

**MINUTES OF COOMBE BISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY ON  
TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JULY 2020 AT 7 PM**

**Present:** Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, P Crosthwaite, C Chelu, S Gledhill, A Bird and G Bundy. Mrs D James, Mrs N Heron (Clerks). Wiltshire Cllr. R Clewer. 3 members of the public

**22 Apologies for absence:** None.

**23 Welcome to the new Parish Clerk.** D Rattue welcomed Nicola Heron to the Parish Council.

**24 Public question time:** R Maycock enquired if the owners of the property on the bridge side of packhorse bridge could cut the hedge to enable pedestrians easier access during the bridge repairs. D Rattue will make contact. R Maycock thanked D James for her hard work over the last 9 years as Parish Clerk.

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

**26 Declarations of interest:** G Bundy declared an interest in the Neighbourhood Development (NDP). D Rattue declared an interest in Stocksbridge Lane repairs. Therefore they will not take part in any Parish Council considerations. There were no additional declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

**27 Matters arising:**

**Neighbourhood Development Plan:** The updated Housing Needs topic paper and the Views and Vistas topic paper have been circulated to the Parish Council. The Community Feedback Consultation survey is underway during July. This should clarify local perspectives on developmental preferences. Following the survey outcomes will be scrutinised with views from Wiltshire Council and AONB. D Hobson expressed appreciation on behalf of the parish council of the neighbourhood plan steering group.

**Gates across bridleway 8 in Coombe Bissett:** G Bundy reported that he has communicated with the WC rights of way officer who recommends two bollards at the bottom of Shutts Lane and one bollard adjacent to Pennings Drove and the entrance to the nature reserve. WC will pay for installation of the bollards but the Parish Council will be responsible for paying for the bollards themselves.

**Donkey Field fence:** It is hoped work will commence at the end of August.

**Speeding on the A354:** A relocatable post and two more sockets have been ordered and are awaiting installation by WC. This means the SID can be used along Homington Road and Stratford Tony Road. Community Speed Watch has been resumed and it has been requested that it will run in Homington next time.

**Ramp onto play area:** A ramp installed into the play area has improved ease of access and safety. Thanks to Mr Matt Mould who kindly carried out this work.

**Coronavirus Community support:** This is winding down naturally but the names of volunteers will remain on file should there be a spike in the Autumn. Food collection at the Lychgate will continue on a monthly basis.

**28 Stocksbridge Lane repairs:** It has been brought to the attention of the parish council of the uneven surface adjacent to where building work has been taking place. D Rattue agreed to convey the feelings of the meeting to the owner of the property concerned.

**29 Reopening of the play area:** The play area is now open and being used. Maintenance has been carried out during the lockdown period.

**30 Replacement tree next to the Pack Horse Bridge:** C Chelu asked if a replacement tree should be planted where the unsafe Willow tree was felled. Following discussions the Parish Council did not support this proposal.

**31 Parish Council laptop:** It was agreed that the Parish Clerk should have a laptop and printer for Parish Council Business. S Gledhill proposed a total budget of £600, seconded by A Bird and all agreed.

**32 Tennis Club defibrillator:** C Chelu enquired why the tennis club defibrillator is locked away when the courts are not in use. The parish council contributed 50% of the cost of this from the Community Infrastructure Levy Fund and the tennis club are responsible for maintenance and repairs. It was noted that this is an indoor defibrillator and therefore not suitable for mounting outside. The tennis club will make the defibrillator available for community use at public events if necessary.

**33 Covid-19 crisis appreciation:** The outgoing clerk requested a token of appreciation to local businesses who have supported the community during the current crisis. The parish council agreed that this was not appropriate at the moment but in due course may be reconsidered.

**34 Parking on Recreation Field:**

School  
Cricket

**35 Parking on Donkey Field:**

none

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

Neighbourhood plan steering group.

**37 Correspondence received:**

From WC tree officer: The Willow tree adjacent to Coombe Bissett Pack Horse Bridge has been inspected and needs felling. The land where the tree is located is not owned by WC (the land is unregistered according to the Land Registry). Therefore WC will be using their delegated powers under the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions Act in order to remove the tree. Felling was carried out in June.

A resident at Toyd Corner reported that a wooden finger post is broken and needs replacing. WC Highways had been contacted and responded that WC is no longer responsible. The parish council may replace with a wooden or metal sign should they so wish. The clerk was asked to obtain a specification from Wiltshire Council for a metal sign.

**38 Planning:**

Planning received:

20/02659/FUL – Land adjacent to Ebble Cottage, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Proposed new dwelling.

20/04599/TCA – The Glebe, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Work to: T1 Yew; T2 Lime; T3 Lime; T4 Persian Ironwood; T5 Willow; T6 Ash; T7 Ash x 2; T8 Willow x 2; T9 Ash; T10 Ash; T11 Willow; T12 Ash; T13 Elm.

20/04659/FUL – College Farm, Rockbourne Road, Coombe Bissett. Alteration and loft extension to provide improved and increased living accommodation.

20/04958/FUL – Springfield, Shepherds Close, Coombe Bissett. Remove and replace existing garage and store with single storey side and rear extension (amendment to planning permission 19/00544/FUL).

20/05071/FUL – Graylings, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett. Single storey rear extension, change to porch roof, reposition and replace garden shed, replace windows.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

20/03632/FUL – Glebe Cottage, Lower Road, Homington. Proposed rear conservatory and proposed side porch.

20/04423/TCA – 1 Old Foundry Cottages, Coombe Bissett. T1 Apple – fell.

T2 Ash – deadwood and thin. T3 & 4 Sycamores – deadwood and crown lift. T5 6 & 7 – Ash's – deadwood and crown clean. T8 Oak – deadwood and crown clean.

**39 Reports from representatives:** none received

**Income:**

Groundwork UK – NDP grant	£3264.00
HMRC – VAT refund	£865.54
Cemetery fees	£180.00
Cemetery fees	£540.00

**Outgoings:**

717 Mrs D James – reimburse PCC for churchyard tree work	£300.00
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719 WALC – subscription fees	£301.31
720 Bawden Managed Landscapes – Grass April	£133.42
721 Bawden Managed Landscapes – Grass May	£133.42
722 Bawden Managed Landscapes – Grass June	£133.42
723 Dr A Burnett – NDP fees	£1818.30
724 K Mould – Play area ramp	£546.00
725 Office expenses	£400.08
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**Balance on accounts:**

The balance on the reserve account is: £32139.86

The balance on the current account is: £20225.87

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £52365.73

A Bird proposed, C Chelu seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 717 to 726 be paid.

**40 Date of next meeting:** 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020

**41 The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.**



