

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM. ON TUESDAY 8th May 2012 (unconfirmed)**

Present: Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, Rev W Cole, C Chelu, P Crosthwaite, J Gregory.
D James (Clerk). R Britton, R Cox, Mrs C Chelu, P Hartgill.

1 Richard Britton – Chairman of Southern Wiltshire Area Board: D Rattue welcomed Richard Britton who explained that £75,000 is dispersed throughout the 18 area boards in Wiltshire. A recent area board survey showed that parish councils have common problems with community safety and footpaths as priorities. He said Parish Councils should engage with the Area Board in order to gain benefits. D Hobson asked R Britton if there was any information on the Chalk Pit Site. R Britton reported no update. D Hobson reiterated the Parish Council's preference for affordable housing and requested Wiltshire Council to expedite this.

2 Apologies for Absence: None received.

3 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman: W Cole called for nominations. D Hobson nominated D Rattue to be elected as chairman for the next year and J Gregory seconded the motion. D Rattue was elected as Chairman. W Cole proposed D Hobson as vice chairman and P Crosthwaite seconded the motion. D Hobson confirmed he would like the post but thought it unlikely to want the commitment of chairman in the future. D Hobson was elected as Vice Chairman.

4 Election of officers: Due to the resignation of R Maycock, a vacancy has been advertised with one applicant. Richard Cox was proposed by W Cole and seconded by P Crosthwaite. All other councillors were in agreement. R Cox is co-opted on to Parish Council. All other councillors will remain.
Committees and representatives: Planning: Homington - D Hobson and J Gregory. Planning: Coombe Bissett - P Crosthwaite and R Cox. Police representative: D Rattue, Village Hall representative: C Chelu. Transport representative: D Rattue. Flood risks: Homington - D Hobson, Coombe Bissett - P Crosthwaite. Cranbourne Chase AONB and Natural England and Environmental Agency: D Hobson. Playground equipment: C Chelu. Rights of way: J Gregory. School; W Cole. Parish Steward; C Chelu. Burial ground; W Cole. Village map: W Cole. Parish plan: J Gregory and P Crosthwaite.

5 Public Question Time: None.

6 Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were proposed by C Chelu, seconded by W Cole and agreed by all as a correct record.

7 Declarations of interest: The parish councillors declared an interest in all the planning applications.

8 Matters arising:

Jubilee celebrations: D Rattue thanked C Chelu for all his hard work. He also thanked the Jubilee committee. C Chelu reported there had been much good work and a team was being recruited to erect bunting.

C Chelu has put together a proposal to develop the Old Hut Site into a Jubilee Orchard. There would be costs incurred to the Parish Council. Both W Cole and D Hobson thanked C Chelu for his work but raised objections. W Cole indicated work should be undertaken on a volunteer basis and was concerned that some trees recommended were high maintenance. D Hobson commented on the cost implications of this small area. R Britton advised that the Jubilee Committee should apply for an area board grant. A site meeting is planned on 15 May to finalise the application. D Hobson suggested Community Pay Back may assist in site clearance. The clerk will investigate.

Parish plan: J Gregory and P Crosthwaite reported there is a public meeting on 14 May to present the Parish Plan. There will be feedback following the presentation at the next Parish Council meeting. There is still a sum of money available from the Community First grant obtained last year. Alastair Lack has produced an exceptional document which it is hoped will be available electronically and as a book. D Hobson proposed and W Cole seconded thanks to the Parish Plan Group for their excellent work.

Standing Orders: These have been circulated to all councillors.

New Councillor: There has been one application and Richard Cox has been co-opted.

Use of footpaths: No further problems reported.

Register of interests: All councillors have completed this document, returned to the clerk who has forwarded them to Wiltshire Council.

Speed indicator devices: Speeds are currently being monitored on the A354. Speed monitoring on the C12 around Homington resulted in non qualification for speed indicator devices (SIDS), but did qualify for community speed watch. Gerald Richards has very kindly offered to co-ordinate community speed watch with a group of residents. Training is currently being arranged. The Parish Council has contacted the Area Board to help resolve road safety issues in Homington. 2 councillors and some villagers met with the highways engineer and she is looking at alternative ways to improve safety. Wiltshire Police will undertake speedwatch.

Archives: There are plans to store village archives in an allocated cupboard in the print room at the village hall.

Bus shelter at the Fox and Goose: Wiltshire Council has refused to pay for a bus shelter. The Clerk will contact Wilts and Dorset and ask for funding.

9 Graffiti on playground kick wall: The Parish Council acknowledge this is a problem. C Chelu to investigate methods of removal or obliteration. The Clerk will enquire into Community Pay Back assistance.

10 Annual audit and presentation of accounts: The Clerk circulated a summary of income and expenditure for the financial year. Also circulated was financial analysis and list of Parish assets. W Cole proposed and D Hobson seconded and all councillors agreed that these be approved. Thanks to Bertie Woolnough for auditing the accounts. The Chairman and Clerk plan to review the parish assets to reassess value and depreciation.

11 Authorised signatories: Those councillors not yet authorised have signed relevant paperwork.

12 Parking on recreation field – requests:

11th-12th May Drama Club

16th May Fundraising Bertie Woolnough

19th May Birthday party Ruth Morgan

4th June Jubilee celebrations

21st June Chalke Deanery event Bertie Woolnough

7th July PTA Coombe Bissett school

12th July Phoenix

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13 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

21st May Garden Club

15th Sept Garden Show

14 Correspondence received:

Parish newsletters passed to P Crosthwaite.

Play Logic: play area refurbishment.

Plantscape: Jubilee planting schemes.

Community first membership.

The Secret Valley: Life in the Chalke Valley.

PIGS 2012.

Assessing burial space in Wilts.

Section 106 funds available.

15 Planning received:

2012/224 Hawthorne Rise, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Fell x1 larch. Approved.

S/2012/409 Hawthorne Rise, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Fell x1 horse chestnut. Approved.

S/2012/0225. Home Close, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Norway spruce - reduce by one third. Approved.

S/2012/452/FULL Field House, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Erect single storey and two storey extensions to side and rear of property to provide additional living space. Approved.

S/2012/615/FULL. Land off Homington Road, Homington. Erection of agricultural buildings together with hardstanding and ancillary landscaping works. Under review.

S/2012/646/FULL. The Old House, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Erection of oak framed building. Under review.

16 Finance:

Current account balance: £16800.47

Income:

I. Newman, interment fees: £30

Express, jubilee mugs: £876.50

VAT refund: £179.74

Wiltshire Council Precept: £5500.00

Outgoings:

270 Mawson systems, slide scanning: £476.69

271 Alastair Lack, slide postage: £22.70

272 Aon, insurance: £870.64

273 Clerk's teaching package: £75

274 WALC subscription: £224.42

275 Office wages and expenses since 1 March £554.55

276 Information Commissioner £35.00

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is £5991.36. The total of the two accounts is therefore £22791.83
W Cole proposed, D Hobson seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 270 to 276 be paid.

17 Reports from representatives:

School: There are now 86 pupils on the roll. :-Term 4

The school had applied for a capital grant to improve the outside playing area for the Early Years Class. There were various improvements that need to be made in order to comply with the Ofsted requirements. Sadly the bid was refused this year so we are looking to prioritise the bid and seek funding again but also explore other community funds to help to get these Health and safety issues put right. The Early Years has an outstanding Ofsted assessment and the proper arrangements of the outside areas is vital. The term ended with an Easter Service in the Church Every child in the school attended and each year group presented a part of the Easter Story .It was very well attended by Parents, Governors but also churchwardens and other members of the Saint Michael's Congregations.

Term:5 has also started well and the school has welcomed 2 new children who have moved into the village .I am glad to report that we have had two new families from the village this year, who have sent their children to the school.

18 Date of next meeting: 10th July 2012 7pm.

19 The meeting closed at 8.35pm.