

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> November 2013 (unconfirmed).**

**Present:** Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, C Chelu, P Crosthwaite, R Cox and S Gledhill. Mrs D James (Clerk). Mr G Bundy, Mrs J Pay, Ms S Newnham, Mrs T Chelu.

**66 Apologies for absence:** Cllr. W Cole, Mrs P Pratt.

**67 Public question time:** Mr Bundy asked if the lack of lighting in Shutts Lane would be resolved. D Rattue advised that all lamps are being replaced.

**68 Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes were proposed by S Gledhill, seconded by P Crosthwaite and agreed by all as a correct record.

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

**70 Matters arising:**

**Speed Indicator Devices and Community Speedwatch:** The instillation of the Speed Indicator Device is still awaited. Wiltshire Highways has been advised it should initially be positioned on the Blandford Road. It will later be moved from the Blandford side of the A354 to the Salisbury side of the A354. Training for Community Speedwatch (CSW) has taken place. It is anticipated CSW should commence at the end of January. Speed guns and a start date are awaited.

**Homington traffic:** Some brown coloured tarmac has been laid by Wiltshire Highways. Speed limiting roundels which were suggested at the Community Area Traffic Group have not yet been fitted. The Wiltshire Council 20 mph speed policy has not yet been finalised. The adoption of this policy may influence an earlier request for a 20 mph speed limit through Homington. Wiltshire Council state acceptance of this policy should be available by Christmas.

**Council housing in Coombe Bissett:** A meeting is planned with Wiltshire Council's head of new housing, the architect, the surveyor, the business support officer and Parish Councillors. Confirmation of a date by Wiltshire Council is still awaited.

**Winter planning information:** C Chelu has not yet contacted his "Snowmen". Grit has been ordered to top up bins. A new bin has been ordered for Barbers Lane in Homington.

**Tree pruning:** Pruning of dead limbs on the beech tree and the overhanging ash, situated between the pub and Marsh Lane have been carried out. The fallen willow branches at Pack Horse Bridge have been removed and branches overhanging on the right side of Shutts Lane have been pruned and tidied. The willow tree on the Donkey Field is still to be pollarded.

**The War Memorial:** The pre-application for a grant to the War Memorials Trust has been accepted. Mr B Woolnough is obtaining quotes from stone masons and preparing necessary documentation for the Diocese. He and the Clerk can then proceed to submit the application for a grant.

**Request for improvement to footpath 4:** The gate on the eastern end has been installed, together with a hand rail to aid crossing over the sleepers at the northern end, near Stocksbridge Lane. Thank you to Nigel Walsh of South Wilts Walking Group who fitted the gate and his assistants Chris Baughan and Steve James.

**The pond opposite the Fox and Goose:** Bill Imeson is currently investigating methods of clearing the pond.

**The electronic warning sign on the A354:** There has been concern at the position of the electronic warning sign on the A354 from Blandford into Coombe Bissett as it is close to the bend. A request to Wiltshire Highways for the sign to be replaced 50 metres further back has been submitted. The request has been acknowledged with assurance the site will be inspected.

**Planning application 13/00998/Full:** An objection by the Parish Council was submitted and the application has been withdrawn.

**71 Precept for next year:** The predicted income and expenditure for next year has been assessed by the Chairman and the Clerk. Details of next year's outgoings together with items earmarked were circulated to the councillors prior to the meeting for consideration. D Rattue suggested the precept for next year should be kept the same as last year - £11000. This was proposed by C Chelu and seconded by R Cox and all were in agreement.

**72 Asset review:** The annual asset review was undertaken in September by D Rattue and the Clerk. The War Memorial will hopefully qualify for a grant to assist funding restoration, repair and repainting work. The Parish Council has set aside £1000 to help pay for this project. The notice board at the bottom of Shutts Lane needed replacing. The bench outside Coombe Bissett Sores needed repainting. The seat at Homington Triangle is in a state of disrepair.

**72 106 fund expenditure:** There is £1726 in this fund which must be spent by 2016. The items that this fund can be spent on are restricted. The Clerk will investigate and submit suggestions.

**73 Village defibrillator:** The Clerk received a request for a village defibrillator. Following research and discussion with the Community Heart Beat Trust, a paramedic and another parish who have a defibrillator there is favourable opinion that defibrillators have become valuable community assets. The Councillors supported initial ideas and the Clerk will pursue her research. Each unit costs £2000 and the Clerk will apply to the Southern Area Board for a grant, as well as approaching local clubs for an indication of their interest in supporting this project.

**74 Homington Triangle seat:** Following the asset review and finding Homington Triangle seat in a state of disrepair D Hobson and S Gledhill both questioned if this seat actually needs replacing. They will discuss with locals.

**75 Notice boards:** A replacement notice board for the bottom of Shutts Lane has been constructed by Chris Baughan out of a window kindly donated by Des Adeley. It has been fitted and erected by Chris Baughan and Steve James. Thanks to all concerned were expressed by the Parish Council. The old Parish Council notice board has been refurbished for installation outside Coombe Bissett Stores for general notices. Charles May has offered to pay for this but it was proposed by P Crosthwaite and seconded by D Hobson that the Parish Council pay costs. All were in agreement.

**76 Proposed solar farm on land at Bake Farm:** Following the pre-planning application submitted to site a solar farm, the Parish Council have written to British Solar Renewables (BSR) to inform them of concerns and uncertainties, which include considerable intrusion into the landscape from various vantage points around the parish and loss of amenity at Old Foundry Cottages where the proposed solar panels will be directly adjacent to the residents' property. There has been no acknowledgement or response to this letter as yet. The Clerk will contact BSR. She will also contact the land owner and Britford Parish Council (the parish which Bake Farm is situated), in order to establish constructive engagement. C Chelu stated he has posted a substantial amount of information on the village web site, which includes his own photographs and photomontages as well as photomontages supplied by BSR. Parishioners can view them on the parish council page of the village web site. Ms Newnham of Old Foundry Cottages was asked how she would be affected by the proposed development which borders an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and she explained she would be completely surrounded on two sides.

**77 Donated bench:** A bench donated some time ago has been delivered. C Chelu will make enquiries regarding possible places to install it and if a plaque is required.

**78 Kick wall in the play area:** The kick wall in the play area has rotted. The Clerk will contact Ian Morrell regarding repair or replacement.

**79 Parking on Recreation Field – requests:**

14-11-13: Phoenix (afternoon)  
14-11-13: School event  
18-11-13: Garden Club  
03-12-13 – 07-12-13: Drama Club Pantomime  
12-12-13: Phoenix (afternoon and evening)

**80 Parking on Donkey Field:**

28-04-14: Garden Club

**81 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:****82 Correspondence received:**

Nat West bank statements  
Comfy Play mail shot  
Video Diaries and Wiltshire communities  
Wicksteed playscapes mail shot  
Aquatic Environmental Solutions mail shot  
Clear Mapping Co information  
Wiltshire Good Neighbour Service – Grow Your Tenner

**83 Planning:**Planning received:

13/00766/S73 – Land adjacent to Ebble Cottage, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Vary condition 1 of S/2010/0889 (construction of a new bungalow with integral double garage) to extend the time to implement the permission.

13/01037/ADV – Coombe Down Farm, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Retrospective application for the erection of 6 non illuminated signs (relating to the business) situated near vehicular access to site.

13/00998/Full – Land to the rear of Moonrakers, Homington. Demolition of existing poultry sheds and erection of five new dwellings with associated garages. Objection by PC. Withdrawn.

13/04222/Full – The Brines, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Proposed replacement single storey rear extension and minor internal alterations to ground and first floor. Proposed replacement of existing pre-fabricated flat roof garage with timber car barn and home office.

13/03890/Full – Cross Farm, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. New vehicular access (driveway) to/from Homington Road (C12) to house.

13/05265/TCA – Squareys, Drove Lane, Coombe Bissett. Raise lower canopy to 5m of 1 x Horse Chestnut. Re-pollard 2 x limes. Reduce height of 1 x Conifer by 50%. Remove left stem and 5 limbs of 1 x Horse Chestnut. Remove limb of 1 x Sumach.

13/05755/TCA – Water Lane Cottage, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Fell 1 x Willow.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

13/00593/Full – Coombe Bissett Distribution Site, Stratford Tony Road, Coombe Bissett. Construction of new booster station on the line of an existing gravity water main that runs from the Compton Down reservoir to the village of Coombe Bissett.

13/02614/Full – Long Cottage, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Single storey rear extension.

13/01281/Full – Overchalke, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Extension to existing rear conservatory.

13/01283/Full – Angle Down, Stratford Tony Road, Coombe Bissett. Single storey extensions and associated alterations.

**84 Reports from representatives:**

Recreation Field and Playground: C Chelu reported that recently three palings were replaced in the fence due to vandalism. The bottom of the kick wall has rotted and needs a repair. If members of the public see damage being caused, the Parish Council would like to know the identity of the miscreants, if this can be established

Highways and Street Scene: C Chelu reported that following the Parish Council's photo report of pot holes and other works needed, Wiltshire Council have made a start on some of the work. Some of the overgrown pavements have been cleared, but there seems to be little action on potholes.

Village Hall: C Chelu reported that the Village Hall committee have received a grant towards new chairs as some of the old ones are giving way. They have sought advice regarding draught prevention and the air vents in the roof will be blocked.

**85 Finance:**

**Income:**

Wiltshire Council - Precept	£5499.99
I Newman - Memorial fee	£60.00
C White - Burial fee	£100.00
Bank interest	£1.24

**Outgoings:**

336 Earl of Radnor - Allotment rent	£10.00
337 A Lack – Reimbursement for domain name fee	£39.56
338 Bawden Landscapes – September grass cutting	£122.68
339 C Baughan – Re-imburement for notice board materials	£18.50
340 Playsafety (RoSPA)	£75.60
341 I Morrell – Recreation field jobs	£50.00
342 Bawden Landscapes – October grass cutting	£122.68
343 K Cooper – Village tree works	£320.00
344 Office expenses	£421.78
345 I Morrell – Reimbursement for CB Stores notice board	£40.00

**Balance on accounts:**

The balance on the reserve account is £11997.35

The balance on the current account is £15426.02

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £27423.37

D Hobson proposed, S Gledhill seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 336 – 345 be paid.

**86 Date of next meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7pm.

**87 The meeting closed at 8.40pm.**