

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 10th MARCH 2020 (unconfirmed).**

Present: Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, P Crosthwaite, C Chelu and G Bundy. Mrs D James (Clerk). Wiltshire Cllr. R Clewer. Mr Ted Coombs, Mr Robin Maycock and Mr David Germain.

99 Apologies for absence: Cllr. S Gledhill and A Bird.

100 Public question time: Mr Coombs explained the difficulties he has encountered with Wiltshire Council (WC) Planning Department following his purchase of the airstrip in Coombe Bissett. The Councillors offered advice and recommendations.

Mr Germain asked R Clewer to comment on plans for the proposed Harnham Gyratory and also the road surface condition of the A354. R Clewer said there are no time lines agreed for the Harnham Gyratory and A354 resurfacing in Coombe Bissett is dependant on WC budget availability. C Chelu added he has regularly alerted WC to the defects on the village section of the A354.

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

102 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.

103 Matters arising:

Neighbourhood Development Plan: A Community Engagement feedback event is planned for the evening of 17th March. It is hoped it will be well attended by villagers. Charles May from Coombe Bissett Stores has offered to supply wine and nibbles. Service and glasses will be free of charge. All councillors were in favour.

Gates across bridleways in Coombe Bissett: G Bundy explained that WC rights of way officer has still not responded to the suggestion of metal bollards in order to restrict vehicles along bridleway 8. The restrictors must be user friendly for horses and riders. G Bundy will follow up. There has been a further episode of fly tipping in this area since the last meeting, which was cleared by G Bundy.

Donkey Field fence: It is proposed to establish a low chestnut fence around the Donkey Field. The top rail will be no higher than 60cm and constructed as an erect single rail cleft chestnut fence. The reason for a fence is to prevent vehicles driving across the Donkey Field in wet and bad weather, causing damage, which is difficult to restore. It is hoped work will commence in April depending on the condition of the field.

Speeding on the A354: The Speed Indicator Device (SID) is up and running. The positive news gathered from data collected shows that the SID does influence most drivers. After 2 weeks, 63% of drivers travelling into Coombe Bissett from Salisbury were driving at 30mph or less and the majority are still moving at less than 36mph. SID volunteers have been trained in moving the SID to various locations.

Ramp onto play area: A ramp installed into the play area will improve ease of access and safety. Mr Matt Mould will kindly carry out this work soon.

New bench seats: The Parish Council asked if anyone wanted to donate a seat, possibly as a memorial, but there has been no response. A request has also been received to site a seat adjacent to the bus stop outside the Fox and Goose. Landlord Keith Smith has no objection but he has passed on the request to his agent, who must agree.

Tree planting: Some Parish Council owned sites that have been identified for tree planting which maybe suitable for a commemoration tree. An offer was made in the Express for anyone wanting to plant a tree. There was no response.

104 School request for Shutts Lane tree maintenance: There has been a request from the School Health and Safety Representative asking for the Parish Council to contribute to maintenance work of trees on Shutts Lane bank bordering the school, following a report by a tree surgery company, obtained by the school. The Parish Council reviewed the report. Councillors stated that following extensive research in the past, it is not known who the landowner is. The Parish Council does not own the land and is therefore not liable or responsible for tree maintenance. It was agreed by all that a contribution would not be made.

105 Advertisement board frame for the Donkey Field: A frame or support will be needed once the new fence is erected. A villager has kindly offered to construct it.

106 Parish Council logo: There has been an offer of logo ideas, which might be appropriate for use by the Parish Council. It was rejected.

107 Green Infrastructure and Open Space collaboration and household survey: This is a collaborative piece of work between WC and parishes aimed at understanding the current provision of open space and will form evidence necessary to support a new Green Infrastructure Strategy by WC. Some household surveys have been submitted and the Parish Council will complete the main questionnaire.

108 Parking on Recreation Field:

17-03-20: NDP Community Engagement event

28-03-20: Quiz night

26-04-20: Cricket

02-05-20: Cricket club dance

03-05-20: Cricket

09-05-20: Private event

10-05-20: Cricket

109 Parking on Donkey Field:

No requests

110 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

Film club

NDP Community Engagement event

Quiz night

111 Correspondence received:

Updated footpath map from Dr A Lack.

Letter of assurance from WC indicating support of objections received forwarded to BT, for retention of the Homington phone box.

WC consultation which requests details of any suggestions for bus service improvements, that are believed to be causing problems for residents in the parish area. The Parish Council has responded.

112 Planning:

Planning received:

19/08192/FUL – Outfarm barns and yard, Coombe Farm, near Salisbury Racecourse, Coombe Bissett. Conversion and change of use of Outfarm Barns 1 and 2 and new 16 sqm connecting structure to form single C3 dwelling with hard and soft landscaping and ecological mitigation to the building and ecological improvement to adjacent woodland and associated works.

19/11523/FUL - Lower Cranbourne Farm Barn, Old Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Conversion of two existing agricultural barns to form a single storey residential dwelling (use class C3) and carport associated landscaping and access. Refused.

20/00084/TCA – Karelea, Stocksbridge Lane, Coombe Bissett. Ash (T1) – remove branch overhanging neighbouring property and reduce overall height to 10-15ft approximately. Ash (T2) - remove branch overhanging neighbouring property and reduce overall height to 15ft approximately. Ash (T3) – fell and replant with Bird Cherry tree in same position.

20/01776/TCA – The Old House, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Row of Hornbeam trees – remove unwanted branches and reduce height by 50%.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

19/11851/CLE – Land to the west of the A354, to the south of Coombe Bissett. Certificate of Lawfulness existing for the change of use of agricultural land to an airstrip and the use of an agricultural building as a hangar.

19/12134/FUL – Hawthorne Rise, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Replacement of existing lean to roof with new pitched roof and timber cladding to external walls of existing garage.

113 Reports from representatives:

C Chelu Highways representative reported he has had a meeting with a WC Highways Officer regarding Stratford Tony Road flooding and breaking up. A new drainage grip is being considered once the landowner has been consulted.

D Hobson Homington representative raised the problem of the prospect of Coronavirus self-isolation and the implications that will result. The Clerk will submit an article in the next Express indicating means of community support for those who need it.

G Bundy Footpaths representative explained that fallen trees had blocked 3 footpaths recently. In all cases local residents had dealt with this.

P Crosthwaite Flood Warden explained that WC had cleared the Homington Road blocked drains that had created excess water accumulating. However she described that there is a blockage under the road that needs solving. She has pressed WC for the work to be expedited without a result. R Clewer assured he would add his support.

P Crosthwaite has met with officers from the Environment Agency and AONB to discuss Coombe Bissett Flooding. She reported that the river-modelling project is due to be completed soon and there maybe finance from the Heritage Lottery Fund to pay for improvements.

114 Finance:

Income:

Nil

Outgoings:

696 Bawden Managed Landscapes – grass cutting December	£133.42
697 Meeting expenses	£260.15
698 Mrs D James – reimbursement for SID post extensions	£200.22
699 Mrs D James – reimbursement for SID	£2331.08
700 Bawden Managed Landscapes – grass cutting January	£133.42
701 Mrs D James – reimbursement for 70m garden show bunting	£241.78
702 Mrs D James – reimbursement for SID sockets and installation	£851.44
703 Bawden Managed Landscapes – grass cutting February	£133.42
704 Mrs D James – reimbursement for web domain renewal	£19.19
705 Office expenses	£487.40
706 Dr A Burnett – NDP fees	£1866.75

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is: £32123.56

The balance on the current account is: £17620.52

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £49744.08

D Hobson proposed, P Crosthwaite seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 696 to 706 be paid.

115 Date of next meeting: 12th May 2020

116 The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.