

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JULY 2018 (unconfirmed).**

**Present:** Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, C Chelu, S Gledhill, A Bird and G Bundy. Mrs D James (Clerk). Wiltshire Councillor R Clewer, Mrs L Buckley, Mr D Parson, Mr R Maycock and Mr A Downer.

**25 Apologies for absence:** Councillor P Crosthwaite, Mr and Mrs D Simmonds, Mr and Mrs J Speirs.

**26 Public question time:** Mrs L Buckley enquired if the residents of the new council homes had local connections. She was informed one family have connections. Two further potential applicants with local links decided to withdraw.

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

**28 Declarations of interest:** G Bundy declared an interest in the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). S Gledhill declared an interest in the proposal for the Memorial Window. 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:**

**Neighbourhood Development Plan:** The NDP Group is currently drafting a questionnaire, which will be distributed to all residents. This will build on the data obtained from the recent housing needs survey. The NDP Steering Group had requested that the Parish Council formally adopt their constitution. It was asked by councillors that minutes of their meetings be published for public inspection. D Hobson proposed that the terms of reference be adopted, C Chelu seconded and the majority agreed with one abstention noted.

**Housing needs survey:** The housing needs survey for Coombe Bissett and Homington took place in February. A copy of the results can be found on the Parish Council page of the village website: [www.coombebissett.com](http://www.coombebissett.com) or by contacting the Parish Clerk on 718850.

**Community Benefit Fund:** The Parish Council has received a request for a donation towards the new village hall screen. Councillors all agreed that the Village Hall committee should apply to the Southern Area Board for a grant. If this is successful the Parish Council will then make a contribution. If unsuccessful the application will be revisited by the Parish Council. Any money granted would come out of Parish Council funds, not the Community Benefit fund.

**Council housing in Coombe Bissett:** The four new homes are now occupied. Welcome to the new residents. The new plants at the front of the homes need regular watering during the hot, dry weather. Because the Parish Council agreed to maintain the beds, it was proposed by D Hobson, seconded by S Gledhill and agreed by all, that A Bird could purchase a hose, with a maximum cost of £150. A Bird reported she is happy to water the plants, using the hose, from her house.

**Grant opportunity for outdoor community equipment:** The piece of adult fitness equipment funded by the Tesco token scheme has been installed and it is hoped it will be used regularly.

**Speeding in Homington Road:** There has been no further information from Wiltshire Council (WC).

**Dog ban on the Recreation Field:** The Parish Council has received a letter of complaint and several expressions of criticism. It was agreed by all to continue the ban until the end of September and review at the November Parish Council meeting. The Clerk will write to the Cricket Club for a formal opinion of the state of the field during the ban period.

**Proposal for a Memorial Window:** A memorial window in Coombe Bissett Church to commemorate the centenary end of World War One is planned. The cost will be £9500. Mr D Parson, treasurer of the PCC has requested a donation. He explained that the memorial would symbolize a message from our generation to future generations as well as an expression of gratitude to those who have lost their lives in conflict. D Hobson proposed a £1000 contribution and if there were a shortfall the Parish Council would reconsider an increase. A Bird seconded and all were in favour.

**Speeding along the Blandford Road:** The proposal for installation of ‘white village gates’ at the entrance to Coombe Bissett on the Blandford Road side will cost approximately £2000, with the Parish Council contributing £500. All councillors support this. The date of the next WC CATG meeting is awaited, when this can be confirmed.

**Ebble Valley catchment flood management:** The Clerk read part of P Crosthwaite’s report in response to the Environment Agency’s request for projects to alleviate flooding in the area. Thanks were given for her work. It is planned by the AONB and the Environment Agency to apply for up to £3,000,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund for flood management in the Ebble Valley.

**30 Repairs to Footpath 6:** G Bundy has met with the Landowner, concerning widening part of the path. The Landowner is concerned that the tree roots will be preserved, so will be respected. A length of approximately 140 metres of soil will be removed but reused in the area and a couple of steps will be constructed beside the gate at the Marsh Lane end of the footpath. G Bundy will contact contractors for quotes and will keep the Landowner informed. The Clerk will apply for a WC path improvement grant.

**31 Homington Triangle:** There has been a request from a Homington resident for a replacement seat at Homington Triangle. The existing seat has been repaired and needs renewing. Locals and visitors use it regularly. All Councillors agreed the Clerk should apply for a 50% grant from WC Southern Area Board and the Parish Council will fund the remainder.

**32 Chalk Pit Site:** R Clewer has inspected the site which has recently been profoundly cleared of foliage. He reported there had been no tree preservation orders on any trees, the area is not within the conservation area and no covenants had been placed on the site. A bordering homeowner spoke to explain the loss of the woodland and shrubs means that rain and water run off is no longer slowed down, there is a potential increase in risk to property as well as people and there is a possible implication on adjacent property value. R Clewer and the Parish Council assured their support if and when the new landowner submits a planning application.

**33 Parking on Recreation Field:**

11-07-18: School (sports day)  
12-07-18: Salisbury NHS Trust  
12-07-18: WWT  
12-07-18: Phoenix  
14-07-18: Village show  
15-07-18: Cricket  
17-07-18: WWT  
21-07-18: WWT  
24-07-18: School (disco)  
05-08-18: Cricket  
09-08-17: Phoenix  
11-08-18: WWT  
12-08-18: Cricket  
19-08-18: Cricket  
26-08-18: Cricket  
02-09-18: Cricket  
07-09-18: School (circus)  
08-09-18: WWT

**34 Parking on Donkey Field:**

04-08-18: Wedding

**35 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:**

Film club  
Phoenix  
Village show  
Safari supper  
WW1 concert in association with CVHF

**36 Correspondence received:**

From WC: New recycling collection services from 30<sup>th</sup> July, means that plastic pots, trays, drink and food cartons will be accepted in blue bins.

**37 Planning:**Planning received:

18/03084/VAR – Caddens, Lower Road, Homington. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 17/07475/FUL to allow for the garage roof to be linked to the house and loft room created in roof void above garage. Refused by Wiltshire Council.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

18/02865/FUL – Glendale, Barbers Lane, Homington. Single storey side and porch extensions to bungalow and external and internal refurbishment works.

18/04161/FUL – Lime Tree House, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Replacing two Velux windows on north elevation of consented roof over garage (S/2009/839/FUL) and moving position of two Velux windows on south elevation.

**38 Reports from representatives:**

No reports.

**39 Finance:****Income:**

HMRC - VAT refund	£2556.44
Cemetery fee	£60.00
Groundwork UK – NDP grant	£6930.00

**Outgoings:**

607 Caloo Ltd – Recreation field exercise equipment	£2633.40
608 C Chelu – reimbursement for concrete	£43.20
609 Bawden Managed Landscapes – grass cutting May	£127.94
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611 Mrs A Bird – reimbursement for signs and weed killer	£95.35
612 Office expenses	£516.60
613 A Burnett – NDP fee	£742.00
614 CB&H PCC – 50% contribution towards new bell ropes	£164.70

**Balance on accounts:**

The balance on the reserve account is: £32028.93

The balance on the current account is: £13899.93

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £45928.86

G Bundy proposed, D Hobson seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 607 to 614 be paid.

**40 Date of next meeting:** 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

**41 The meeting closed at 9.06 pm.**

