

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 16th July 2013 (unconfirmed).**

Present: Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, Rev W Cole, C Chelu, P Crosthwaite, R Cox and S Gledhill. Mrs D James (Clerk). Mr G Bundy.

24 Apologies for absence: Mrs P Pratt.

25 Public question time: None.

26 Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were proposed by W Cole, seconded by S Gledhill and agreed by all as a correct record.

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

28 Matters arising:

Old Hut Site: W Cole reported that the Sarsen stone has been sited and a plaque will be fitted shortly.

Parish Plan update: No update.

Speed Indicator Devices: S Gledhill attended the recent Community Area Traffic Group (CATG) meeting and reported that Coombe Bissett will be allocated just one Speed Indicator Device (SID), to be installed on the A354. It should be used in turn on either side of the A354. It was agreed that the SID should initially be installed on the Blandford to Salisbury side. The Clerk will inform the Southern Area Board of this decision. C Chelu enquired about the option of purchasing our own SID. The Council decided to wait and assess how effective the SID proves to be. There has been some parishioner interest in participation of Community Speedwatch in Coombe Bissett. The Clerk will make enquiries into organising training for this.

Homington traffic: S Gledhill reported that at the recent CATG meeting, Homington traffic calming measures had been categorised as “priority 1” and this would be moved forward at the next CATG meeting on 30 July.

Homington Commemorative Trees: S Gledhill reported that the avenue of trees is growing well and a plaque will be purchased.

Affordable housing in Coombe Bissett: D Hobson reported that there are no further developments or updates.

Footpath on Stratford Tony Road: The Parish Council awaits completion of traffic calming measures in Homington before this proposal is submitted to the Southern Area Board.

Overgrowth problems in Coombe Bissett: Brambles and ivy have been cleared along the area adjacent to the beech tree.

Dog fouling: P Crosthwaite reported an improvement in Coombe Bissett, particularly along Homington Road.

29 Emergency planning information: Following an emergency planning exercise undertaken by D Hobson, C Chelu, R Cox, S Gledhill, Mrs D James, Mrs T Chelu and S James the importance of some useful information was highlighted, which could be essential during extreme winter weather. It is proposed to formalise this knowledge and produce an advice booklet to be distributed through the Express this autumn. C Chelu and the Clerk will prepare a draft copy in time for the September meeting.

30 Beech tree pruning: Over hanging branches on the beech tree require some professional pruning. The Clerk will organise the work. A Parishioner has requested the fence which surrounds the beech tree is replaced by something smaller and lower. The Council agreed the present fence should not be replaced.

31 The War Memorial: Some repair work is required and the lettering needs cleaning and re-painting. Grants are available which will be applied for. It was proposed by S Gledhill that £1000 is allocated to supplement any grant funding to cover costs. W Cole seconded and all in agreement. Mr and Mrs Rupert van der Horst and Mr Bertie Woolnough have kindly offered their advice and support.

32 Council delegation to the Clerk: C Chelu reported that at his recent councillor training evening, he learnt that some councils delegate a certain amount of financial spending to the clerk without council authorisation. The Clerk responded by expressing she did not require this facility and the current system worked well.

33 Request for improvement to footpath 4: A Parishioner has requested improvements to the east end of the old water cress beds and on the northern end of Stocksbridge Lane with replacement gates and improvements over the adjacent ditch. D Rattue and the Clerk will carry out a thorough inspection of the areas and the Clerk will liaise with Wiltshire Council's Rights of Ways officer and the Southern Area Board. Another parishioner has offered a gate and any grant available will be applied for.

34 Parking on Recreation Field – requests:

20-07-13: Private party
21-07-13: Cricket afternoon
27-07-13: Wedding reception
08-08-13: Phoenix
11-08-13: Cricket afternoon
17-08-13: Wedding reception
18-08-13: Cricket afternoon
25-08-13: Cricket afternoon
06-09-13: Friends of CB School Happy Circus (until 6am 7-9-13)
08-09-13: Cricket afternoon
12-09-13: Phoenix
16-09-13: Garden Club
22-09-13: Private function 8-6
05-10-13: Wedding reception

35 Parking on Donkey Field – requests:

20-07-13 – 21-07-13: Imeson wedding

36 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

No requests

37 Correspondence received:

Nat West bank statements
Southern Wiltshire – Our Community Matters
Kompan play equipment summer sale

38 Planning:

Planning received:

S/2012/1671 - Middle Farm Homington. Erection of 1 x two bed dwelling and 1 x three bed dwelling with creation of new access and alteration of existing access. Objection by Parish Council.

13/00543/TCA – The Glebe, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. 1 Willow 40% reduction.

13/00766/S73 – Land adjacent to Ebble Cottage, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Vary condition 1 of S/2010/0889 (construction of a new bungalow with integral double garage) to extend the time to implement the permission.

13/00593/Full – Coombe Bissett Distribution Site, Stratford Tony Road, Coombe Bissett. Construction of new booster station on the line of an existing gravity water main that runs from the Compton Down reservoir to the village of Coombe Bissett.

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.

13/01281/Full – Overchalke, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Extension to existing rear conservatory.

13/01283/Full – Angle Down, Stratford Tony Road, Coombe Bissett. Single storey extensions and associated alterations.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

13/00207/Full - Hunters Chase Rockbourne Road Coombe Bissett. Single storey extension.

13/00216/Full - Westmead Barbers Lane Homington. Erection of 2 bay detached garage.

13/00472/Full – Coombe Bissett School, Shutts Lane, Coombe Bissett. Extension to form larger classroom, covered canopies and amphitheatre. Approved with conditions.

39 Reports from representatives:

Police report: D Rattue reported on the closure of Salisbury Police Station. The Police and Crime Commissioner is visiting Salisbury to explain and answer questions. D Rattue reported that the custody unit will stay open until April 2014 but the other units will be closed by November 2013.

School report: W Cole reported that the summer term concluded with 96 pupils on the roll and it is anticipated that there shall be the same number in September. From September our Head teacher, Debbie Cockrean, will be leading both Coombe Bissett Primary School and Longford Primary School. This will give her and the Governors the opportunity to explore ways the two schools could work more closely together in the future. This will enable both schools to support each other and work together to continue to develop high quality provision for both the villages Primary Schools.

Community Stewards report: C Chelu reported Parish Stewards have been renamed as Community Stewards. Parish Councils should have just one point of contact and it has been decided that should be the Clerk. Parish Councils can request a community day when a team will arrive to work in the area on a number of issues and Parish Councils can ask for changes to their work rotas.

Playground report: C Chelu reported he and Steve James had repaired a hole (probably caused by an animal) in the playground.

Village Hall report: C Chelu reported he and Don Morgan had laid a concrete path linking the school site with the village hall car park.

40 Finance:

Income:

Bank interest: £1.21

Outgoings:

320 Office expenses:	£411.30
321 WALC - Councillor training	£42.00
322 Ian Morrell - Village jobs	£22.50
323 Bawden Landscapes grass cutting - May	£122.68
324 Bawden Landscapes grass cutting - June	£122.68
325 W Cole - Reimbursement for Old Hut Site panel	£128.40

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is £11996.11

The balance on the current account is £11508.32

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £23504.43

D Hobson proposed, C Chelu seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 320 - 325 be paid.

41 Date of next meeting: 10th September 2013 at 7pm.

42 The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

