

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.30 PM ON TUESDAY 13th March 2018 (unconfirmed).**

Present: Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, P Crosthwaite, C Chelu, A Bird and G Bundy. Mrs D James (Clerk). Wiltshire Councillor R Clewer. Mrs G McGovern, Mrs T Farrell, Mrs B Poole, Mr and Mrs P Buckley, Mr D Simmonds, Mr D Germain, Mr R Maycock, Mr S James, Mrs T Chelu, Mr B Woolnough, Mr and Mrs D Hewlett, Mr N Yeo and Mr W Richardson.

93 Apologies for absence: Cllr. S Gledhill, Mr and Mrs J Speirs.

94 Public question time: Robin Maycock requested that repairs to part of footpath 6 adjacent to Homington House are considered by the Parish Council. He believes there is a safety issue on this well used path. Therefore upkeep of this route should be undertaken. G Bundy will inspect and advise.

David Germain reported that Community Speed Watch (CSW) has been operational for some time in the Tottons area. He also explained drivers cut the initial corner and speed up along the first part of Homington Road as they travel past Coombe Bissett Stores. He has recorded speeds of up to 38mph along this stretch. So he asked for repainting of the white line on the first corner of Homington Road. He then requested refreshment of the 20mph road paint in the same area and a second 20mph painted road sign around the corner. He has noted that the buses also exceed the speed limit in this area. The Clerk will write to the bus company and bring this issue to their attention. She will also contact Wiltshire Council (WC) Highways regarding the paint requests.

Tess Farrell and Becky Poole from Friends (PTA) at Coombe Bissett School conveyed that they and other parents are concerned they have overused the Recreation Field for parking during the winter months. They made an offer of help both financially and practically to invest in some meshing protection for the grass. C Chelu and Don Hewlett both reassured them that the grass recovers well. C Chelu offered to forward his mesh research and evidence documentation that he had composed some while ago. The Parish Council greatly appreciates the PTA's proposal to contribute.

Georgie McGovern thanked the Parish Council for their management and service of repairs undertaken recently in Stocks Bridge Lane. She expressed that safety issues have now been resolved. She wished for appreciation to the Parish Council be recorded.

95 Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were proposed by G Bundy, seconded by C Chelu and agreed by all as a correct record.

96 Declarations of interest: G Bundy declared an interest in development in the Bundy Field and 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.

97 Matters arising:

Development in the Bundy Field: Prior to the Parish Council meeting a presentation by Nick Yeo of Blue Cedar Homes took place. 57 members of the public attended. He explained that it is proposed to build 12, one, two and three bedroom retirement properties and 5, one, two and three starter or low cost homes. They may be bungalows or cottage style homes. There will be access off the Blandford Road. It is planned to provide church car parking spaces for 10 - 15 cars. There would be a village green area. It is also proposed there would be a parking area for village hall and school users providing space for 30- 35 cars. Nick Yeo, Gerald Bundy and Richard Clewer answered questions from the public.

Neighbourhood Development Plan: D Hobson reported that the NDP Group is currently drafting a questionnaire, which will be distributed to all residents.

Community Benefit Fund: There have been no further formal applications. The Clerk will advertise in the Express again. However there has been more than one suggestion recently to install CCTV in the Recreation Field. This could promote Village Hall, Cricket Pavilion and the new cricket roller shed security. It may also help to deter fly tipping and dog owners who antisocially and unhealthily allow their dogs to defecate on the field without picking up. The

Clerk will investigate into lawfulness and regulation.

A354 drain improvement work: There is still no further information from WC about this project. R Clewer reported he is struggling to achieve a result with this previously planned work, but he will continue to apply pressure to accomplish the job.

Council housing in Coombe Bissett: Building and fitting out continues. Progress was delayed by the recent bad weather. The 4 new homes should be occupied in April

Grant opportunity for outdoor community equipment: The Parish Council has been awarded a grant by the Tesco token scheme to pay for adult fitness equipment. The work out chest press will be on order shortly. A request to Chavs will be made soon to dig a hole in the Recreation Field for the frame.

Speeding in Homington Road: As reported in public question time, Davd Germain confirmed CSW is now operational in the Tottons area.

Housing needs survey: The housing needs survey for Coombe Bissett and Homington took place in February. WC now needs to analyse the information obtained. A draft copy of results will be sent to the Parish Council towards the end of April. A report will be published in due course.

Fence replacement in the play area: A low maintenance metal fence is on order and will be installed when possible.

Fence replacement in the Recreation Field: During the theft of the Cricket Club roller the fence was damaged. Wiltshire Wildlife Trust is planning to install a kissing gate in this position as it borders part of their newly acquired land.

98 School parking on the Recreation Field: This item was covered in public question time.

99 Dog owners' misuse of the Recreation Field: Sadly it has been reported by the cricket field grounds man and walkers, that dog excrement on the field is at an all time high. This is unacceptable, totally irresponsible and thoroughly intolerable. During grass cutting, faeces are thrown up into the face of the grounds man. It's a serious health risk to children and adults. The Clerk will investigate if it's an option to ban dogs from the field. CCTV is being considered in order to name and shame offending dog owners publically.

100 The General Data Protection Act: This is reported as the biggest change to Data Protection for over 20 years. It will come into force in May. The Clerk will take guidance from relevant advisory bodies to ensure the Parish Council is compliant.

101 Parking on Recreation Field:

13-03-18: Public meeting (Blue Cedar Homes)

16-03-18: School bingo night

07-04-18: Race night

12-04-18: Phoenix

22-04-18: Cricket

06-05-18: Cricket

10-05-18: Phoenix

102 Parking on Donkey Field:

No requests

103 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

Veteran's lunch

Film club

Phoenix

Race night

104 Correspondence received:

Request for donation towards new church bell ropes in Coombe Bissett. D Hobson proposed, G Bundy seconded and all agreed that the Parish Council contribute 50% of the required cost, which should be approximately £375. (Bell ringer A Bird did not vote.)

Thanks from the Badminton Club for their new lights.

CPRE invitation to enter best-kept village competition.

Recycling centre update from WC: From 9th April users must show proof of identity with a Wiltshire address in order to deposit waste.

105 Planning:

Planning received:

18/00525/VAR – Caddens, Homington. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 17/07475/FUL to allow alterations to the first floor arrangement, repositioning of bedroom 4, utilisation of roof space to provide additional bedroom and omission of rear chimney. Objection by Parish Council.

18/01179/FUL – 5 Drove Close, Coombe Bissett. Proposed single and two storey rear extensions.

18/01462/FUL and 18/01606/LBC – Yew Tree Cottage, Homington. Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of new single storey outbuilding with glazed link.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

None received

106 Reports from representatives:

G Bundy reported that WC has delegated the cemetery waste bin collection to a contractor. The Clerk has researched alternative means of keeping the cemetery tidy. A parishioner has kindly agreed to take on this job.

C Chelu expressed appreciation to the ‘snowmen/women’ who salted paths and cleared snow recently. He also reported that the parish stewards would not be undertaking requested village tasks for the time being, as they are currently on pothole repair duty in the county.

107 Finance:

Income:

Acoustic panel loan repayment (50%) from CB&H Village Hall	£1000.00
Cemetery fee	£100.00
Groundwork grant for NDP use	£1610.00
WC grant for Stocks Bridge Lane repairs	£2800.00
Reimbursement from G Bundy for hall hire	£20.00

Outgoings:

586 Double Act Ground works – Stocks Bridge Lane repairs	£6720.00
587 Mrs D James – reimbursement for meeting expenses	£252.00
588 Bawden Managed Landscapes – grass cutting January	£127.94
589 Mrs D James – reimbursement for domain name renewal	£19.19
590 Wilton Hardware – LED lights for badminton club	£360.00
591 M J Thomas – recreation field hedge cutting	£300.00
592 Bawden Managed Landscapes – grass cutting February	£127.94
593 Office expenses	£509.68

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is: £32023.63

The balance on the current account is: £13086.65

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £45110.28

A Bird proposed, C Chelu seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 586 to 593 be paid.

108 Date of next meeting: 8th May 2018.

109 The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

