

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 7th JULY 2015 (unconfirmed).**

Present: Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, C Chelu, P Crosthwaite, A Bird and G Bundy. Mrs D James (Clerk). Mr and Mrs D Simmonds, Mr C Baughan, Mrs L Buckley. Unitary Councillor J Johnson.

25 Apologies for absence: Cllr S Gledhill, Mrs P Pratt, Mr R Maycock.

26 Public question time: Mr Baughan explained that he and several other parishioners had complained and were disappointed that sprayed weed killing along the Pennings Drove verges had taken place in April. The length of Pennings Drove from the bottom to the Nature Reserve has been affected and the wild flowers have been ruined. The Parish Council hopes that the offender will read this, take note and result in their conscience being stirred so that this episode is not repeated.

27 Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were proposed by C Chelu, seconded by P Crosthwaite and agreed by all as a correct record.

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

29 Matters arising:

Council housing in Coombe Bissett: Wiltshire Council recently advised that a number of issues have arisen which are taking time to resolve. The original tender price was higher than first agreed so revised approval was needed. The time scale for wayleave works to divert electric cables could not be guaranteed and the contractors withdrew their tender so the tendering process has been recommenced. It is anticipated by Wiltshire Council, that work on site should commence in November 2015 and completion by July 2016.

Solar Park on land at Bake Farm: A further 2 requests in addition to previous enquiries to British Solar Renewables have been made, reminding them of their verbal and written assurance of a circa £15k per annum index linked community benefit. There has been no response. It was proposed and agreed the Clerk should write again but this time inform various other personnel.

Repairs to Stocks Bridge Lane: In an effort to deflect water away from Stocks Bridge Lane, members of the Parish Council had a meeting with a representative from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) to discuss the options of alternative drainage to redirect some rainwater towards Shutts Lane. The suggestion of a pipe under the drive way could not be funded by WWT but they will consider installing a small drain leading off the tyre tracks adjacent to the car park. A quote for a pipe installation will be obtained. The Clerk will write to Wiltshire Council asking when the agreed water deflecting tarmac bunds will be laid in Pennings Drove.

Bus shelter in Coombe Bissett: There has been no response from the CEO of the lease holder company of the Fox and Goose following a request for reconsideration to erect a bus shelter on pub car park land. This follows refusal for permission due to lease and insurance restrictions. The Clerk will discuss with landlord Keith Smith and contact the freeholder again.

Cemetery gates: The new Cemetery gates have been fitted. Thanks and appreciation goes to Ken Mould who carried out the work and charged for materials only.

Coombe Bissett phone kiosk: It was agreed that the kiosk, which has been adopted, should be used as a children's library. The Parish Council are very grateful to Mrs Nicky Green who has agreed to keep the kiosk tidy. G Bundy said he would arrange for the Chav's to fix suitable shelving and the Clerk would talk to Mrs Green about the books.

Recreation field maintenance: A Bird has researched possible contractors with a view to replacing bark chippings and membrane, together with carrying out climbing frame net and deck maintenance. Urgent fence repairs and play area maintenance have been completed. There have been reports of an increase in dog mess in the recreation field. This is particularly distressing during mowing periods when the grounds man is exposed to churned excrement. Bags of dog mess have also been deposited in hedgerows. Bags and 2 bins are available for disposal in the recreation field so it is expected offenders make use of these. A beech tree planted to celebrate the Jubilee has died. The Clerk will investigate replacement.

20 mph zone in Coombe Bissett: Wiltshire Council has recently reported that it is anticipated that the work to install the 20 mph limit should be carried out by April 2016.

Wiltshire housing site allocations development plan: A recent email has been received from Woolley and Wallis explaining that Redcliffe Homes are planning a public consultation exercise about the potential development site on the field south of Thorne Close which runs between the A354 and Homington Road, but are unable to give a date at present. There is a further consultation document on line, regarding the Wiltshire housing site allocations development plan and the Parish Council will be submitting their response before the closing date of 12th August. J Johnson advised Parish Councillors to contact a Wiltshire Council senior planning officer. This was noted and will be acted on. There are now several other sites submitted for consideration through the strategic housing land availability assessment process. A map of these can be found on the Parish Council notice boards and on the Parish Council web site.

Grant opportunity for flood affected communities: Offers for grants by the energy company SSE towards community items such as satellite phones have been investigated by D Rattue. He stated that because of satisfactory Parish Council financial reserves it is not appropriate to apply at this time.

Use of recreation field for marquees for non villagers: Following discussion and review it was decided and agreed by all that any revenue earned by charging non villagers for marquee erection on the recreation field could be retained by the Village Hall account. The Clerk will write to the Chairman of the Village Hall committee and the Treasurer.

Weed killing in Pennings Drove: Covered in public question time.

30 Neighbourhood plan: A Neighbourhood Plan is a tool for local people to ensure they get the right types of development for their community. It can only include proposals for an equal or greater amount of growth than is set out in the local authority's development plan. It is not a process the Parish Council has the capacity or expertise to put together. A committee of 21 is needed if a parish council does not lead it. If there are any volunteers who would be prepared to lead this project please contact a member of the Parish Council.

31 No through road sign – bottom of Pennings Drove: G Bundy reported that he has been informed that satellite navigation is misleading cars up Pennings Drove. A no through road sign has been asked for by a resident living at the top. The Clerk will contact Wiltshire Highways with the request.

32 Dustbin stickers showing speed limits: G Bundy enquired about this option on behalf of Community Speed Watch. The Parish Council did not support it.

33 Fly tipping in Shutts Lane: There has been an increase in fly tipping in Coombe Bissett and the Homington area. The sites have been reported repeatedly. Wiltshire Council has stated delays in clearance have been unavoidable. J Johnson responded that he would take up this issue with Wiltshire Council.

34 Road name signs on Homington Road at junction with A354: G Bundy explained that the signs have become very fragile and the timber needs replacing. He conveyed that it was a Chav job, which he would organise.

35 Coombe Bissett drainage: Mr M Pearce contacted the Parish Council with suggestions for flood improvement. The Parish Councillors thanked him for his interest and will report the drain and gulleys mentioned to Wiltshire Council for clearance when the Vactor unit visits. The Clerk will respond to other recommendations.

36 Parking on Recreation Field:

09-07-15: Phoenix
11-07-15: Dance class
12-07-15: Cricket
18-07-15: Private evening party
19-07-15: Cricket
20-07-15: Garden club
01-08-15: Wedding
08-08-15: Wedding
09-08-15: Cricket
13-08-15: Phoenix
16-08-15: Cricket
17-08-15: Garden club
22-08-15: Wedding
23-08-15: Cricket
29-08-15: Dance class
30-08-15: Cricket

37 Parking on Donkey Field:

01-08-15: Wedding

38 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

15-08-15: Craft and Heritage festival
23-08-15: Drama club auditions

39 Correspondence received:

Thank you from Community Heartbeat Trust for £25 donation

40 Planning:

Planning received:

15/04771/FUL – Lower Coombe Farm, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. A single storey extension to an existing residential dwelling, double garage and rear extension.

15/04430/FUL – Lanterns (formerly Longhovel), Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Demolition of existing garage. Creation of new access and parking including re-levelling, retaining walls and landscaping. New detached car port with storage under.

15/04880/FUL – Old Rectory House, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Remove existing conservatory and erect 2 storey extension on east elevation, loft conversion including 3 dormers to west elevation and associated alterations.

15/04796/PNTEL – Hillcrest Boarding Kennels, Coombe Bissett. Replacement of 3 existing antennas, install 2 new equipment cabinets and ancillary development.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

15/04035/FUL – The Paddocks, Homington Road, Homington. Replace existing porch with oak framed porch and erection of single bay oak framed garage.

15/04666/FUL – Coombe Farm Buildings, Coombe Bissett. Demolition of former dairy building and erection of replacement buildings for b1a and b8 use.

41 Reports from representatives: Police report: D Rattue reported that it has been confirmed that Salisbury will not have a custody suite. Currently the suite is at Melksham and it is planned that it will be moved to Warminster in about 2 years time.

42 Finance:**Income:**

HMRC – VAT refund	£861.09
CB&H Express – defibrillator donation	£400.00
CB&H Express – War Memorial donation	£250.00
Wiltshire Council – 106 fund reimbursement for recreation field items	£1149.88

Outgoings:

438 Chris Brown Day Centre – donation	£50.00
439 Ken Mould – Cemetery gates (materials only)	£486.40
440 Bawden Landscapes – April grass cutting	£125.45
441 Grant Thornton – audit fee	£120.00
442 S James – reimbursement for notice board cork	£18.72
443 S James – reimbursement for dog fouling signs	£15.00
444 Bawden Landscapes May grass cutting	£125.45
445 Office expenses	£419.84
446 Ian Morrell – Recreation field maintenance and repairs	£54.00

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is £12005.73

The balance on the current account is £15680.62

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £27686.35

C Chelu proposed, G Bundy seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 438 to 446 be paid.

43 Date of next meeting: 8th September 2015 at 7 pm.

44 The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.