

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 8th JANUARY 2019 (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. Mrs L Buckley, Mrs H Scutt, Mr R McGregor and Mr R Maycock.

80 Apologies for absence: Mr and Mrs D Simmonds, Mr and Mrs J Speirs.

81 Public question time: Mr R McGregor, representing Coombe Bissett and Homington Tennis Club asked for finance towards a portable defibrillator for use at the tennis courts. He reported that some tennis club members considered the distance to the two village defibrillators situated at the Village Hall and outside Coombe Bissett Stores was too far in the event of a cardiac emergency. Following discussion, C Chelu proposed and P Crosthwaite seconded that a contribution of £100 should be made, with the understanding that the tennis club should fund all maintenance and replacement lithium battery costs in the future. All agreed.

Mrs H Scutt described the condition of the Parish WW1 pictures. Detail in item 85.

82 Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were proposed by C Chelu, seconded by A Bird and agreed by all as a correct record.

83 Declarations of interest: G Bundy declared an interest in the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). D Rattue declared an interest in correspondence received and Stocks Bridge Lane planning application. Therefore they will not take part in any Parish Council considerations. There were no additional declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

84 Matters arising:

Neighbourhood Development Plan: The questionnaires that were distributed in November and December to residents are currently with an independent, non-villager examiner. The data is being analysed. Results and the sites identified by those who submitted a questionnaire will be presented at a public consultation meeting as soon as realistically possible. P Crosthwaite asked that she and other parish council members could see the anonymised, aggregated raw data. D Hobson as Parish Council representative on the NDP committee will convey this request.

Ebble Valley catchment flood management: P Crosthwaite reported that she has heard from the Cranborne Chase AONB representative. He related that his bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund would be confirmed or not, at the end of March. If successful there will be an opportunity for work to restore the flood meadows, old ditches and banks, that may have historically added capacity to the flood plain or aided flow dynamics. It is suggested that this might provide benefit to the frequency of surface flooding in the village.

Repairs to Footpath 6: Wiltshire Council (WC) has awarded a path improvement grant for £660, towards cost in providing a safer, wider pathway using timber supports and posts, along the first part of footpath 6 in Coombe Bissett. Tree roots will be preserved and a length of approximately 140 metres of soil will be removed but reused in the area. A couple of steps will be constructed beside the gate at the Marsh Lane end of the footpath. There has been a request for a handrail beside the steps. The Parish Councillors agreed that at present this would not be installed in order to give time to evaluate how user friendly the steps will be. A local contractor will carry out the work when weather permits.

Salt supplies: Although there is an adequate supply of salt in the village, the salt bins in Coombe Bissett have yet to be filled. R Clewer has brought this to the attention of the relevant WC officer. The Clerk will reiterate the request with WC. The Homington bin has been filled.

Dog owners' misuse of the Recreation Field: Since the ban of dogs on the Recreation Field came to an end for the winter months, the amount of dog faeces left on the grass is still evident. The dog ban is likely to be reinstated in April.

White gates on Salisbury Road: WC has approved the request for white gates on the Salisbury Road. The estimated cost will be £2000 and the Parish Council will contribute 25% of the cost.

Replacement gravel boards in the play area: Following the recent RoSPA inspection, it was advised that the gravel boards in the children's play area should be replaced. A local contractor will carry out the work soon.

85 WW1 archive pictures: Four framed pictures of local WW1 soldiers hung in the Hall foyer and are part of the village archive. Their condition has deteriorated over the years so have been taken to a specialist restorer where their backs have been cleaned; new tape applied and mounts restored where necessary. This work has cost £200, although the actual cost would have been far more, had the restorer charged for all her hours, but did not. Mrs Scutt who instigated the project explained that the choice is now to either reframe the pictures in oak at a total cost of £400 and hang them back in the Hall or other suitable village location, or store them in acid free tissue in the village archive. After debate, it was proposed by A Bird and seconded by C Chelu that the Parish Council would pay for restoration costs. All were in favour. As regards to rehanging or archive storage, Mrs Scutt will seek villager opinion. A decision to rehang and fund reframing would be made if necessary, at a future meeting.

86 Replacement notice boards adjacent to Coombe Bissett Stores: G Bundy advised that Mr K Mould has very kindly offered to make up a new notice board and repair the second board. He will only be charging for materials.

87 Clutter at the Glebe site: The Glebe site is extremely untidy and disagreeable. Ideas regarding how to improve the situation are not feasible. R Clewer reinforced the belief that WC does not have power to act and enforce a clear up programme.

88 Blackboards on the Donkey Field: There have been 2 requests for tidier boards on the Donkey Field. The Clerk will ensure blackboards are not erected for unrealistic lengths of time. The suggestion of a supporting frame was rejected. It was decided that this item would be reviewed at the next meeting when councillors have had the opportunity to scrutinize other village boards.

89 Parking on Recreation Field:

25-01-19: Sale of sales

14-02-19: Phoenix (afternoon)

14-03-19: Phoenix

90 Parking on Donkey Field:

None

91 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

Film club

Phoenix

92 Correspondence received: Request from Coombe Bissett and Homington Tennis Club for finance towards a defibrillator for use at the tennis courts. Discussed in public question time.

93 Planning:

Planning received:

18/11545/TCA – Springfield, Shepherds Close, Coombe Bissett. T1 – Apple – reduce top to previous points (by 1m) and balance crown. T2 – Apple – reduce top by 2m and balance crown. T3 – Flowering Cherry – fell to ground level. T4 – Variegated Maple – reduce top to previous points (by 2.5m) and balance crown. G1 – group of two Cypress – fell to ground level.

18/10741/VAR – Caddens, Lower Road, Homington. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 18/00525/VAR to allow for amended design including insertion of window to west elevation and additional roof light to bedroom 5.

18/11400/VAR – Caddens, Lower Road, Homington. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 17/07475/FUL to allow the use of obscure film in lieu of obscure glass and fitting of restrictors to limit opening of window to allow for natural ventilation in lieu of fixing shut.

18/11952/FUL – Campions, Stocks Bridge Lane, Coombe Bissett. Remove existing roof; form new roof with first floor; make alterations to fenestration; provide new double garage and new vehicular entrance; remove and prune trees.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

18/07206/FUL – Eastfield House, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Replace hedge, fence and gates across front of property 18/09487/TCA – Lanterns, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. 2 Beech trees – crown reduce and cut back overhanging branches.

18/09235/FUL – Land adjacent to Coombe Bissett Down Nature Reserve, Pennings Drove, Coombe Bissett. Installation of 2 compost toilets.

18/10598/FUL – Down Barn Farm, Homington. Reduction of length and height of existing cattle barn and recladding roof and walls.

94 Reports from representatives:

C Chelu (Highways) reported that Stratford Toney Road damaged surface has been referred to senior officers at WC. The white lines at the junction of Homington Road with A354 have still not been repainted, despite agreement by WC Highways. The Clerk will submit a reminder.

P Crosthwaite (Flooding) reported that the Coombe Bissett and Homington flood plan has been sent to WC.

95 Finance:

Income:

HMRC – VAT refund	£869.75
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Outgoings:

634 Mrs A Bird – reimbursement for signs	£38.28
635 Mrs D James – reimbursement for SLCC subscription	£76.00
636 CB&H Cricket Club – recreation field maintenance	£475.00
637 Bawden Managed Landscapes – grass cutting November	£127.94
638 Mrs D James – reimbursement for ink	£23.00
639 Bawden Managed Landscapes – grass cutting December	£127.94
640 CB&H Village Hall – hall hire	£48.00
641 Office expenses	£471.20

P Crosthwaite proposed, S Gledhill seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 634 to 641 be paid.

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is: £32049.03

The balance on the current account is: £13922.58

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £45971.61

96 Date of next meeting: 12th March 2019.

97 The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

