

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 14th May 2013 (unconfirmed).**

Present: Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, Rev W Cole, C Chelu, P Crosthwaite, R Cox and S Gledhill. Mrs D James (Clerk), Unitary Cllr J Johnson, Mr D Germain and Mr G Bundy.

1 Apologies for absence: Mrs P Pratt, Mrs A Germain and Mr Maycock.

2 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman: C Chelu proposed D Rattue as Chairman, seconded by P Crosthwaite; all other councillors in agreement.

W Cole proposed and P Crosthwaite seconded D Hobson as Vice Chairman; all other councillors in favour.

3 Election of Officers: W Cole proposed that all existing officers remain in post and seconded by D Hobson. D Rattue: Wiltshire Police. D Hobson: Homington and Homington planning. W Cole: United Charities, school and cemetery. C Chelu: Parish steward liaison, playground and village hall. P Crosthwaite: flood warden and Coombe Bissett planning. R Cox: Coombe Bissett planning. S Gledhill: Homington planning. The post of rights of way officer is currently vacant.

4 Welcome to new Councillor: The Parish Councillors and Clerk welcomed Stephen Gledhill onto the Council.

5 Public question time: Mr G Bundy had requested a few days ago if an agenda item could be brought forward in order to be discussed in public question time. The Chairman agreed.

Affordable housing on the Chalk Pit Site: D Hobson reported that at the recent Wiltshire Council Cabinet meeting there had been a unanimous decision for the site to be used for three affordable homes, with preference given to local people.

Mr G Bundy informed the Parish Council that he hopes to develop seven to nine affordable homes on his field opposite the Chalk Pit site. He proposes some homes would be shared equity and some would be total leasing. He also proposes an adjoining church car park on his land, adjacent to the Church. Mr G Bundy requested Parish Council support for his proposals. D Rattue responded that the Council would need to discuss this request.

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

7 Declarations of interest: There were no additional declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

8 Matters arising:

Old Hut Site: W Cole reported that grass seed has been sown.

Old Comrade Hut Plaque proof: W Cole has ordered a miniature Sarsen Stone and a plaque.

Parish Plan update: Following a request in the Express for Community Speedwatch volunteers, unfortunately there has been no response.

Footpath from Fox and Goose to Marsh Lane: The path improvement undertaken by Siteform is complete and the Parish Council has received several expressions of thanks. The cost was £349 over budget and that was due to some extra top soil and grass seed. There has been the kind offer of £100 worth of mixed wild flower seed from Chris Bright who lives in the village and who is managing director of Bright's seeds at Burcombe. The Parish Council expressed their thanks.

Speed Indicator Devices: We still await the installation of speed indicator devices on both sides of the A354 in Coombe Bissett. A decision for the time scale should be made at the next Southern Area Board meeting in June.

Homington traffic: As indicated in the Parish Plan a 20 mph limit was requested through Homington village and this has been logged with the Community Area Traffic Group. Wiltshire Council has advised that a 20 mph policy will be available for viewing on the Wiltshire Council website this July, which will be inviting comments on the proposed policy. Wiltshire Council will not consider requests for 20mph speed limits until the policy is finalised.

Homington Commemorative Trees: S Gledhill reported that the avenue of trees are in good condition and a plaque will be purchased with money left in the fund, following many generous donations by Homington parishioners.

Village website: The new web site is used regularly. Following discussion with the domain host company by the Clerk, renewal was free of charge.

Affordable housing on the Chalk Pit site: Discussed at public question time.

Footpath on Stratford Tony Road: C Chelu has suggested the use of a white line (1m from the north side of the road) to indicate to motorists that pedestrians and cyclists use this route. This would be sign posted at either end. The Parish Council await completion of traffic calming measures in Homington before this proposal is submitted to the Southern Area Board.

Footpath route between Stratford Tony turnoff to opposite Fox and Goose: R Cox had observed that during the snowy period there were many footprints along this stretch. C Chelu has kindly carried out some exploratory digging to assess if the kerb did originally extend further, but has been concealed due to the build up of silt, soil and grass growing over. C Chelu discovered signs of a white line but no evidence of a kerb. The Clerk will ask Wiltshire Council again, to clear the build up of silt and debris adjacent to the white railings on the A354.

Parish Council Elections: A Parish Council election was not needed as the number of candidates equalled the number of seats available. An election for our Unitary Councillor was held and Julian Johnson was re-elected with a majority of 346 votes.

9 Overgrowth problems in Coombe Bissett: R Cox has received complaints that trees 50 yards beyond the 30mph sign in Pennings Lane are covered in ivy which could increase the risk of them blowing over in a gale. The Parish Council would advise but consider this to be a land owner responsibility. R Cox has also noted thick brambles growing by the path close to the beech tree on the A354. The Clerk will contact Ian Morrell and enquire if he can remove them.

10 Pedestrian crossing across the A354: R Cox asked if a pedestrian crossing could be positioned. P Crosthwaite advised that this subject was discussed at Parish Plan meetings and Wiltshire Council Highways had been approached. This resulted in a Highways decision that it is not possible to site a pedestrian crossing. The Clerk will ask Wiltshire Council to clear silt on both sides of the A354 from the Rookery Cottages towards Salisbury.

11 Dog fouling: P Crosthwaite reported an increase in dog fouling in Coombe Bissett, particularly along Homington Road. C Chelu stated the same problem had occurred in the recreation field. The Parish Council have been made aware and would ask those dog owners to act responsibly.

12 Code of Conduct and Standing Orders: Wiltshire Council Code of Conduct and Standing Orders were distributed to all Councillors.

13 Annual audit and presentation of accounts: The Clerk circulated a summary and analysis of the accounts. The Clerk and Parish Council are grateful to Mr Bertie Woolnough for carrying out an internal audit of Parish Council accounts. He has reported all is in order but suggests a transfer of funds from the current account to the reserve account. The accounts will now be audited by Grant Thornton, the external auditor. The summary and analysis of the Parish Council accounts will be posted on the notice boards and village web site. W Cole proposed, R Cox seconded and all councillors agreed that these be approved.

14 Authorised signatories: Revision of signatory mandate is required by Nat West bank. It was signed and authorised by D Rattue.

15 Parking on recreation field – requests:

20-05-13: Garden Club
26-05-13: Cricket afternoon
09-06-13: Cricket afternoon
15-06-13: Drama Club party
23-06-13: Cricket afternoon
29-06-13: Cricket afternoon
06-07-13: Private function
07-07-13: Cricket afternoon
11-07-13: Phoenix
13-07-13; Garden Club flower show 8-5.30
14-07-13: Cricket afternoon
27-07-13: Wedding

16 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

No requests

17 Parking on Donkey Field:

18-05-13: Green Doors Open House at the Hartgill's

18 Correspondence received:

Nat West bank statements
Community First Newsletter
Bobby Van News
Arien Designs – Signs and graphics mail shot
Plantlife Wiltshire events this summer
NAWS (Network Against Wiltshire Sprawl) information
Changes to highways and streetscene service information

19 Planning:

Planning received:

S/2012/1671 - Middle Farm Homington. Erection of 1 x two bed dwelling and 1 x three bed dwelling with creation of new access and alteration of existing access. Objection by Parish Council.
13/00207/Full - Hunters Chase Rockbourne Road Coombe Bissett. Single storey extension.
13/00216/Full - Westmead Barbers Lane Homington. Erection of 2 bay detached garage.
13/00543/TCA – The Glebe Homington Road Coombe Bissett. 1 Willow 40% reduction.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

S/2013/ 0344 - 1 The Rookery Coombe Bissett. Variation of condition 1 of application S/2010/0312 (detached annexe in garden) to extend the time for implementing the permission.

20 Reports from representatives:

Covered in Annual Parish Meeting minutes.

21 Finance:

Income:

Cranborne Chase AONB grant towards footpath:	£594.66
BT payment towards damage created on Beech tree verge:	£50.00
Precept half yearly payment from Wiltshire Council	£5500.01
HMRC VAT refund:	£705.96

Outgoings:

314 WALC subscription:	£233.06
315 Information Commission subscription:	£35.00
316 Siteform (path and verge costs):	£3592.80
317 Aon Insurance:	£836.98

318 Bawden Landscapes:	£122.68
319 Office expenses:	£456.30

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is £11994.90

The balance on the current account is £13192.34

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £25187.24

W Cole proposed, R Cox seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 314 - 319 be paid.

22 Date of next meeting: 16th July 2013 at 7pm.

23 The meeting closed at 8.50pm.