckley.

90 Apologies for absence: Mr and Mrs D Simmonds.

91 Public question time: There were no questions.

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

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

94 Matters arising:

Wiltshire housing site allocations development plan: R Clewer reported that he hoped the publication by Wiltshire Council (WC) of the pre-submission draft plan, which had been postponed until June 2017, maybe publicised earlier.

Neighbourhood plan: The Parish Council has been made aware that a financial contribution is essential for the development of a neighbourhood plan. All councillors agreed that pecuniary detail must be obtained before any agreement.

Community benefit fund: D Hobson excused himself from the meeting for this item. Residents and organisations in Coombe Bissett and Homington continue to be invited to submit bids and suggestions on how the community benefit of £20,000 given by British Solar Renewables, developers of the solar park at Bake Farm could be used. The deadline for ideas or bids is extended. An application by the Village Hall Committee has been submitted for part of the sum, which is under review. It was agreed by all councillors present, that part of the community benefit fund should not be used to fund a neighbourhood plan.

Homington Road flooding: Wiltshire Council has been asked to lay a kerb to protect the verge and drainage ditch from further erosion adjacent to Shergold Cottages in Homington Road. When D Rattue attended WC Community Area Traffic Group (CATG) meeting in November he was advised that the Parish Council would be expected to contribute 25% of the £7500 cost. CATG agreed this contribution of £1875 would be reviewed in the next financial year.

Transportable flooding pumps: Following a grant of £3669 by SSE, one large pump which is petrol powered and for outdoor use such as draining flooded areas of land and roads that are threatening local houses, has been purchased. It is capable of removing large volumes of water. In addition there are two smaller electric pumps suitable for pumping out flooded rooms and basements. All pumps are equipped with related essential equipment. The Parish Council sincerely thanked Mr David Parson who has researched and purchased the pumps. He has also coordinated preparation and training of the flood wardens and interested residents. The pumps are available for use by anyone in the parishes.

A354 possible drain improvement work: The Parish Council still await a decision from WC highways and drainage as to the priority of the work and when it is likely to take place. The Clerk will contact the relevant officers.

Council housing in Coombe Bissett: J Johnson reported that WC housing have had a delay with the tendering process for the proposed four homes at the Old Chalk Pit site on Blandford Road.

95 Stocks Bridge Lane resurfacing: The Parish Council are investigating types of resurfacing material and grant possibilities. Liaison with the WC Rights of Way Officer is on going.

96 Grant opportunity for outdoor community equipment: Tesco bags for life are offering grants for up to £5000 for outdoor community equipment. It was agreed that C Chelu would consider types of outdoor fitness equipment that could be located in the recreation field. The Clerk will initiate a grant application.

97 Cemetery wall repairs: The quotes were discussed. It was proposed by G Bundy, seconded by S Gledhill and agreed by all that the cemetery wall should be repaired, coping stones relayed and concrete reinforcement included, by K Mould and Sons.

98 Parking on Recreation Field:

27-01-17: Sale of sales

09-02-17: Phoenix (afternoon)

09-03-17: Phoenix

99 Parking on Donkey Field:

No requests

100 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

Phoenix club

Film Club

101 Correspondence received:

Information regarding Best Kept Village Competition.

Information regarding public consultation on Police and Crime Plan and increase in policing part of council tax.

Invitation to attend Our Community Matters.

102 Planning:

Planning received:

16/12187/TCA – Rosewall, Homington Road, Homington. Yew Tree reduce by 30% and shape sides. Maple tree reduce by 30% and shape sides.

17/00142/TCA – Wyckfield, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Fell the following trees: 1 – Willow. 2 – Willow. 3 – Cypress. 4 – Cypress. 6 – Sweet Chestnut. 7 – Apple. 8 – Macrocaster Cypress.

Other works: 5 – Willow – remove two small branches. 9 – Willow – remove lateral branch over river.

16/12290/FUL – The Copses (formally known as Lower Pennings), Rockbourne Road, Coombe Bissett. Demolition of 4 bedroom house and erection of a new 4 bedroom family home.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

16/09682/TCA – Cross Stone, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Magnolia reduce in height by 2 metres, reduce sides by 1 metre and crown raise by 1 metre. No objection.

16/09815/TCA – Barbers Farmhouse, Barbers Lane, Homington. Copper Beech tree – raise up lower canopy by approximately 5 metres; crown thin approximately 25% and remove dead, rubbing and crossing branches. No objection.

16/09670/TCA – Jakes Cottage, Shepherds Close, Coombe Bissett. Silver Birch tree – reduce height by approximately 40%. No objection.

16/09887/TCA – Weaveland, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Fell the following trees: one Holly tree, two Beech trees, two Leylandii trees. Pollard the following trees to approximately one metre below SSE lines: one Beech tree, two Copper Beech trees, one Norway Maple, one Horse Chestnut tree. No objection.

16/09187/FUL – Applegate House, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Erect a rear conservatory.

16/09635/FUL – Melville Cottage, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett. Proposed 2 storey side extension and double garage.

16/09435/VAR – Variation of condition 17 of approved application 15/07201/FUL – The Glebe Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. (Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a detached 5 bed dwelling and detached garage, hard and soft landscaping and associated work) for the inclusion of a swimming pool. Approval with conditions.

16/10057/FUL – Farm Buildings at Coombe Bissett Down, Pennings Drove, Coombe Bissett. Welfare block to farm buildings. 16/10402/TCA – 2 Old Foundry Cottages, Coombe Bissett. Ash Tree - fell.
 16/10982/FUL – Penvale, Stratford Tony Road, Coombe Bissett. Single storey side and front extension to provide improved boot room plus gym and carport.
 16/11654/TCA – Felthams, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett. Raise crowns of 7 Sycamore Trees to about 25 to 30 feet.

103 Reports from representatives:

Highways and Street: C Chelu reported new Parish Stewards arrangements are now in place. Potholes in Coombe Bissett have recently been filled as requested, but WC seem to be unable to do the proper patching required in the BT trench outside of the shop and the area outside the church where a puddle accumulates in front of the Lych Gate. Although requests have been made, there is no provision for clearing gutters from Water Lane up to Rookery Cottages which are full of rotting leaves and are contributing to blocking the gully's tops, making large puddles in the A354. WC will not make any comment about the suggestion of using volunteers to do this task.

Village Hall: C Chelu reported the recent painting has been done to high standard and hall users are requested to take good care of it. Some marks are already evident. The floor has been resurfaced but will have to be re-done as it was not sanded correctly and there are ridges in it. The 5 yearly electrical safety testing has recently been carried out. The hall now has a Wi-Fi Internet connection.

Footpaths: P Crosthwaite reported that a red Land Rover has been seen driving at the top of Shutts Lane and into Gypsy Lane creating a hazard for walkers and dogs. G Bundy reported that during heavy rain he had observed good results produced by the new drain and freshly dug out grips in Pennings Drove. There is a huge improvement in the amount of rainwater being diverted away from pouring down Pennings Drove.

Police: D Rattue reported that it has been proposed by the Wiltshire Police and Crime Commissioner that there should be an increase of 1.9% in the police part of council tax. This amounts to an increase of £3.17 per year or 6p per week for the average band D property. (At present band D properties pay £167.10 a year).

104 Finance:

Income:

Cemetery fee £180.00

Outgoings:

521 SLCC – annual subscription	£67.00
522 ALCC – annual subscription	£10.00
523 SSE – Shutts Lane lamp maintenance	£246.58
524 Bawden – Cemetery hedge cutting	£508.80
525 Bawden – grass cutting November	£125.45
526 CB&H Village Hall – Homington Room hire	£48.00
527 CB&H Village Hall – AED electric	£35.00
528 Mr K Mould - cover and frame for recreation field stop cock	£25.44
529 Mr D Parson - reimbursement for flood pumps and accessories	£3275.68
530 Mr S James – reimbursement for defibrillator pads	£34.80
531 Office expenses	£455.45
532 Mrs D James – reimbursement for coombebissett.com renewal	£14.39
533 Bawden – grass cutting December	£125.45

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is £32015.64

The balance on the current account is £17234.91

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £49250.55

S Gledhill proposed, D Hobson seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 521 to 533 be paid.

105 Date of next meeting: 14th March 2017 at 7 pm.

106 The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

