

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 8th NOVEMBER 2016 (unconfirmed).**

Present: Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, P Crosthwaite, S Gledhill, A Bird and G Bundy. Mrs D James (Clerk). Wiltshire Cllr. R Clewer, Mrs L Buckley and Mrs M Simmonds.

72 Apologies for absence: Wiltshire Cllr. J Johnson, Cllr. C Chelu, Mr and Mrs J Speirs.

73 Public question time: D Rattue welcomed Wiltshire Cllr. Richard Clewer to the meeting who will be standing for election as the Parish's county councillor next year when Julian Johnson retires. There were no questions from the public.

74 Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were proposed by D Hobson, seconded by P Crosthwaite and agreed by all as a correct record.

75 Declarations of interest: D Rattue declared an interest in Pennings Drove drainage, G Bundy declared an interest in Wiltshire housing site allocations development plan, S Gledhill declared an interest in planning application 16/09815/TCA and D Hobson declared an interest in community benefit. Therefore they will not take part in any Parish Council considerations. There were no additional declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

76 Matters arising:

Pennings Drove drainage: Installation of a French drain by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) has been completed. The amount of flow of rainwater down to Stocks Bridge Lane is reduced. D Rattue and the Clerk attended a site meeting with contractors to assess resurfacing of Stocks Bridge Lane. A quote has been received. D Hobson proposed and A Bird seconded that the decision to carry out the work be postponed until the next financial year when a Southern Area Board grant may be available to help with costs. The Clerk will make enquiries regarding the possibility of a grant next year.

Wiltshire housing site allocations development plan: There is no information from developers regarding the potential development site on the field south of Thorne Close, which runs between the A354 and Homington Road. R Clewer reported that the Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) decision should be made available to the public on 12th December.

Neighbourhood plan: There has been some progress and headway regarding finding someone to lead the development of a neighbourhood plan.

Community benefit fund: D Hobson excused himself from the meeting for this item. Residents and organisations in Coombe Bissett and Homington have been invited to submit bids and suggestions on how the community benefit of £20,000 given by British Solar Renewables, developers of the solar park at Bake Farm could be used. Five suggestions and bids have been received. Certain bids are still under consideration but none fulfill the criteria. Councillors agreed they could not proceed with the applications in their present format. The deadline for ideas or bids has been extended.

Dog mess on the Recreation Field: There has been some reduction in the amount of dog faeces deposited on the recreation field. New signage has been fixed.

C12 Stratford Tony Road corner: D Rattue attended the Wiltshire Council Community Area Transport Group (CATG) meeting in September. It was proposed to defer this project of painting a white centre line on Stratford Tony Road until the next financial year. Wiltshire Council will set money for this aside, but the Parish Council will be required to contribute £800.

Homington Road flooding: Wiltshire Council has been asked to lay a kerb to protect the verge and drainage ditch from further erosion adjacent to Shergold Cottages in Homington Road. D Rattue attended Wiltshire Council CATG meeting where he was advised this would be reviewed in the next financial year. R Clewer offered to investigate when the Vactor drain cleaning unit will be operational in this area.

Transportable diesel pump: SSE has awarded the community a grant of £3669 for flood alleviation equipment. It was agreed that the flood wardens would produce a proposal of pumps required together with a draft policy for their use.

A354 possible drain improvement work: Wiltshire Council drainage have inspected and surveyed the area along the Blandford Road. The Parish Council await a decision from Wiltshire Council highways and drainage as to the priority of the work and when it is likely to take place.

Council housing in Coombe Bissett: Representatives from Wiltshire Council's housing team who planned to attend this meeting cancelled, because there has been a delay in the tendering process. They intend to attend and answer questions at the next Parish Council meeting in January. Information regarding criteria on who and how to apply for the 4 homes planned for the Old Chalk Pit site on Blandford Road is published on the village website and on parish notice boards. The Clerk can be contacted for details.

Kick board and fence repairs in the play area: The kickboard and fence repairs have been completed. The hedges adjacent to the play area will be cut back when possible.

77 Capping parish councils: D Hobson explained it is an unreasonable proposition to cap parish council precepts and suggested that the Parish Council object to this Government proposal. All agreed.

78 Asset review: D Rattue and the Clerk inspected the Parish Council assets recently. There are a few maintenance jobs that are required in both parishes. G Bundy is liaising with the Chav's who very kindly are working their way through the tasks. It was noted that the Parish Cemetery wall and the Recreation Field gate would need replacing in the next couple of years.

79 Precept for next year: D Rattue and the Clerk reviewed likely expenditure for 2017-18. They also anticipated capital expenditure for that period. D Rattue considered that the precept should be kept the same as last year at £11000. D Hobson proposed and S Gledhill seconded that this be accepted and all were in favour. Council tax bills may show an increase because of a possible movement in the tax base from last year.

80 Bonfires: Following complaints regarding certain anti social behaviour of bonfire practice, regulations and recommendations have been researched which are as follows:
There are no actual laws either locally or nationally against having bonfires but there are laws regarding the nuisance they cause such as smoke drifting across a main road.
The recommendations are: Warn your neighbours – this gives them an opportunity to close windows and doors, remove washing off the line and they are much less likely to complain.
Ideally burn later in the evening when people are less likely to use their gardens.
Only burn dry material.
Never burn household rubbish, rubber tyres or anything containing plastic, foam or paint.
Avoid lighting a fire in unsuitable weather conditions - smoke hangs in the air on damp, still days. If it is too windy, smoke blows into neighbours' gardens and windows and across roads.

81 Parking on Recreation Field:

29-09-16: Wiltshire Council meeting

30-09-16: School

02-10-16: Harvest service and lunch

06-10-16: Church meeting

21-11-16: Garden Club
01-12-16: Phoenix
06-12-16: Pantomime
13-12-16: Private party

82 Parking on Donkey Field:

No requests

83 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

20-09-16: Chalke Valley challenge
12-11-16: Samaritan's purse shoeboxes
06-12-16: Pantomime

84 Correspondence received:

Parishioner letter regarding traffic problems on the Stratford Tony Road corner.
Local police report.
Letter from WWT reporting over £164,000 has been raised towards the Nature Reserve.

85 Planning:

Planning received:

16/07558/FUL – Land opposite May Cottage, Homington. Erection of a Hay Barn. Refused by Wiltshire Council.
16/09682/TCA – Cross Stone, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Magnolia reduce in height by 2 metres, reduce sides by 1 metre and crown raise by 1 metre.
16/09815/TCA – Barbers Farmhouse, Barbers Lane, Homington. Copper Beech tree – raise up lower canopy by approximately 5 metres; crown thin approximately 25% and remove dead, rubbing and crossing branches.
16/09670/TCA – Jakes Cottage, Shepherds Close, Coombe Bissett. Silver Birch tree – reduce height by approximately 40%.
16/09887/TCA – Weaveland, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Fell the following trees: one Holly tree, two Beech trees, two Leylandii trees. Pollard the following trees to approximately one metre below SSE lines: one Beech tree, two Copper Beech trees, one Norway Maple, one Horse Chestnut tree.
16/09187/FUL – Applegate House, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Erect a rear conservatory.
16/09635/FUL – Melville Cottage, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett. Proposed 2 storey side extension and double garage.
16/09435/VAR - Variation of condition 17 of approved application 15/07201/FUL – The Glebe Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. (Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of a detached 5 bed dwelling and detached garage, hard and soft landscaping and associated work) for the inclusion of a swimming pool.
16/10402/TCA – 2 Old Foundry Cottages, Coombe Bissett. Ash Tree - fell.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

16/05606/FUL – Old Mill House, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett. Insertion of 3 no. dormer windows within roof slope of northern elevation, replacement roof light on southern roof slope, removal of internal walls to enlarge kitchen and relocation of cloakroom to under stairs. Extension of existing low-level garden walls to south and east of house. Dormer window section of application withdrawn by applicant.
16/06341/LBC - Old Mill House, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett. Insertion of 3 no. dormer windows within roof slope of northern elevation, replacement roof light on southern roof slope, removal of internal walls to enlarge kitchen and relocation of cloakroom to under stairs. Dormer window section of application withdrawn by applicant.
16/07713/LBC and 16/08204/FUL – Manor House, Stratford Tony Road, Coombe Bissett. Installing hardwood timber garage doors to existing red brick and timber frame garage out-building. Installing of separating wall within garage, clad with horizontal timber cladding to match doors.
16/09543/TCA – Little Orchard, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. 2 Willow trees fell.

86 Reports from representatives: None submitted.

87 Finance:**Income:**

Wiltshire Council – precept	£5500.00
Mr J Webb – allotment rent	£25.00
HMRC – VAT refund	£927.80

Outgoings:

511 Mr I Morrell – play area and beech tree area maintenance	£55.00
512 Mr S James – reimbursement for recreation field signs	£13.69
513 RoSPA – annual play area inspection fee	£79.80
514 Bawden Managed Landscapes – September grass cutting	£125.45
515 Outdoor Play SW – Play area kickboard and basketball net replacement	£1008.00
516 River Bourne Community Farm – SID installation	£85.00
517 Bawden Managed Landscapes – October grass cutting	£125.45
518 Coombe Bissett and Homington PCC – bell fund donation	£50.00
519 Mrs D James – reimbursement for laminator	£22.32
520 Office expenses	£431.00

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is £32013.77

The balance on the current account is £18970.62

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £50984.39

A Bird proposed, S Gledhill seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 510 to 520 be paid.

88 Date of next meeting: 10th January 2017 at 7 pm.

89 The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.