

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 9th JULY 2019 (unconfirmed).**

Present: Councillors: D Rattue, P Crosthwaite, C Chelu, S Gledhill, A Bird and G Bundy. Mrs D James (Clerk). Ms Christine Brown, Mrs Linda Buckley, Mr Adrian Turnbull and Mr Robin Maycock.

28 Apologies for absence: Cllr. D Hobson, Wiltshire Cllr. R Clewer.

29 Public question time: Mr R Maycock reported that the grass adjacent to the bus shelter opposite Marsh Lane had not been cut recently. The Clerk reassured him this has been reported, acknowledged by the grass cutting contractors and will be rectified soon. Mr Maycock also stated the new step constructed on footpath 6 in Marsh Lane is problematical. G Bundy offered to inspect and review.

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

31 Declarations of interest: G Bundy declared an interest in the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). Therefore he will not take part in any Parish Council considerations. There were no additional declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

32 Matters arising:

Neighbourhood Development Plan: D Rattue reported AECOM, the company supporting neighbourhood plans has scrutinised and has analysed potential sites in the parish for 5 or more houses. A draft report has been produced by AECOM that will be studied by the NDP steering group and members of the Parish Council. The NDP steering group is aiming to host community engagement and information days in September and October.

A354 Drain Improvement work south of Coombe Bissett: Wiltshire Council (WC) has undertaken a CCTV survey of the main highway drainage system and carried out repairs in the area. Although requested on several separate occasions, the job of raising a small section of the pavement to alleviate flooding outside of Southdene and Eastfield House has not been carried out. The Clerk has again asked for this to be done. A response from the Wiltshire Council drainage engineer is awaited.

Adult exercise machine: Following a formal request for a second item of exercise equipment to be fitted on the Recreation Field, efforts to successfully apply for a grant have failed. C Chelu requested that funds from the community benefit fund be used to pay for a leg press. Councillors have asked for a poll to be undertaken to assess how many villagers would be likely to use a leg press. Information and indication of how many people are interested will be published in the next edition of the Express and on the Coombe Bissett Facebook page. Alternatively use parishclerkcoombebissett@gmail.com to approve the project.

Gates across bridleways in Coombe Bissett: A suggestion by D Hobson to install vehicle restrictors along bridleway 8, in order to prevent the regular offence of fly tipping, has resulted in G Bundy asking WC Rights Of Way Officer for advice. He has recommended lockable bollards. So far the suggested designs have been aesthetically ugly. G Bundy is hoping to be offered posts that will be suitable for a rural setting.

Donkey Field protection: G Bundy conveyed comments regarding deep ruts created in the Donkey Field over the past few months. Despite the chain obstacle, drivers still use the field for parking. WC planning and highways have been contacted for advice. Various options include: logs, a ditch, suitable planting or low-rise railing. Councillors agreed a low fence is probably the best option. The Clerk will request quotes from two local contractors.

Speeding on the A354: As a result of the fatal road traffic accident in March on the Salisbury Road, it has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council the importance of speed restriction. The statistics of a recent metro count in the 30 mph zone in this area has shown that the speed at or below 85% of the traffic is travelling at, is 43.4 mph. This result shows

there is a requirement for police enforcement. The Clerk will follow this up with WC. Mr A Turnbull has proposed the Parish Council purchase a Speed Indicator Device (SID), partly financed by the community benefit fund. Considerations highlighted by councillors included maintenance costs, safety, WC funding and volunteers. An article will be published in the Express and on the village Facebook page asking for volunteers to form a team to manage a SID over possibly six locations throughout the parish.

Ramp onto play area: A ramp installed into the play area will improve ease of access and safety. Mr Ken Mould has kindly offered to do this job.

33 Review of Blandford Road homes' needs: Christine Brown WC Commissioning Officer for housing assets and new development attended the meeting to update on council building in the parish. She stated that WC had looked at land owned by them but were unable to allocate any sites. The Heritage Officer objected to land adjoining Thorne Close because of its proximity to the church. The Councillors expressed a favourable opinion of the new homes on the Blandford Road and are led to believe residents are happy with the houses.

34 Willow trees next to the pond, Mill Barn and Old Mill House: A resident and C Chelu raised an issue regarding possible tree problems. The Clerk will contact the owners.

35 Removal of grass opposite the Fox and Goose: C Chelu has observed that the reason grass and weeds have grown up opposite the pub is because WC highways have not fulfilled their responsibility to clear silt and soil along the edge of the road. He will contact the relevant WC officer, point out this lack of duty and request the work is accomplished.

36 Consideration of a proposal to adopt a tree planting policy: S Gledhill proposed the Parish Council adopts a tree plant policy to encourage and promote the planting of native trees across the parish. This will enhance the local environment and contribute towards the UK achieving carbon emission neutrality. A Bird seconded adopting the policy and all agreed. The policy can be found on the village website.

37 Shutts Lane road sign: The Shutts Lane road sign needs new oak posts. G Bundy will ask Chavs for assistance with this work. The Parish Council will fund materials.

38 Parking on Recreation Field:

21-07-19: Cricket

28-07-19: Cricket

04-08-19: Cricket

11-08-19: Cricket

18-08-19: Cricket

25-08-19: Cricket

31-08-19: Private party

01-09-19: Cricket

08-09-19: Cricket

14-09-19: Village show

39 Parking on Donkey Field:

29-06-19: Private event

40 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

Film club

Phoenix

Plant and bake sale

41 Correspondence received:

Email from resident requesting reimbursement for organising pruning at the white railings.

Email from Local Government Boundary Commission who has opened an additional phase of review of Wiltshire's electoral arrangements. An objection to the proposed rearrangement has been resubmitted.

42 Planning:

Planning received:

19/02848/FUL – The Glebe, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Subdivide the existing three-storey dwelling house of The Glebe into six 2 and 3 bedroom flats. Existing triple garage is proposed to be converted to provide an associated bin and bike store. Withdrawn.

19/04066/FUL – Down Barn Farm, Homington. Redevelopment of existing farm complex to include replacement of 1 and 2 Down Barn Cottages with a single dwelling, incorporating conversion of existing black barn, construction of ancillary annexe and associated works.

19/01630/LBC – The Old House, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Retention of replacement of roadside gate.

19/04893/LBC - The Old House, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Demolition and removal of garden wall.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

19/03991/TCA – Vine Cottage, Barbers Lane, Homington. T1 – Leylandii hedge – remove. T2 Leylandii hedge – reduce height by 30%. T3 – 2 x Yew trees – fell. T4 – Laurel bush – remove.

19/03890/FUL – The Old Gate House, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett. Demolition of modern rear extension and proposed single storey extension to rear of property with minor internal alterations.

19/01839/LBC – The Old House, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Replacement of a softwood window/doors on north elevations with a hardwood exact copy but with a thin double glazing with glued glazing bars.

19/04912/TCA – Bounds End, Shepherds Close, Coombe Bissett. 3 x groups of Beech trees in former hedge – fell all trees apart from one tree in each group, remaining trees to be pollarded.

19/04042/FUL and 19/02284/LBC – Manor House, Stratford Tony Road, Coombe Bissett. Demolition of an existing single storey flat roofed shed and construction of a new single storey pitched roof workshop/shed.

43 Reports from representatives: G Bundy reported that along the footpath to Stratford Tony overgrowth has generously been cut back by a local resident. The farm manager will be dealing with stile repairs on this stretch.

S Gledhill reported he has erected two small white posts on Homington Triangle to solve the problem of where to fix advertising blackboards.

44 Finance:

Income:

WC – precept	£5500.00
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Outgoings:

664 Mrs D James – reimbursement for defibrillator battery and pads	£289.78
665 Mrs A Burnett – admin fee	£90.00
666 Mr B Archer – adjustment to FP6	£60.00
667 Bawden Managed Landscapes – grass cutting May	£133.42
668 Office expenses	£470.40
669 Mrs H Scutt – reimbursement for WW1 photo frames	£400.00

S Gledhill proposed, A Bird seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 664 to 669 be paid.

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is: £32080.47

The balance on the current account is: £14193.62

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £46274.09

45 Date of next meeting: 10th September 2019

46 The meeting closed at 9.30 pm.

