

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 4th November 2014 (unconfirmed).**

Present: Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, C Chelu, P Crosthwaite and G Bundy. Mrs D James (Clerk). Mr Robin Maycock and Mr Tony Hayter.

66 Apologies for absence: Cllr S Gledhill, Cllr A Bird, Unitary Councillor J Johnson and Mrs P Pratt.

67 Public question time: No questions submitted.

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

69 Declarations of interest: D Rattue declared an interest in Stocks Bridge Lane repairs and therefore will not take part in any Parish Council considerations. There were no additional declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

70 Matters arising:

Council housing in Coombe Bissett: The planning application was approved by the Southern Area Planning Committee in September and the build contract has been put out to tender.

Flooding: Much of the work agreed to be undertaken in Coombe Bissett by Wiltshire Council has been completed. There is still some outstanding work in Homington and the Clerk will follow this up. Wiltshire Council has advised that the Vactor unit will be working in the area during the early part of December. G Bundy agreed he would liaise with the Chavs (Coombe and Homington Active Volunteers) concerning some areas and ditches that would benefit from being cleared. Delivery of the Wiltshire Council “flood first aid kit” is still awaited which will be stored in the Village Pound. Appreciation goes to the Chavs who recently tidied the Pound. Thanks to Coombe Bissett’s flood wardens P Crosthwaite and B Imeson who are producing a flood plan for Coombe Bissett. Consideration for village pumps to be purchased by the Parish Council was discussed but it was thought that the majority of householders affected by flooding have been responsible for their individual requirements.

The War Memorial: The second grant application for £1000 has been assessed by The War Memorial Trust and offered subject to a satisfactory completion report.

Village defibrillators: A community defibrillator has been installed in Homington’s bus shelter and is registered with the ambulance service. Thanks to Vince Ryalls who fitted the cabinet. Resuscitation and defibrillator training took place recently and 40 villagers attended. Another session is planned for January and anyone interested in attending can contact the Parish Clerk on 718850. The Village Hall defibrillator is on order so should be installed during December. The Councillors thanked the Parish Clerk.

Proposed solar park on land at Bake Farm: The planning application was refused by the Southern Area Planning Committee in October. G Bundy spoke on behalf of the Parish Council who objected to the application. Several other parishioners spoke against the application.

Grit bin for Barbers Lane Homington: S Gledhill has purchased a grit bin on behalf of the Parish Council and it has been positioned.

Repairs to Stocks Bridge Lane: Wiltshire Highways have recommended and offered to install tarmac bunds across Pennings Drove to deflect more water into the grips. They have also offered regular cleaning of the grips and indicated that the drainage engineer will make

suggestions for drainage improvements. The Clerk will send a reminder to Wiltshire Highways. The tank at the top of Stocks Bridge Lane has been emptied and flushed through. D Rattue has spoken to the majority of the residents to gauge opinion on anticipated repairs.

Improvements to footpath 7 in Homington: Work has commenced and the path has been constructed using compact road planings. There have been concerns about drainage methods and cost. A meeting between the contractor and some members of the Parish Council will be arranged.

New seat adjacent to the tennis courts: The seat is awaiting installation and fixing.

Donkey Field access markings: These have been done and thanks to the Chavs concerned.

Improvements to footpath 6 in Coombe Bissett: Lady Radnor, the land owner has been informed that improvements have been considered but the project is currently on hold.

Telephone cables along Stratford Tony Road: C Chelu reported that some redundant cable was removed by BT but unfortunately as a result phone and broadband has been disconnected. C Chelu will continue to manage and monitor the situation.

Damage to bus shelter in Coombe Bissett: The Clerk has been communicating with Wiltshire Council as to ownership of the bus shelter. The shelter replacement is on the agenda of the next Wiltshire Council Community Area Traffic Group meeting which D Rattue is planning to attend. Replacement cost is estimated at £8000.

Bulbs for Coombe Bissett: The bulbs have been planted and appreciation goes to Don Morgan, Bob Cull, Chris Baughan, Peter Hartgill and Steve James.

71 Precept for next year: An assessment and analysis of the Parish Council's accounts and projected expenditure for 2015-16 by the Chairman and the Clerk was presented to the Councillors. The Parish Council was reminded that some finance is ear marked for certain items or projects and that it is recommended by the regulatory body that £11000 (the precept amount) is kept in reserve. It was suggested that the precept remains the same as last year at £11000. Council tax bills will show a 1.51% change because of movement in the tax base from last year. D Hobson proposed, C Chelu seconded that the precept remains at £11000 and all agreed.

72 Asset review: Following a review of the parish assets by the Chairman and the Clerk it was decided that picnic benches on the recreation field need replacing, the seat near the play area needs replacing, hedge and ground clearance was needed and the cemetery gates need replacing. Since the review Chris Baughan has very kindly carried out a seat repair.

73 Cemetery gates: G Bundy is organising new cemetery gates and £1000 has been ear marked.

74 Recreation field maintenance: A Bird has reported by email she is investigating possible methods of resurfacing the play area. The hedge and ground clearance has been completed and a seat has been repaired and stained.

75 Broadband cabinets in Coombe Bissett: Following requests from David Germain and the Clerk to have the Coombe Bissett Broadband cabinets moved a meeting between a Wiltshire Council highways officer, the rights of way officer an Openreach representative, D Germain and C Chelu took place. Discussion is ongoing.

76 Removal of Coombe Bissett BT payphone: It is planned by BT to remove the phone box in Coombe Bissett because of its low usage. The consultation period will close on 22nd December. The Parish Council will respond with an objection to the phone box closure.

77 Mail bag holder for the Post Office: Charles May from Coombe Bissett Stores has kindly offered not to charge for electricity used in the defibrillator cabinet. In view of this and in appreciation for the other free services he provides for the community, it was suggested that a donation towards his new

triple bag mail sorter for the refurbished post office be given. C Chelu proposed £200 be given, G Bundy seconded and all agreed.

78 Right of Way number 8: G Bundy advised that this right of way which is situated adjacent to the top gate of the recreation field to the junction of Gypsy Lane has become overgrown. Richard Shearing has kindly volunteered to cut back the growth and thanks to him. Fly tipping has occurred close to the entrance of the Nature Reserve. G Bundy has offered to remove the debris.

79 Sign on A354 to footpath 4: The absence of this sign was reported by a rambler. Although this is a Wiltshire Highways matter G Bundy will investigate.

80 Parking on Recreation Field:

08-11-14: School jumble sale

13-11-14: Phoenix

17-11-14: Garden Club

01-12-14: Pantomime week

20-12-14: Party daytime

81 Parking on Donkey Field:

No requests

82 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

11-11-14: Broadchalke Christmas fair

03-11-14: Drama club pantomime

83 Correspondence received:

Carer Support Wiltshire request for donation. D Hobson proposed and C Chelu seconded that a donation for £50 is given. All agreed.

84 Planning:

Planning received:

14/06864/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, grid connection, together with temporary construction access, compound and unloading area. Refused by Wiltshire Council.

14/08533/FUL – Field House, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Demolish existing garage and erect 2 storey side extension with associated works. Objection by Parish Council.

14/09937/FUL – Middle Hill, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Change of use of land to equestrian and creation of ménage.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

14/05616/FUL – Former Local Authority Depot Site, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Erection of a terrace of 2 x 2 bed dwellings and 2 x 1 bed flats with associated on-site parking and vehicular turning area.

14/08237/TCA – Thakeham, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Fell 1 Cypress and 1 Goat Willow.

14/07463/VAR – Lower Farm, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Remove condition 1 of planning permission 414/1502 granted in 1950 relating to the occupancy of the dwelling.

14/08019/FUL – Hillview, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. 2 storey rear extension.

14/08560/TCA – The Mill Barn, Coombe Bissett. Pollarding of Willow tree and removal of some diseased limbs.

85 Reports from representatives:

None received.

86 Finance:

Income:

Wiltshire Council grant for footpath 7 £1500.00

Wiltshire Council precept £5499.99

Cemetery reservation fee £90.00

Outgoings:

387 Bawden Landscapes August account	£125.45
388 Earl of Radnor allotment rent	£10.00
389 Mrs D James – reimbursement for beech tree sign	£25.00
390 RoSPA annual inspection	£78.00
391 Mrs D James – reimbursement for tennis court seat	£329.99
392 G Bundy – reimbursement for paint	£8.27
393 Mrs D James – reimbursement for defibrillator cabinets	£792.12
394 S James – reimbursement for Coombe Bissett bulbs	£202.14
395 Payment in lieu of War Memorial refurbishment	£4200.00
396 Bawden Landscapes September account	£125.45
397 S James – reimbursement for defibrillator bulb and insulation	£13.57
400 Mrs D James – reimbursement for community resuscitation training	£384.00
401 Office expenses	£421.64
402 Mrs D James – reimbursement for Homington defibrillator signs	£31.14
403 S Gledhill – reimbursement for Homington grit bin	£112.80
404 I Morrell – recreation field hedge trimming, tidying and bench repairs	£48.00

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is £12002.15

The balance on the current account is £22068.15

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £342070.30

D Hobson proposed, P Crosthwaite seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 387-397 and 400- 404 be paid.

87 Date of next meeting: 13th January 2015 at 7 pm.

88 The meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

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