

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 13th May 2014 (unconfirmed).**

Present: Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, C Chelu, P Crosthwaite, R Cox, S Gledhill and A Bird. Mrs D James (Clerk). Unitary Cllr J Johnson. Mrs S Kittermaster, Mr R Maycock, Mr S James, Mr P Hartgill, Mr G Bundy, Mr J Speirs and Ms S Newnham.

1 Apologies for absence: Mrs S Speirs and Mrs P Pratt.

2 Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman: R Cox proposed and D Hobson seconded D Rattue as Chairman. S Gledhill proposed and C Chelu seconded D Hobson as Vice Chairman. All voted in favour.

3 Election of Officers: D Rattue proposed all officers stay in post with the exception of A Bird taking responsibility for the recreation field and Coombe Bissett rights of way. C Chelu has taken on responsibility of the school and will help P Crosthwaite and R Cox with Coombe Bissett planning. S Gledhill is now responsible for Homington rights of way. C Chelu proposed and P Crosthwaite seconded that all officers were voted en bloc and it was agreed.

4 Welcome to new councillor: The Chairman and council welcomed Councillor Mrs Abigail Bird who has recently been voted on to the Parish Council.

5 Public question time: John Speirs spoke about the Old Dairy Farm Yard, Stratford Tony Road planning application and asked the Parish Council if the entrance to the proposed building is situated in the most appropriate place. He commented that the site entrance had been moved closer to the corner junction with the A354 in a later application, which had been approved. C Chelu explained that he had inspected the area and considered this to be the safest location.

Peter Hartgill asked if improvements could be made to Footpath 2 leading from Old Blandford Road to Stratford Tony. He reported that the effects of last winter's rain had resulted in deterioration which affected the many walkers who use this path. He explained that he had contacted Boswells the building merchant who had offered to supply sub soil and scalplings free of charge. P Hartgill said he would look for volunteers in the summer to help with restoration work. The Clerk was asked by Councillors to contact Wiltshire Council's Rights Of Way Officer to inform him.

Sarah Newnham reported that it is difficult to access Footpath 4 close to Old Foundry Cottages due to heavy undergrowth. D Hobson suggested she could report this using Wiltshire Council's Clarence reporting system and the Clerk will contact the Rights Of Way Officer with the suggestion of a finger post as well as path clearance.

6 Minutes of the last meeting: Item 109 has been amended at the request of D Hobson. The minutes were then proposed by D Hobson, 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:

Speed Indicator Devices and Community Speedwatch: There has been no further installation of Speed Indicator Devices along the A354 recently and no recent report from Community Speedwatch.

Homington traffic: Traffic calming measures in Homington are now complete with a cost to the Parish Council of £390 which represents 10% of the total cost. The Clerk attended the Community Area Transport Group (CATG) meeting in April and the application for a 20 mph speed restriction was rejected by the group. It must be noted that there is Wiltshire Council funding for only for two 20 mph areas in Southern Wiltshire.

Council housing in Coombe Bissett: Amended plans for the council houses to be built on the old chalk pit site have been received from Wiltshire Council. There has been a small reduction in the size of the footprint of the 2x2 bed semi detached houses and the 2x1 bed flat

type homes. The doors and windows have been changed to upvc and the rear gardens will now have patio areas instead of decking. Land boundaries have been established and agreed with the help of a neighbouring resident. The formal application should follow shortly.

Flooding: P Crosthwaite has given detail of recent information in her report as recorded in the Annual Meeting minutes. In view of being offered a ton of sand as part of the “flooding first aid kit” there followed discussion about storage. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Wiltshire Council, confirm delivery details and request that the existing sand stored in the village pound be positioned in a tidier manner and then both new and old sand sacks covered with a new tarpaulin. Robin Maycock informed the meeting that he had a tarpaulin that could be used, for which the Parish Council is very appreciative.

The War Memorial: The grant application has passed the preliminary assessment and the final assessment is awaited for approval of a £1000 grant towards conservation and repairs. Bertie Woolnough continues to liaise with the church architect and church authorities.

Homington Triangle seat: Homington residents are planning to repair the seat and the Parish Council will pay for all materials.

Donated bench: The seat kindly donated by the Plymouth Brethren will be situated at the Village Hall end of the recreation field. A Bird reported that the area will be strimmed first and she will organise installation of the seat with a concrete base.

106 fund expenditure: The 106 fund of £1726 which must be used for recreational community use has recently paid for sturdy steel cricket nets which have been assembled and positioned on the recreation field for use by the Cricket Club and other villagers. Cricket captain Gwilym Vaughan has written to express his thanks and given assurance that the nets will be stored in the winter and the frame will be well maintained. The cost came to £1980 but VAT will be refunded reducing the cost to £1650.

Village defibrillator: There have been several generous donations from village organisations and individuals as well as Wiltshire Council southern area board grant of £2000. In addition the ambulance service, who supports community schemes, unexpectedly offered 2 defibrillators without charge. Funding acquired will pay for storage cabinets, fees to adopt phone boxes, maintenance, lighting and heating costs. If finances permit, it may be possible to install a third defibrillator. The Clerk continues to liaise with the Community Heartbeat Trust and the ambulance service.

Proposed solar park on land at Bake Farm: The Planning Officer has written to advise that he will be meeting with the applicants shortly and that a far more detailed consultation is likely to follow. Those consulted previously will be re-consulted with the detailed amended plans. A visual impact assessment should also be submitted. He indicated that the deadline of 20th May for comments will probably be extended. The Clerk will write to the Planning Officer to confirm if all objectors will be notified of the revised plans when they become available. The latest community benefit offer from BSR the developer, has come via a community heat and power company which would assist our parish in establishing a community energy group to explore the creation of a local utility company in which the community and individuals can invest. Parish Councillors stated they have been disappointed with community benefit offers.

Kick wall in the play area: The repair work will be carried out by C Chelu and Robin Maycock. D Rattue expressed thanks.

Grit bin for Barbers Lane Homington: D Hobson and S Gledhill will consult with parishioners in the locality and seek views and opinions.

Shutts Lane embankment: There has been a report that some of the trees on the school embankment in Shutts Lane need attention due to crown decline and significant decay. The Wiltshire Council Tree and Woodland Officer will inspect the trees and report. He will look at his records to see if there are ownership details to go with this area. Wiltshire Council has

indicated that if this fails to bring up an owner then the Parish Council will be asked to fund the work.

9 Donation to Chris Brown Day Centre: A request for a donation has been made. The day centre in Bowerchalke has lost a proportion of their Wiltshire Council funding. Some of our parishioners attend. It was proposed and agreed that a £50 donation be given. S Gledhill will produce some guidance to contributing to charities with a view to a possible parish council policy or guidelines.

10 20mph in Coombe Bissett: At the recent CATG meeting Coombe Bissett received approval as only one of the two areas in Southern Wiltshire to receive assessment from Wiltshire Council for a 20 mph speed limit. It is likely that Highways will stipulate that other traffic calming measures will be incorporated in order for it to be legal. These will include street lighting speed bumps and build outs (chicanes). In view of these additional measures the Parish Council will wait for results of the assessment and then review the decision to accept.

11 Improvements to FP 2 (footpath to Stratford Tony): Discussed in public question time.

12 Daffodils for the Parishes: Chris Baughan and Steve James have offered to plant daffodil bulbs along the verges and banks in Coombe Bissett and Homington, if the Parish Council will fund the bulbs. D Hobson suggested some varieties and P Crosthwaite offered advice on locations. Any landowners involved will be consulted. It was proposed by R Cox, seconded by A Bird and agreed by the majority that up to £300 be allocated.

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

14 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. 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. P Crosthwaite proposed and C Chelu seconded that the Annual Return which includes the accounting statements and annual governance statement be approved and all agreed.

15 Parking on Recreation Field:

21-05-14: Valerie Taylor charity evening

26-05-14: Cricket

01-06-14: Cricket

08-06-14: Cricket

13-06-14: Private party

15-06-14: Cricket

16-06-14: Garden Club

28-06-14: Private event

29-06-14: Cricket

05-07-14: Private party

06-07-14: Cricket

10-07-14: Phoenix

16 Parking on Donkey Field:

No requests

17 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

17-05-14: Plant and Bake sale

18 Correspondence received:

Letter from Wiltshire Council concerning amended solar park plans at Bake Farm.

19 Planning:

Planning received:

13/06336/FUL – Land to the west of Bake Farm Buildings, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett. The erection of solar photovoltaic panels and associated works and infrastructure, including switchgear, inverter stations, access tracks, security fencing, security cameras and grid connection. Objection by Parish Council.

14/02224/FUL - Site adjacent to Weaveland, Homington Road Coombe Bissett. Replacement of existing garage with hobby garage/workshop and studio accommodation above. Objection by Parish Council. Refused by Wiltshire Council.

14/03708/FUL – Middle Farm, Homington. Demolition of existing rear extension and outhouse and erect 2 storey rear extension. Support subject to conditions.

14/03801/FUL – The Paddocks (plot B), Lower Road, Homington. Loft conversion with 3 x loft windows and new conservatory. No comment.

14/04304/FUL – Staddle Barn, Shepherds Close, Coombe Bissett. Demolish existing conservatory and erect sunroom. Under review.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

14/01816/FUL – Ebbelcombe House, Stratford Tony Road, Coombe Bissett. Single storey side extension and associated alterations.

14/02285/FUL – Cross Farm, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. New vehicular access (driveway) to/from Homington Road (C12) to house.

14/03650/FUL – Hawthorne Rise, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. 2 storey side extension.

20 Reports from representatives:

Covered in Annual Parish Meeting minutes.

21 Finance:

Income:

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| Interest | £1.18 |
| Defibrillator donation | £50.00 |
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| Precept | £5500.01 |
| Area Board grant for defibrillators | £2000.00 |

Outgoings:

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| 362 C Chelu – Re-imburement for kick board materials | £136.44 |
| 363 Bawden Landscapes – March account | £122.68 |
| 364 WALC subscription | £244.13 |
| 365 ICO (data protection) subscription | £35.00 |
| 366 Dem Sports – Cricket nets | £1980.00 |
| 367 Aon – Parish insurance renewal | £851.05 |
| 368 Office expenses | £368.80 |
| 369 I Morrell – Donkey Field repair and seat refurbishment | £74.45 |
| 370 Wiltshire Council – Homington traffic calming contribution | £390.00 |

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is £11999.74

The balance on the current account is £19395.18

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £31394.92

D Hobson proposed, S Gledhill seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 362 – 370 be paid.

22 Date of next meeting: 8th July 2014 at 7 pm.

23 The meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Signed:-----Dated:-----

