

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL**  
**COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016 (unconfirmed).**

**Present:** Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, C Chelu, P Crosthwaite, S Gledhill, A Bird and G Bundy. Mrs D James (Clerk). Mr P Hartgill, Mr and Mrs D Simmonds and Mrs L Buckley.

**100 Apologies for absence:** Wiltshire Cllr. J Johnson.

**101 Public question time:** Mr Hartgill brought to the Parish Council's attention the appeal by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) to raise £100,000 in order to fund the purchase of just over 85 acres of land adjacent to Coombe Bissett nature reserve. This would then double the size of the existing nature reserve. He explained there would be full access to the location. A public information meeting at the site during the summer is likely to be held. He requested support and a donation from the Parish Council. The Parish Council stated they are supportive of this project and it would be discussed later in the meeting as an agenda item.

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

**103 Declarations of interest:** D Rattue declared an interest in Pennings Drove drainage and G Bundy declared an interest in Wiltshire housing site allocations development plan. C Chelu declared an interest in planning application 16/01479/FUL and P Crosthwaite declared an interest in planning application 16/00010/FUL. Therefore they will not take part in any Parish Council considerations. There were no additional declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

**104 Matters arising:**

**Solar Park on land at Bake Farm:** There still has been no response or acknowledgement to two letters written to the Managing Director of British Solar Renewables (BSR) requesting the original offer of a community benefit of £1500/MW index linked for the life of the solar park is honoured. The Parish Council has written to MP John Glen in order to accept his offer to intervene. There has been no reply, so the Clerk will contact John Glen to enquire if he has communicated with BSR and remind him of his proposal, if necessary.

**Pennings Drove drainage:** C Chelu and the Clerk attended a site meeting in Pennings Drove with the contractors to review detail of the intended work, which will divert rainwater away from Pennings Drove and Stocks Bridge Lane. The job should commence in a couple of weeks.

**Bus shelter in Coombe Bissett:** Despite various attempts to communicate with the holding company, there has been no response from this organisation which own the leasehold company and who manage the Fox and Goose site. The request was to reconsider consent for erection of a bus shelter on a small area of the Fox and Goose car park. The Parish Council has always had support for this project from the Landlord. D Rattue plans to speak to Keith Smith.

**Wiltshire housing site allocations development plan:** There still has been no notification from developers regarding a public consultation exercise about the potential development site on the field south of Thorne Close which runs between the A354 and Homington Road. A recent email from Wiltshire Councillor J Johnson advised that any objections to SHLAA sites should be submitted to Strategic Planning at an early stage. The Parish Council will review their previously submitted consultation document and resubmit.

**Neighbourhood plan:** D Rattue and the Clerk reported that there has been no information received or notification of any volunteers willing to lead development of a neighbourhood plan.

**No through road sign – bottom of Pennings Drove:** Wiltshire Highways plan to install two “no through road” signs on either side of the bottom of Pennings Drove when their new contractors are established. The cost to the Parish Council will be £50.

**Flooding:** P Crosthwaite attended the recent Operational Working Flood Group meeting. Unfortunately the promised public presentation by the Environment Agency about flood relief proposals for the Ebbles valley catchment area had to be postponed due to bad weather. There has been no further date offered for this presentation. A visit to Coombe Bissett and Homington by Wiltshire Council’s highway engineer and senior drainage engineer in January resulted in a thorough review of the parishes’ problems. A list of works logged by D Hobson identifies what residents, the Parish Council and Wiltshire Council, will carry out.

**The Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday:** Preparations to hold a vintage afternoon tea party in the Village Hall, with entertainment on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> June, together with a hog roast evening and dancing, is under way. This is to celebrate the Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and tickets will be available from 23<sup>rd</sup> May. The Clerk asked for a donation from the Parish Council, in order that ticket prices could be reduced. S Gledhill proposed and P Crosthwaite seconded that £400 be contributed on the condition that if a profit is made, money would be refunded to the Parish Council. All agreed. The Clerk on behalf of the 90th celebration committee gave thanks.

**Strimmer donation from WC Area Board:** Wiltshire Council Southern Area Board have offered to donate an £800 strimmer to the parish. Details and conditions are not yet known but it is likely there will be a mandatory training requirement cost.

**Usage of Speed Indicator Devices:** Wiltshire Council Southern Area Board have offered the Parish Council the use of a SID three times a year for an annual cost of £240. This opportunity has been accepted as a trial for a year. The cost includes maintenance, siting and battery replacement. The installation team will be street works accredited.

**105 Financial support for Coombe Bissett Nature Reserve:** D Rattue and the Clerk had been notified of this appeal and have been asked for a Parish Council contribution. The Councillors all agreed a donation of £100 should be given. However the Council expressed there had been some disappointment that WWT had not been more forthcoming with a contribution towards Pennings Drove drainage. This work has become necessary since WWT altered the watercourse during installation of the entrance to the nature reserve. Soon after the Parish Council meeting, WWT have written to state they now propose installing a French drain to help prevent water from the nature reserve car park from draining down Pennings Drove and into the village.

**106 Parking on Recreation Field:**

10-03-16: Phoenix  
12-03-16: Quiz night  
17-03-16: Film night  
20-03-16: Sailing presentation  
21-03-16: Garden Club  
26-03-16: Private party  
08-04-16: Wedding  
09-04-16: Wedding  
14-04-16: Phoenix  
16-04-16: Tennis club jumble sale  
18-04-16: Garden Club  
24-04-16: Cricket  
06-05-16: Cricket evening  
08-05-16: Cricket

**107 Parking on Donkey Field:**

No requests

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

12-03-16: Quiz night

17-03-16: Film night  
16-04-16: Tennis club jumble sale

### **109 Correspondence received:**

CPRE Wiltshire best kept village competition 2016 sponsored by Hills Group  
If any villagers would like detail of the competition and would like to organise a village entry please contact a member of the Parish Council.

The Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday commemorative medal offer

AONB update

Letter from Rex Poulton regarding excess flying over Wilton and Chalke Valley by Southampton University Air Squadron

Letter to publicise the School's 50 years in Shutts Lane anniversary. There is a meeting in the school hall at 4.00pm on Wednesday 13th April to discuss ideas about how this golden event should be celebrated. The Head Mistress would like to hear the views of people who either attended the old school building or the Shutts Lane site in its early days. Any old photographs or other relevant documents would be particularly welcome.

### **110 Planning:**

#### Planning received:

16/01479/FUL – Penvale, Stratford Tony Road, Coombe Bissett. Proposed two storey side extension, removal of existing porch and replacement with new side porch and construction of new three bay garage block.

16/00010/FUL – The Brines, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Proposed construction of rear garden room.

16/01609/VAR – Land opposite May Cottage, Homington. Proposed variation of condition 2 of planning application S/2011/0056 to alter the need for visibility splays and concrete base to grass road.

16/02036/TCA – Fletchers, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett. Sycamore – remove 1 large and 2 small north facing limbs. Willow – cut down. Ash – remove.

#### Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

15/11626/FUL – Land off Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Proposed construction of a new grain drying and storage building with concrete hard standing area.

15/12211/TCA – Springfield, Shepherds Close, Coombe Bissett. Multi stemmed Lime Tree in corner of garden – fell to ground level. T2 – Lime tree with severe lean over river – fell to ground level. G1 – Two Cypress trees and one Cherry tree (near garage) – fell to ground level.

15/12104/LBC – Brook House, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Installation of three conservation style roof lights in modern kitchen extension and kitchen refurbishment.

### **111 Reports from representatives:**

Police: D Rattue reported that it was disappointing to note that a person who declined to put their name to a comment made to the Salisbury Journal, in which they complained that Police Resources were being wasted at the weekly liaison meetings held in the Coombe Bissett Church. Community Policing relies on two-way communication and this meeting that has been held over a many years has been a valuable source for the transfer of information between the public and the police. The Parish Council fully supports the continuation of such meetings, which are also held at other locations throughout Wiltshire.

Highways and Street Scene: C Chelu reported that he would soon be attending a Wiltshire Council community area transport group meeting, which will include discussion about the recent accident on the Stratford Tony Road and his proposed ideas for alterations to the kerb.

### **112 Finance:**

#### **Income:**

Chris White Funeral Directors – burial fee	£100.00
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#### **Outgoings:**

481 D James – reimbursement for meeting expenses	£180.00
482 Bawden Landscapes – January grass cutting	£125.45
483 Bawden Landscapes – February grass cutting	£125.45
484 Office expenses	£414.33

**Balance on accounts:**

The balance on the reserve account is £12008.94

The balance on the current account is £12780.05

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £24788.99

S Gledhill proposed, A Bird seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 481 to 484 be paid.

**113 Date of next meeting:** 10<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at 7 pm. The Annual Parish Meeting will commence at 6.30 pm.

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