

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 12th MARCH 2019 (unconfirmed).**

Present: Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, P Crosthwaite, C Chelu, S Gledhill, A Bird and G Bundy. Mrs D James (Clerk). Wiltshire Councillor R Clewer. Mrs H Scutt, Dr A Lack, Mrs V Compton, Mr and Mrs D Parson, Mrs J White, Mr T Mynott, Mr C May, Mr R Maycock and Mr S James.

98 Apologies for absence: Mr and Mrs J Speirs.

99 Public question time: Mrs White raised the issue of blackboards on The Triangle in Homington. She reported that positioning of the Homington coffee morning board has become increasingly difficult due to the fixing of Coombe Bissett village events boards. D Hobson and S Gledhill volunteered to assess the situation and report back at the next meeting.

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

101 Declarations of interest: G Bundy declared an interest in the 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.

102 Matters arising:

Neighbourhood Development Plan: Prior to the Parish Council meeting there was a presentation by the NDP Steering Group Chair and Advisor, to publicise a summary of the data and results of information obtained from the recent questionnaire distributed at the end of last year. 19 members of the public attended the presentation. Chairperson Mrs Christine Cooper gave an overview and reported that depending on completion of site evaluation by technical support provider AECOM, it is hoped there will be a community feedback day in June. Independent advisor and assessor Mrs Amy Burnett summarised the results of the 29% of returned questionnaires. There was an opportunity for questions afterwards. The Parish Council examined the revised NDP terms of reference and conflict of interest policy documents. D Hobson proposed it should be ratified by the Parish Council and seconded by S Gledhill. All agreed, other than G Bundy who declared an interest.

A354 Drain Improvement work south of Coombe Bissett: Along part of the A354 there is a dip in the road, which means that during periods of heavy rainfall, water collects on the road and washes down the drives of Southdene and Eastfield House as cars travel along the road. The Parish Council has been attempting to address this problem with Wiltshire Council (WC) highways and drainage officers for 3 years. Despite residents now communicating with WC, the drainage engineer has not yet responded to their questions and comments sent some weeks ago. R Clewer has once again offered his support by contacting senior WC officials.

Repairs to Footpath 6: Improvement work is planned shortly. WC has awarded a path improvement grant for £660, towards cost in providing a safer, wider pathway along the first part of footpath 6 in Coombe Bissett. Tree roots will be preserved and a length of approximately 140 metres of soil will be removed but reused in the area. A couple of steps will be constructed beside the gate at the Marsh Lane end of the footpath.

Salt supplies: The salt bins in Coombe Bissett and Homington have been filled. There is a ton of salt in stock ready for next year.

Dog owners' misuse of the Recreation Field: Since the ban of dogs on the Recreation Field came to an end for the winter months, large amounts of dog faeces left on the grass is still evident. The dog ban will be reinstated in April. This is unfair on responsible dog owners, but those who refuse to pick up should take blame.

White gates on Salisbury Road: WC approved the request for white gates on the Salisbury Road in September. The estimated cost will be £2000 and the Parish Council will contribute 25% of the cost. Work is still awaited. The Clerk will chase up WC.

Replacement gravel boards in the play area: Following the recent RoSPA inspection, it was advised that the gravel boards in the children's play area should be replaced. A local contractor has completed the work.

WW1 archive pictures: Four framed pictures of local WW1 soldiers, which hung in the hall foyer, have been cleaned and restored. Reframing the pictures would cost £400. Since the last meeting the Clerk has received 6 expressions of support for rehangng in the hall, as opposed to storage in the village archive. After debate with local residents, it was proposed by D Hobson, seconded by A Bird and agreed by all to fund conservation and framing.

Replacement notice boards adjacent to Coombe Bissett Stores: Mr K Mould has very kindly constructed a new notice board and repaired the second board. He will only be charging for materials.

Blackboards on the Donkey Field: Following 2 villager requests for tidier boards on the Donkey Field, the Parish Council has considered options but conclude that as long as black boards are not displayed for extended lengths of time, they are acceptable.

103 Adult exercise machine: There has been one formal request for a second item of exercise equipment to be installed on the Recreation Field. Other parishioners have expressed support for this. C Chelu has suggested a leg press. The Clerk will apply for a Tesco bags for life grant. Because of mud during the winter months, there was also a request for gravel or paving around the machine. Councillors agreed that this area should be reassessed over the next few months.

104 Revised Parish map: Dr A Lack has drawn up a new parish map for the village website. The Parish Council officially approved the map and thanked him for his work.

105 Proposed revisions of Wiltshire division boundaries: Despite several formal objections by the Parish Council to the proposed area revision of Coombe Bissett and Homington being transferred into the Fovant and Chalke Valley area, R Clewer reported that it is very unlikely objections will have any effect. The new areas will be implemented at local elections in May 2021.

106 Gates across bridleways in Coombe Bissett: D Hobson contacted WC rights of way officer to explain that installation of vehicle restrictors across bridleways 8 and 9 would assist to reduce the amount of fly tipping. A site visit with him will be arranged to look at possible gate locations. Horses and cyclists would have movement around the sides. Landowners who have vehicular access will be contacted for their consent.

107 Parking on Recreation Field:

11-04-19: Phoenix

28-04-19: Cricket

05-05-19: Cricket

10-05-19: Drama club

11-05-19: Drama club

108 Parking on Donkey Field:

None

109 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

Film club

Phoenix

Drama club

110 Correspondence received:

Notification of a talk and slide show about the work of the Wiltshire Wildlife Trust and the Coombe Bissett project at the Phoenix Club meeting on 14th March in the Village Hall.

Possible offer of new trees in the Recreation Field by the Woodland Trust.

Objection letter from a resident regarding people who allow their dogs to foul on the Recreation Field.

Letter from CBCCG.

111 Planning:

Planning received:

19/00544/FUL – Springfield, Shepherds Close, Coombe Bissett. Remove and replace existing garage and store, single storey front and rear extensions, extend parking hard standing.

18/11400/VAR – Caddens, Lower Road, Homington. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 17/07475/FUL to allow the use of obscure film in lieu of obscure glass and fitting of restrictors to limit opening of window to allow for natural ventilation in lieu of fixing shut. Withdrawn.

18/11952/FUL – Campions, Stocks Bridge Lane, Coombe Bissett. Remove existing roof; form new roof with first floor; make alterations to fenestration; provide new double garage and new vehicular entrance; remove and prune trees.

19/01146/TCA – Felthams, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett. T1 Ash tree reduce by 3m. T2 Willow tree reduce in height by 4m and crown clean. T3 Ash tree cut off all major dead wood and reduce height by 3m.

19/01755/TCA – The Old Gate House, Coombe Bissett. Beech Tree – reshape by 15%.

19/02406/PIP – Land at Lower Road, Homington. Residential development of one dwelling.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

18/11545/TCA – Springfield, Shepherds Close, Coombe Bissett. T1 – Apple – reduce top to previous points (by 1m) and balance crown. T2 – Apple – reduce top by 2m and balance crown. T3 – Flowering Cherry – fell to ground level. T4 – Variegated Maple – reduce top to previous points (by 2.5m) and balance crown. G1 – group of two Cypress – fell to ground level.

18/10741/VAR – Caddens, Lower Road, Homington. Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 18/00525/VAR to allow for amended design including insertion of window to west elevation and additional roof light to bedroom 5.

18/12158/FUL – The Battery, Rockbourne Road, Coombe Bissett. Conversion of building with Class B1 permission to a single dwelling (retrospective).

19/00579/FUL – Glendale, Barbers Lane, Homington. Single storey front and rear extensions to existing bungalow.

112 Reports from representatives:

None received

113 Finance:

Income:

WC – path improvement grant	£660.00
I Newman – cemetery fee	£100.00

Outgoings:

642 Bawden Managed Landscapes – grass cutting January	£127.94
643 Mrs D James – reimbursement for meeting expenses	£283.10
644 Mrs D James – reimbursement for domain renewal	£19.19
645 Mrs H Scutt – reimbursement for WW1 photo restoration	£165.00
646 Mrs D James – reimbursement for strimmer service	£90.15
647 CB&H village hall – defibrillator electricity	£35.00
648 Bawden Managed Landscapes – grass cutting February	£127.94
649 Mrs A Burnett – NDP services (from grant payment)	£3164.00
650 Office expenses	£522.60
651 Paul Lumber – materials and labour for play area repairs	£588.00
652 Mrs C Cooper – reimbursement for NDP print costs	£42.50

P Crosthwaite proposed, C Chelu seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 642 to 652 be paid.

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is: £32059.39

The balance on the current account is: £13268.96

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £45328.35

114 Date of next meeting: 14th May 2019

115 The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.