

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 14th MARCH 2017 (unconfirmed).**

Present: Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, C Chelu, P Crosthwaite, S Gledhill, A Bird and G Bundy. Mrs D James (Clerk). Wiltshire Councillor R Clewer. Mrs L Buckley, Mrs M Simmonds, Mrs S Kittermaster, Mrs T Chelu, Mrs H Scutt, Mrs C Cooper, Mrs P Cullis and Mr T Mynott.

107 Apologies for absence: Wiltshire Councillor J Johnson. Mr and Mrs J Speirs.

108 Public question time: Mrs Buckley asked if there was any information regarding the drain adjacent to 2 Shergold Cottages. She reported that despite it being cleaned, rainwater still accumulates and floods that section of Homington Road. P Crosthwaite agreed to write to the Wiltshire Council (WC) flooding engineer. WC has deferred discussion to fund the work to install a gully and kerb in this area until the next financial year.

109 Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were proposed by S Gledhill, seconded by G Bundy and agreed by all as a correct record.

110 Declarations of interest: D Rattue declared an interest in Stocks Bridge Lane resurfacing, G Bundy declared an interest in Wiltshire housing site allocations development plan and C Chelu declared an interest in the community benefit fund application for the Village Hall. Therefore they will not take part in any Parish Council considerations. There were no additional declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

111 Matters arising:

Wiltshire housing site allocations development plan: R Clewer reported that the publication by WC of the pre-submission draft plan, would take place after the unitary and parish elections that take place at the beginning of May.

Neighbourhood plan: The Coombe Bissett Neighbourhood Plan Committee had previously presented to the Parish Council their financial requirements in order to proceed with a plan. They indicated that £1k is needed initially to fund a consultant to advise and assist with documentation. D Hobson proposed that this sum should be allocated subject to the steering group being chaired by a villager. The majority voted in favour. D Hobson volunteered to represent the Parish Council as a delegate in the group.

Community benefit fund: Mrs Scutt reported that she required £8k to fund acoustic treatment for the Village Hall. 32 acoustic absorber panels would be needed on the ceiling and some of the walls in order to reduce echo and the reverberation time. This would improve the sound quality for all those who use the hall. She advised that 2 donations of £500 each from the Drama Club and a private donation have been offered. She also informed that 2 fund raising events at the hall are planned over the next few weeks. D Hobson proposed and P Crosthwaite seconded that £4k be allocated from the Community Benefit Fund. To enable the installation of acoustic panels to go ahead immediately it was also proposed that the balance of up to £3k be loaned by the Parish Council, if required, then repaid at a minimum of £1k a year. All agreed.

A354 possible drain improvement work: The Parish Council continue to await a decision from WC highways and drainage as to the priority of the work and when it is likely to take place. At a recent WC Flood Working Group meeting that P Crosthwaite attended she was told by the Senior Drainage Engineer that he would follow up the work requested.

Council housing in Coombe Bissett: WC have recently advised that a revised budget for the project has been agreed, the tender process has been finalised and a successful tenderer has been appointed. WC anticipates a start on site in May or June.

Stocks Bridge Lane resurfacing: The Parish Council have received support for the project from the WC Rights of Way Officer, which is needed as the lane is classified as a footpath. 3

quotes have been obtained and an application to WC's Path Improvement Grant scheme has been submitted.

Grant opportunity for outdoor community equipment: Tesco bags for life have reduced their maximum monthly grant for outdoor community equipment from £5k to £4k. An application has been submitted. Money is allocated by a popularity vote in the Tesco Southampton Road store, probably around August or September.

Cemetery wall repairs: The Parish Cemetery wall will be repaired, coping stones relayed and concrete reinforcement included, by K Mould and Sons during the spring.

112 Flooding issues review: The flooding issues in Coombe Bissett and Homington were addressed with WC's Highways and Drainage Engineers in January 2016. The list of actions identified at that time was reviewed at this meeting. The majority have been dealt with. A reminder will be sent to WC to revisit the Lych Gate drain in Coombe Bissett and to dig new grips in Pennings Drove.

113 Repair of stiles footpath 4: Following a letter of concern from a parishioner regarding the condition of some of the stiles along footpath 4, G Bundy assessed the situation. He reported that he has regularly cut back brambles and greenery to assist with negotiating the stiles. He also stated that he has replaced some treads with new timber, which has grooves and provides grip. The WC Rights of Way Officer was asked to look at the stiles but there has been not been notification of this. The Clerk will send a reminder.

114 Jubilee tree replacement: The Diamond Jubilee tree in the Recreation Field has died. C Chelu suggested that a replacement tree is planted in place of the Willow on the Donkey Field. He stated that the Willow requires much maintenance and only soaks up water in the summer. D Hobson will research suitable types of trees as a substitute.

115 Recreation Field bins: Mr and Mrs Hopkins have very kindly offered to empty the Recreation Field bins. All agreed that reimbursement for gloves and bags should be provided. The Parish Council is most appreciative.

116 Homington Road dog fouling bin: There have been 2 requests for a bin to dispose of dog mess bags to be situated at the top of Stocks Bridge Lane. A request for a price for emptying the bin by WC has failed. R Clewer confirmed that WC now have a no new bin policy, so would not support the enquiry.

117 Ownership of Gypsy Lane: Because Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) hope to extend their land possession they raised the question of land ownership of Gypsy Lane, which they hope to determine. It is classified as a bridleway. Recent hedge trimming has been undertaken by WWT.

118 Replacement seat at The Triangle Homington: A replacement seat will not be needed because a Coombe Bissett and Homington Active Volunteer (CHAV) is planning to repair the seat.

119 Request for new gates to the Recreation Field: The Cricket Club has requested that the gates from the Village Hall car park into the Recreation Field are replaced. All approved this suggestion. The posts can be retained. The Parish Council agreed a sum of up to £300 be allocated for replacement gates. The Cricket Club has kindly volunteered to organise the purchase and the work.

120 Proliferation of signs on the Donkey Field: C Chelu had noted that up to 6 advertising signs have been displayed on the Donkey Field lately. It was agreed that the fish and chip van sign should be exhibited intermittently rather than continuously. The Clerk will contact the owner.

121 Parking on Recreation Field:

16-03-17: Film night

18-03-17: Lent lunch

25-03-17: Private event

01-04-17: Cricket club bingo night

02-04-17: Private event

08-04-17: Tennis club jumble sale

13-04-17: Phoenix
20-04-17: Film night
30-04-17: Cricket

122 Parking on Donkey Field:

No requests

123 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

Film club
Phoenix
Tennis club jumble sale
Fish and chip van
Drama club auditions
Cricket club bingo night

124 Correspondence received:

Traffic survey results for Homington Road west of Shutts Lane: 10775 vehicles were checked between 24-01-17 and 02-02-17. The average speed was 21.3 mph. In a 20 mph speed limit the criteria for 20 to 24 mph is no further action.

Traffic survey results for Homington Road east of Pennings Drove: 7343 vehicles were checked between 24-01-17 and 02-02-17. The average speed was 31.3 mph. In a 20 mph speed limit the criteria for 24.1 to 38.9 mph is eligible for community speed watch.

125 Planning:

Planning received:

17/01181/FUL and 17/01618/LBC – Yew Tree Cottage, Lower Road, Homington. Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of new single storey outbuilding with glazed link.

17/01608/TCA – Redvers, Willowmead Close, Coombe Bissett. 9 Sycamore trees – remove a few of the lower branches on 5 of them to raise the tree canopy. Remove 10 branches. Further Sycamore tree – halve the size.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

16/12187/TCA – Rosewall, Homington Road, Homington. Yew Tree reduce by 30% and shape sides. Maple tree reduce by 30% and shape sides.

17/00142/TCA – Wyckfield, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Fell the following trees: 1 – Willow. 2 – Willow. 3 – Cypress. 4 – Cypress. 6 – Sweet Chestnut. 7 – Apple. 8 – Macrocaster Cypress.

Other works: 5 – Willow – remove two small branches. 9 – Willow – remove lateral branch over river.

16/12290/FUL – The Copses (formally known as Lower Pennings), Rockbourne Road, Coombe Bissett. Demolition of 4 bedroom house and erection of a new 4 bedroom family home.

16/12491/VAR - S/1979/1334 – variation to condition 3 and S/2007/2461 – variation to condition 2. Coombe Nurseries Touring Park, The Race Plain, Netherhampton.

To allow for the use of an existing pitch as a year round warden's accommodation.

16/12407/FUL – East Mead, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Extension to existing garage incorporating re-location of oil tank and containment with close boarded fence.

16/12405/FUL – East Mead, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Re-location of shed.

16/12527/FUL – Bridge House, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett. Erection of double garage.

126 Reports from representatives:

Police: D Rattue reported that the reinstatement of a custody unit in Salisbury is now very unlikely.

127 Finance:

Income:

Cemetery fee	£180.00
HMRC – VAT refund	£942.62
Cemetery fee	£30.00
SSE – flood pumps grant	£3669.00

Outgoings:

534 Mrs D James – reimbursement for meeting expenses	£245.00
535 Bawden Managed Landscapes – grass cutting January	£125.45

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537 Wiltshire Council – 20mph speed restriction contribution	£1500.00
538 CB&H Cricket Club – field maintenance	£475.00
539 Office expenses	£450.45

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is £32016.43

The balance on the current account is £16999.49

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £49015.92

D Hobson proposed, S Gledhill seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 534 to 539 be paid.

128 Date of next meeting: 9th May 2017. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 6.30 pm, followed by The Parish Council Meeting at 7 pm.

129 The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

