

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 18th March 2014 (unconfirmed).

Present: Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, C Chelu, P Crosthwaite, R Cox and S Gledhill. Mrs D James (Clerk).

D Morgan, J Speirs, S Dyer, S James, J Prichard, R Legge and G Bundy.

104 Apologies for absence: Mrs P Pratt and Mrs S Speirs.

105 Public question time: Don Morgan addressed the Parish Council as the Shepherds Close representative for 14 residents, to state the concerns and objections to planning application 14/02224/FUL. He stated there are several issues which include parking space, turning space, narrow access and foul water management. He requested that the Parish Council submit an objection to the application which will be discussed later in the meeting. D Hobson commented that 14 separate letters of objection may have more impact than one letter with several signatures.

John Speirs spoke about the poor state of the parish roads and particularly the bottom of Drove Lane leading onto Stratford Tony Road. He asked that the pot holes should be dealt with and stated this part of the C12 should be re-surfaced. D Hobson responded that all requests can be reported to Wiltshire Council through "Clarence". C Chelu informed J Speirs that he and the Clerk are meeting with the local highways community co-ordinator next week and this problem will be brought to his attention.

Gerald Bundy reported that the recently implemented community speedwatch scheme in Coombe Bissett is working well. He commented on the slow progress of the council house development on the Chalk Pit site. He stated that the parish councillor election is being funded by Wiltshire Council and there will be no cost to the Parish Council. He explained that he had observed Shutts Lane bank erosion being caused by Wiltshire Council refuse lorries, who are forced to mount the kerb because there are parked vehicles on the opposite side of the lane. He also commented that branches cut down by Scottish and Southern Energy on the west side in November had not been cleared, resulting in cars being unable to park tightly close to the kerb.

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

107 Declarations of interest: There were no additional declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

108 Matters arising:

Speed Indicator Devices and Community Speedwatch: David Germain, Coombe Bissett's community speedwatch co-ordinator submitted a report detailing that in January there had been 5.5 hours of watching and 76 vehicles had been reported for speeding. In February during just one hour on a Sunday, 59 vehicles were reported for speeds 7 to 21 mph over the limit. At two sites on the A354 near the church and Threeways junction, 675 vehicles were counted in a half hour period and none was speeding, despite the team hardly visible to the drivers.

Homington traffic: D Hobson will check with Wiltshire Council to confirm if the Homington traffic calming measures have been completed. The Parish Council have not received an invoice for a £390 contribution to the cost. D Rattue stated that the 20 mph policy was approved by Wiltshire Council cabinet in January and the Clerk advised that the request for 20 mph limits through Coombe Bissett and Homington is on the next Southern Area Board CATG agenda although the meeting date is not set.

Council housing in Coombe Bissett: It is proposed there will be a semi-detached property with two, 2 bedroom homes and a flat type property with two, 1 bedroom flats. There has been no communication from Wiltshire Council since the public meeting in January. The Clerk will

contact the project manager with a view to determine if the planning application is soon to be submitted.

Winter planning information: No update required.

Flooding: P Crosthwaite explained that despite attempts to organise a meeting with Wiltshire Council and the Environment Agency, at present the Environment Agency will not attend. A Wiltshire Council drain engineer is inspecting Coombe Bissett next month. However, following this visit it is planned there will be a public meeting involving Wiltshire Council and the Environment Agency. D Hobson asked if the engineer could visit Homington also. P Crosthwaite will arrange.

The War Memorial: The pre-application for a grant to the War Memorials Trust has been accepted. Mr B Woolnough and the Clerk have carried out historical research and Steve James has taken photographs for a comprehensive application which has been submitted. It's passed the preliminary assessment and the final assessment is awaited for approval of a £1000 grant towards conservation and repairs.

Homington Triangle seat: Homington residents will repair the seat and also raise the canopy of the tree. The Parish Council will pay for materials.

Donated bench: C Chelu will contact the Cricket Club and discuss where on the recreation field the bench, kindly donated by the Plymouth Brethren can be positioned and fixed.

106 fund expenditure: The 106 fund of £1726 has been approved by Wiltshire Council for purchase of cricket practice nets. This fund has to be used for recreational community use.

Village defibrillator: The Clerk has applied for a £2000 grant from the Southern Wiltshire Area Board towards two defibrillators to be installed in Coombe Bissett and Homington. There have been some excellent donations. Thanks to Sue Dyer and Philip Alfry at the Express who have contributed £500 and the Tennis Club who have donated generously. The Parish Council agreed to a £500 contribution.

Proposed solar park on land at Bake Farm: There has been no communication in writing from BSR since January. A planning decision is awaited.

Kick wall in the play area: The repair work will be carried out by C Chelu and thanks to Robin Maycock who is assisting.

Vacancy for a councillor: The first parish councillor election for many years is organised for 27th March 2014. The two candidates are Abigail Bird and Gerald Bundy.

109 New grit bin for Barbers Lane Homington: There has been a request for a grit bin in Barbers Lane, Homington. D Hobson and S Gledhill felt the east end of Homington had been well managed in previous snowy and icy years. D Hobson will talk to the residents. S Gledhill will research the cost of grit bins (approx £130) and the alternative offer of plastic dustbins (£10) as per west end of Homington. Two separate requests to Wiltshire Council for a grit bin were both turned down.

110 The Wiltshire Best Kept Village Competition: Some Homington residents have expressed interest in entering this competition. D Hobson will support the village.

111 Shutts Lane erosion of bank: As recorded in item 105, the bank on the left side of Shutts Lane leading up to the Village Hall is becoming eroded, probably due to lorries needing to mount the kerb. C Chelu will write to the school explaining the predicament and requesting alternative parking arrangements for those who use the lane for long term parking. A request to Wiltshire Council was made to brush Shutts Lane during half term week. This did not occur. The Clerk will repeat the request. There has been a report that some of the trees on the school embankment in Shutts Lane need attention due to crown decline and significant decay. Following exhaustive enquiries recently as to possession of the bank, ownership is unknown. Wiltshire Council declares adoption of Shutts Lane only and not the

embankment. The Clerk will write to Wiltshire Council and ask for their help in tackling the tree problem.

112 Parking on Recreation Field:

29-03-14: Charity lunch
05-04-14: Tennis club jumble sale
10-04-14: Phoenix
12-04-14: Private party
27-04-14: Cricket

113 Parking on Donkey Field:

28-04-14: Garden Club outing

114 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

05-04-14: Tennis club jumble sale

115 Correspondence received:

Letter requesting new grit bin for Barbers Lane Homington.
Notification from Wiltshire Council advising that bus and train time tables will no longer be provided to post offices. It is claimed there is now not a great demand.

116 Planning:

Planning received:

13/06336/FUL – Land to the west of Bake Farm Buildings, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett. The erection of solar photovoltaic panels and associated works and infrastructure, including switchgear, inverter stations, access tracks, security fencing, security cameras and grid connection. Objection by Parish Council.

14/00450/FUL – Site adjacent to Weaveland, Homington Road Coombe Bissett. Replacement of existing garage with hobby garage/workshop and studio accommodation above. Withdrawn by applicant.

14/02224/FUL - Site adjacent to Weaveland, Homington Road Coombe Bissett. Replacement of existing garage with hobby garage/workshop and studio accommodation above. Objection by Parish Council.

14/02293/FUL – Highfield House, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Proposed two storey side extension. Support by Parish Council.

14/01816/FUL – Ebblecombe House, Stratford Tony Road, Coombe Bissett. Single storey side extension and associated alterations. Under review.

14/02766/TCA – Hawthorne Rise, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Fell 1 x Lawson Cypress and replant with 1 x Yew.

14/02285/FUL – Cross Farm, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. New vehicular access (driveway) to/from Homington Road (C12) to house. Under review.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

14/00448/TPO – Land adjacent to The Manor, Lower Road, Homington. Crown reduce 1 x damaged Norway Maple by 50%.

117 Reports from representatives:

Recreation Field and Playground report - Chris Chelu reported that the rotten kick wall wood has been removed and materials for its replacement are being sourced. Chris Chelu and Robin Maycock will reinstate it in due course. This will make saving of about £800 compared to the quotation from the playground suppliers. New signs regarding dogs and kites have been put on the fence around the playground. A new goal has been assembled and placed on the field. This was kindly donated a while ago by Mrs Ursula Slessor

Highways and Street Scene - Chris Chelu reported that all parishioners who travel around the parish will know how badly the floods have affected the roads. The Clerk and Chris Chelu are meeting with a representative from Wiltshire Council to discuss how repairs might proceed. The Donkey field has been damaged by a large vehicle. Ian Morrell has been asked to repair the gross damage to the surface.

Village Hall - Chris Chelu reported that the Village Hall committee are in the process of selecting the replacement chairs for the hall. The recent Quiz Night raised over £1200 for the hall funds.

118 Finance:

The Clerk had previously circulated the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Financial Regulations and a copy of Coombe Bissett Financial Internal Control Procedures for agreement and adoption by the Parish Council. D Hobson recommended that the NALC's regulations were followed and any variations agreed by email. S Gledhill stated the Financial Internal Control Procedures reflected best practice. D Hobson proposed and S Gledhill seconded and all in agreement that these two documents be adopted.

Income:

HMRC – VAT refund £212.71

Outgoings:

357 Mrs D James – Re-imburement of meeting expenses	£180.00
358 Bawden Landscapes – Grass cutting January account	£122.68
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360 Office expenses	£429.90
361 Hags-SMP – Bolts and washers for kick wall	£46.32

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is £11998.56

The balance on the current account is £12346.75

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £24345.31

D Hobson proposed, P Crosthwaite seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 357 – 361 be paid.

119 Date of next meeting: The Annual Parish meeting is on 13th May at 6.45 pm followed by the Parish Council meeting at 7 pm.

120 The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

Signed:-----Dated:-----