

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 12th JULY 2016 (unconfirmed).**

Present: Councillors: D Rattue, C Chelu, P Crosthwaite, S Gledhill, A Bird and G Bundy. Mrs D James (Clerk). Mrs L Buckley, Mr and Mrs D Simmonds, Mr and Mrs D Hewlett.

29 Apologies for absence: Cllr. D Hobson, Wiltshire Cllr. J Johnson, Mr and Mrs J Speirs.

30 Public question time: No questions.

31 Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were proposed by C Chelu, seconded by G Bundy and agreed by all as a correct record. The minutes of the additional parish council meeting were proposed by G Bundy, seconded by A Bird and agreed by all as a correct record.

32 Declarations of interest: D Rattue declared an interest in Pennings Drove drainage 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.

33 Matters arising:

Pennings Drove drainage: Installation of a French drain by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust should be completed by the autumn. Wiltshire Council has agreed to carry out a wet weather inspection in order to assess where further grips could be dug. The Clerk will contact Wiltshire Council to check progress. Ron West has helpfully dug out the Pennings Drove grip by the nature reserve and the drain close to the Baptist Chapel. The Parish Council gave thanks.

Wiltshire housing site allocations development plan: There has been no information from developers regarding a public consultation exercise about the potential development site on the field south of Thorne Close, which runs between the A354 and Homington Road. There has been no further notification regarding the expected time line for the draft plan by Wiltshire Council.

Neighbourhood plan: There has been no response to the Express advertisement asking for someone to lead a neighbourhood plan and no one has come forward.

34 Beech tree palings: It was proposed by C Chelu that the broken beech tree palings could be replaced by three posts and a rail on which notices could be attached to. All approved his suggestion and he will coordinate with Mr Chris Baughan and Mr John Hopkins who have kindly agreed to carry out the work. It was agreed that cost should be £100 approximately.

35 Drove Lane sign: Because Wiltshire Council were unable to give assurance when or if the Drove Lane name sign would be replaced as it was not considered a priority, Mr Eddie Hopkins produced and fitted a sign. However Wiltshire Council have now installed a new sign. The Parish Council are appreciative to Mr Hopkins for his work.

36 Parish Council policies: The Society of Local Council Clerks recommend that Parish Councils have certain agreed policies in place. The councillors agreed that complaints procedure, health and safety policy and emergency clerical planning policy are all adopted.

37 Replacement defibrillator pads: The pads necessary for use with the defibrillators situated outside Coombe Bissett Stores, the Village Hall and Homington bus shelter need replacing every 2 years. Although there is sufficient money in the defibrillator account for this year's replacement pads, the Clerk requested that the Parish Council would fund pads in the future. A Bird proposed, C Chelu seconded and it was agreed unanimously that replacement pads would be financed.

38 Community benefit fund: A one-off good will gift of £20,000 has been given by British Solar Renewables, developers of the solar park constructed at Bake Farm. Criteria will be published on the village web site, in the Express and parish council notice boards to enable village groups, organisations or individuals to apply for a grant or offer ideas. It is intended the fund will be spent on a substantial, innovative project that will provide long-term benefits to villagers.

39 Dog mess on the Recreation Field: The persistent problem of dog faeces on the recreation field has not improved despite clear signage, requests to pick up and bins available. The grounds man has been seriously affected because when he mows he is contaminated by splattered excrement. Faeces are regularly left across the entire field, including the cricket crease and the children's play area, which presents a potential health risk and is an antisocial act. G Bundy proposed that entrances to the recreation field are secured and gated so that dogs are unable to enter without their owners. He offered to obtain quotes for gates and notices.

40 C12 Stratford Tony Road corner: C Chelu stated following a collision in January on the Stratford Tony Road he brought to the attention of Wiltshire Council the problem of narrowing of the road at certain points and noting there is a tendency for vehicles to move towards the middle of the road when travelling towards Stratford Tony. He suggested that the kerb should be moved back by half a metre or a white line painted down the centre of the road just around the bends. After attending a meeting of the Wiltshire Council Community Area Traffic Group he was informed that the kerbing couldn't be moved and to paint a white centre line, which would require road closure, would cost an estimated £2500. The Parish Council would be asked to contribute £800 of the cost. The Councillors agreed that C Chelu should respond to Wiltshire Council asking them to reconsider movement of the kerb and informing them that the Parish Council should not be asked to contribute to a Highways issue.

41 Homington Road flooding: Following a request to Wiltshire Council to lay a kerb to protect the verge and drainage ditch from further erosion adjacent to Shergold Cottages in Homington Road, it was agreed by Wiltshire Council Community Area Traffic Group to carry out the work at a cost of £7500 subject to the Parish Council contributing £3000. The councillors decided this contribution was too much and that a 10% contribution of £750 was manageable. C Chelu will liaise with Wiltshire Council.

42 Transportable diesel pump: Mr David Parson has informed the Parish Council that following a survey by an independent drainage engineer he has been advised that a transportable diesel powered pump in order to force flood water from Homington Road into a temporary surface pipe next to his house down to the river is likely to be the best solution in the event of another flood. Mr Parson has offered to research types of pumps and costs. The Clerk will apply for a grant from SSE when the opportunity becomes available this summer. A transportable pump could be used to benefit villagers throughout the parish.

43 A354 possible drain improvement work: Along a stretch of the A354 south of the village, outside Southdene and Eastfield House there is a dip in the road which accumulates rain water and creates a lake during heavy rain so that water washes down both drives and causes a flood as cars travel along the road. There is a drain outside the houses that would benefit from being made larger with a grill cover, to allow an increase in water drainage and reduce the risk of flooding. The Clerk will write to Wiltshire Highways and drainage.

44 Caravan rally in the Recreation Field: The Clerk has been contacted by the Retired Caravanners Association with a request to park up to 20 caravans on the recreation field next year for 9 days. Discussion has taken place with the Cricket Club and the Parish Council has decided to agree in principle, with the condition that the days don't clash with school time, that chemicals used are safe for disposal and if the field is too wet then the event must be cancelled.

45 Parking on Recreation Field:

13-07-16: School

14-07-16: Phoenix

16-07-16: Private party

17-07-16: Cricket

20-07-16: School

23-07-16: Flower show

30-07-16: Wedding
31-07-16: Cricket
07-08-16: Cricket
11-08-16: Phoenix
14-08-16: Cricket
15-08-16: Garden Club
21-08-16: Cricket
28-08-16: Cricket
03-09-16: Wedding
04-09-16: Cricket
08-09-16: Phoenix
11-09-16: Cricket
19-09-16: Garden Club
24-09-16: Wedding
25-09-16: Wedding

46 Parking on Donkey Field:

30-07-16: Wedding
24-09-16: Wedding

47 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

15-07-16: School fete
23-07-16: Flower Show

48 Correspondence received:

Request for donation towards church bell maintenance – £50 contribution agreed by all.
Centenary Fields Project invitation.

49 Planning:

Planning received:

16/02192/FUL – Huron (Shutts House), Shutts Lane, Coombe Bissett. Retrospective application for the filling in of existing drive to front of dwelling. Regrading of land to side of dwelling to allow vehicular access.

16/04717/FUL – Land opposite May Cottage, Homington. Proposed new cattle shelter. Withdrawn.

16/03432/TCA – Lanterns, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. T1 - Beech – remove upright stem protruding from canopy back down in line with the rest of the tree/hedge. T2 – Poplar – reduce limb growing over neighbours garden by approximately 2m, back to suitable growth point. G1 – 2 semi mature Beech – crown reduce by approximately 2/3m, to suitable growth points and reshape.

16/04971/FUL – 3 Tottens Farm Cottages, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Outbuilding for workshop/studio.

16/06379/TCA – Meads Cottage, Shepherds Close, Coombe Bissett. G1 – Row of Yew and other evergreen trees. 3 x Yew – reduce by approximately 3m in height and reshape. Fell 1 Cypress. Fell 1 Elder.

16/05448/CLP – Huminga, Homington. Stationing of a mobile home for use as a granny annexe.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

16/03287/FUL – Spinneys, Pennings Drove, Coombe Bissett. Single storey side extension, porch canopy extension, timber cladding to east elevation and extended pergola and terrace.

16/03408/FUL – Cranborne Farm Bungalow, Coombe Bissett. Change of use of agricultural grazing to equine grazing.

16/04027/TCA – Springfield, Shepherds Close, Coombe Bissett. Laurel tree – fell.

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16/03764/FUL – Lower Farm, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Proposed single storey side extension.

16/03939/FUL – Lanterns, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Proposed demolition of existing garage and creation of new access and parking, including re-levelling, retaining walls and landscaping and new car port (Amendments to 15/04430/FUL).

16/04381/FUL – Huron (Shutts House), Shutts Lane, Coombe Bissett. Rendering of existing brickwork. Erection of porch and balconies.

50 Reports from representatives: None submitted.

51 Finance:

Income: Nil

Outgoings:

494 Chris Brown Day Centre – donation	£50.00
495 Bawden Landscapes – May grass cutting	£125.45
496 Mrs D James – reimbursement for PC contribution towards Queen’s 90 th event	£275.00
497 Mr C Baughan – notice board materials and strimmer course expenses	£67.30
498 Mr S James – strimmer course expenses	£31.20
499 Bawden Landscape – June grass cutting	£125.45
500 Office expenses	£509.95

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is £12010.85

The balance on the current account is £14686.55

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £26697.40

S Gledhill proposed, P Crosthwaite seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 494 to 500 be paid.

52 Date of next meeting: 13th September 2016 at 7 pm.

53 The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

