

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 18th JULY 2017 (unconfirmed).**

Present: Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, C Chelu, S Gledhill, A Bird and G Bundy. Mrs D James (Clerk). Wiltshire Councillor R Clewer. 66 members of the public attending the Bundy field presentation and 25 at the Parish Council meeting.

22 Apologies for absence: Cllr. P Crosthwaite.

23 Public question time: A Blandford Road resident stressed the lack of progress by Wiltshire Council (WC) in relation to agreed drain improvements along part of the A354. The Clerk reported that WC had again been reminded since the last meeting, with a response that funding and priority were reasons for delay. R Clewer advised he would speak to relevant personnel to expedite the work. Ms K Byatt from Homington Road expressed concerns about excessive speeding in her area, which was then discussed in detail later in the meeting.

24 Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were proposed by S Gledhill, seconded by C Chelu and agreed by all as a correct record.

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

26 Matters arising:

Development in the Bundy Field: Prior to the Parish Council meeting there was a presentation by Mr Nick Yeo, a director at Blue Cedar Homes, which specialise in retirement properties. 66 members of the public attended. He stated it is proposed that up to 15 retirement homes would be built with possibly additional affordable or starter homes. Access would come from the Blandford Road. Development of parking areas for the school, the village hall and the church would be included and there would be a public open space or village green also. G Bundy left the Parish Council meeting during debate. R Clewer explained that a planning application would not be considered by a planning officer but would be decided by the planning committee. As the site is outside of the housing policy boundary, the application could only be approved if the majority of the villagers supported it. For this he recommended a housing needs assessment in conjunction with a neighbourhood development plan.

Wiltshire housing site allocations development plan: It has been announced by WC that all Coombe Bissett and Homington strategic housing land availability assessment (SHLAA) sites have been eliminated in the draft plan. A WC on line consultation is now under way for any comments. This can be accessed through the parish council page of the village website.

Neighbourhood development plan: D Hobson reported before the Bundy field presentation, that the Coombe Bissett Neighbourhood Plan Committee had outlined key issues and defined objectives. There is an awareness that a NDP is not solely concerned with housing but should take into account business and local services. Following the SHLAA decision it has been decided by the committee to review developments after the summer.

Community benefit fund: Further proposals would be very welcome. Please contact a Parish Council member with any ideas or suggestions for an innovative project with long-term benefits to villagers. £16000 is still available.

Homington Road flooding: C Chelu attended the recent Community Area Traffic Group (CATG) meeting, where the construction of a kerb adjacent to Shergold Cottages to prevent flooding was discussed. It has been priced at £7500. The Parish Council was asked to contribute £3000. The offer of £1000 by the Parish Council was rejected. The issue may be revisited if the Parish Council can increase their contribution. All agreed this was not an option.

A354 possible drain improvement work: This item was discussed during public question time. Richard Clewer will be supporting acceleration of the work.

Council housing in Coombe Bissett: Vicky Smith WC commissioning officer and John Walker WC lettings manager reported that the 4 new homes should be completed by early spring 2018. Houses will be allocated during February. Those who wish to apply must register as soon as possible on the Homes4Wiltshire website. J Walker explained that it is likely people with local connections will be assigned a home.

Stocks Bridge Lane repair work: D Hobson chaired this item as D Rattue has declared an interest. The Clerk has recently spoken to the contractor and work will be commencing shortly. Residents will be notified of the commencement date as soon as this is known. All contributions are now secure.

Grant opportunity for outdoor community equipment: During May and June the Tesco token scheme took place. Out of 3 schemes, Coombe Bissett received the second most tokens so will be allocated second grant of £2000. This will be used to buy some adult fitness equipment to be situated on the recreation field.

Cemetery wall repairs: Work on repairing the cemetery wall has been completed by K Mould and Sons.

Repair of stiles footpath 4: The WC Rights of Way Officer has investigated this area following an observation from a resident. WC will contact the landowner to request improvements and pruning of vegetation.

New gates to the Recreation Field: The gates have been fitted and installed.

On line banking for the Parish Council: The Clerk now has access to on line banking. An online banking policy will be submitted. Cheques will still be written whenever possible.

27 Grass cutting along Stratford Tony Road: As a result of a complaint by a resident that the grass verge along the first part of Stratford Tony Road had become overgrown and poorly managed by WC, it was proposed by D Hobson and seconded by S Gledhill that the verge could be cut on a very temporary basis by the Parish Council contractors. All agreed.

28 Metrocount on the Blandford Road: A recent Metrocount carried out at the end of June on vehicles travelling into Coombe Bissett on the Blandford Road within the 30 mph speed limit showed the average speed was 37.4 mph. The 85th percentile was 45.4 mph (the 85th percentile is the speed at which 85% of the traffic is travelling at or below). This result of over 42 mph means the area is subject to police enforcement and is outside of the criteria for community speed watch (CSW). The Councillors agreed that the Parish Council makes the police aware of this result and that WC assess signage with a view to making changes.

29 Speeding in Homington Road: Ms Byatt reported that a recent Metrocount close to her home in Homington Road showed vehicles travelling of speeds of up to 56 mph in a 20 mph area. She is now a CSW volunteer, but thinks CSW is not the solution in this area. It was agreed the police should be made aware. The problem has been referred to WC CATG. A highways engineer has agreed to visit the site, to get an understanding and then be able to discuss suggestions with residents and the Parish Council.

30 Grant opportunity from SSE: SSE have further grants available for community resilience purposes. Following the success of a grant for flood pumps last year, the Parish Council will apply for a second grant in order to purchase emergency equipment.

31 Parking on Recreation Field:

20-07-17: Film night

30-07-17: Cricket

06-08-17: Cricket

10-08-17: Phoenix

17-08-17: Film night
20-08-17: Cricket
27-08-17: Cricket
02-09-17: Wedding
03-09-17: Cricket
09-09-17: Flower show
10-09-17: Cricket

32 Parking on Donkey Field:

05-08-17: Private event

33 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

Film club
Phoenix
Flower show

34 Correspondence received:

Thank you letters from Julian Johnson and from Eric Macey.
Wiltshire Wildlife Trust newsletter.
Donation request from Chris Brown Day Centre. £50 donation agreed by all.
WC online consultation giving people the opportunity to comment on future housing plans.

35 Planning:

Planning received:

17/05745/TCA - Fernhill, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Removal of two Ash trees.
17/03126/FUL – Caddens, Lower Road, Homington. Extensions and alterations and construction of replacement garage. Refused by Wiltshire Council.
17/04612/FUL – Land adjacent to Coombe Bissett Nature Reserve, Pennings Drove, Coombe Bissett. Installation of 2 compost toilets.
APP/Y3940/W/17/3169133 – Land opposite May Cottage, Homington. Erection of a hay barn. Appeal dismissed.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

17/02512/FUL – 1 Foundry Cottages, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett. 2 storey side extension.
17/03976/FUL – Coombe Bissett Down, Pennings Drove, Coombe Bissett. Proposed livestock barn.
17/03735/VAR – The Copses, Rockbourne Road, Coombe Bissett. Variation of condition 2 (minor changes to elevations) and condition 5 (to allow works to commence on site to align with seasonal activity) pursuant to planning permission 16/12290/FUL (demolition of existing 4 bedroom house and erection of a new 4 bedroom family home incorporating redevelopment of existing landscaping and outbuildings).
17/04927/FUL – Staddle Barn, Shepherds Close, Coombe Bissett. Proposed front porch.
17/04928/FUL- Orchard Cottage, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Proposed front porch.

36 Reports from representatives: Highways: C Chelu reported that WC have been alerted to the breaking up and melting of tarmac along Stratford Tony Road.

37 Finance:

Income:

Stocks Bridge Lane repairs resident contribution £350.00

Outgoings:

551 Bawden Managed Landscapes – grass cutting May £127.94
552 Cheque cancelled
553 Wessex Contract Services – replacement gates for recreation field £496.49
554 River Bourne Community Farm – speed indicator device erection £85.00
555 K R Mould and Sons Ltd – Cemetery wall refurbishment £779.40
556 Bawden Managed Landscapes – grass cutting June £127.94
557 Amy Burnett – admin and consultancy for neighbourhood plan £398.75
558 Office expenses £556.72

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is £32017.50

The balance on the current account is £11508.71

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £43526.21

D Hobson proposed, A Bird seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 551 to 558 be paid.

38 Date of next meeting: 12th September 2017.

39 The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.