

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM. ON TUESDAY 10th July 2012 (unconfirmed)**

Present: Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, Rev W Cole, J Gregory, C Chelu, P Crosthwaite, R Cox.
D James (Clerk). Mrs P Pratt, T White.

20 Apologies for Absence: None received.

21 Public question time: None.

22 Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were proposed by W Cole, seconded by R Cox and approved subject to an amendment to Jubilee celebrations: "C Chelu reported that the event was largely organised and if everyone did what they said they would do, it should go well."

23 Declarations of interest: The parish councillors declared an interest in all the planning applications.

24 Matters arising:

Jubilee celebrations - update: The Parish Council expressed their congratulations to the Jubilee Committee. Thanks to Abigail Bird for organising the cricket, to Brenda Macey and her team for lunch, to the flower ladies and to Keith at the Fox and Goose for the quiz. 252 Jubilee mugs were sold and there are 10 left available to purchase. £106 from the Jubilee fund and ticket sales has been refunded following expenses, which will be divided between the Parish Council and the Coombe Bissett Express.

Diamond Jubilee Orchard - where now: Following discussion, a single tree will be planted on the Old Hut site. W Cole has kindly offered to organise site clearance. Proposed by D Hobson and seconded by R Cox. All voted in favour, other than C Chelu who abstained. There is no decision on tree location in Homington. D Hobson will consult with Homington Jubilee committee members. W Cole suggested Homington Churchyard as it is the only suitable public land.

Parish Plan: The Council thanked J Gregory and P Crosthwaite for their contribution to the Parish Plan. The Parish Plan will continue to be on the Parish Council agenda but its basis should be what the villagers want and community led projects. There should be decisions on priorities. D Hobson proposed and W Cole seconded to accept the document. All agreed. The Parish Plan will be published on the village website once the map has been included. Free limited paper copies will be available in Coombe Bissett Stores later, when the map has been included.

Speed Indicator Devices: The Metrocount on the Blandford side of the A354 has resulted in qualification for a Speed Indicator Device (SID). The result of the Metrocount on the Salisbury side of the A354 is still awaited.

Homington junctions: D Hobson has acquired £2000 from the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) to put towards traffic calming measures in Homington. There are plans to place a "gateway" feature at the Coombe Bissett end of Homington, together with "slow" signs painted on the road in buff coloured textured paint. 12 trained volunteers have been recruited for community speedwatch. D Hobson has verbal commitment from CATG for further financial support next year. Total costs for measures could be £6000. CATG have requested £260 contribution from the Parish Council. D Hobson proposed a sum of £1500 should be set aside as a contingency for payments this and next year. Seconded by W Cole. All agreed. The traffic and tree officer will not recommend tree cutting.

Archives: A location for archive storage has been referred back to the Village Hall Committee as there is not space in the print room. There was consideration for finding an archivist. The Parish Clerk will apply for a grant from the Southern Wiltshire Area Board towards costs of an archive cupboard.

Bus shelter at the Fox and Goose: There is no funding at present so this will be reconsidered when funding is available.

Graffiti on playground kick wall: C Chelu has attempted to clean with little success. There has been no further damage. He suggested painting over and has kindly volunteered to carry out the work. Proposed by W Cole and seconded by J Gregory. All in favour.

Chalk pit site: This is on the agenda at the Wiltshire Cabinet meeting on 10 September. D Hobson will attend.

Authorised signatories: Almost complete but delayed due to Nat West computer crash.

25 Rights of Way: Southern Wiltshire Area Board has identified footpaths as a theme for 2012/13. D Hobson is our point of contact. Coombe Bissett and Homington have a description of paths and rights of way, which will be sent to Wiltshire Council. There is area board funding for ongoing maintenance and gate or stile replacement. Following discussion it was decided to request funding for a replacement gate on Footpath 2 to Stratford Tony. Proposed by J Gregory and seconded by P Crosthwaite. The Clerk will apply.

26 Winter preparations: Wiltshire Council will be issuing salt again this year. Homington salt is stored in a dry barn and delegated people would distribute. Coombe Bissett salt will be stored in the village pound. C Chelu agreed to be snow warden.

27 The Localism Act 2011: New regulations make it mandatory for Councillors to register disclosable pecuniary interests. Instructions for on line registration of interests were issued to Councillors.

28 Parking on recreation field – requests:

12-07-12 School afternoon

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13-07-12 School afternoon

18-07-12-20-07-12 School events

20-07-12 Rural Arts

09-08-12 Phoenix

11-08-12 Lunch party

29 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

15-09-12 Flower Show

30 Correspondence received:

Parish newsletters passed to Pippa Crosthwaite

Nat West bank statements.

Bobby Van News

Playscape children's playground equipment

Community First – invitation to renew membership

Audit Commission – proposal to appoint Grant Thornton to audit annual returns

Community Infrastructure Levy

Vacancy on new police and crime panel

Footpath map

31 Planning received:

S/2012/689 Tree Conservation Area. 1x walnut overall reduction up to 25%. The Old Vicarage, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Approved.

S/2012/690 Tree Conservation Area. Remove all trees in the garden that are planted along the road frontage with the exception of Ash tree. Bridge House, Coombe Bissett. Approved.

S/2012/698 Full. The Old Vicarage, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Erection of 2 detached bungalows with garages. Withdrawn

S/2012/686 Full. Bibury Club Ltd., Race Plain, Netherhampton. Full extension to south and east elevations and erection of ticket office. (Cross parish application.)

S/2012/705 Full. Malthouse Cottage, Homington Road, Homington. Alterations and extensions to rear of property. Approved.

S/2012/757 Full. 3 The Rookery, Coombe Bissett. Rear conservatory.

32 Finance:

Current account balance: £16448.36

Income:

VAT refund: £126.85

Clerk's bursary: £37.50
CB and H Express (Jubilee mugs) £188.50
Refund from B Woolnough (Jubilee expenses) £106.87

Outgoings:

277 A Lack Parish Plan expenses £25.00
278 Mrs D James re-imburement for Parish Plans £24.60
279 W Cole re-imburement for Jubilee mugs £226.20
280 Office expenses £429.18
281 CB PCC Village maps for welcome packs £45.00

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is £5991.36. The total of the two accounts is therefore £22439.70
W Cole proposed, R Cox seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 277 to 281 be paid.

33 Reports from representatives:

School representative: There are 86 on the roll. Term5 was a busy term with the highlight being the Jubilee, even though the actual event was in half term the children very much appreciated being included in the village celebrations. Before half term the school invited guests from the village to a very good 1950's tea party, and also made some contributions to a special Jubilee display in Salisbury Library. Valerie Taylor visited the school for an afternoon and the children in years five and six were fascinated by her talk. In school it has been the season for SAT tests. The results are not quite complete yet but they are so far encouraging. Term6 has started very well and the children's lessons have included external visiting teachers and creative project work. This term there is a small cohort of leavers in Year6 who will be transferring to Trafalgar, Bishop Wordsworth, Burgate School and other schools in the Salisbury area.

34 Date of next meeting: 11th September 2012 7pm.

35 The meeting closed at 8.45pm.