

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018 (unconfirmed).**

**Present:** Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, P Crosthwaite, C Chelu, S Gledhill, A Bird and G Bundy. Mrs D James (Clerk). Wiltshire Councillor R Clewer. Mrs L Buckley, Mr and Mrs D Simmonds and Mr R Maycock.

**60 Apologies for absence:** None received.

**61 Public question time:** Mr Maycock requested consideration for further repairs or replacement of the notice board adjacent to Coombe Bissett Stores. He also highlighted the problem of churned mud and grass at the entrance to the Donkey Field. His comments were noted. G Bundy will review the notice board suggestions and D Hobson will make enquiries for the best solution for the Donkey Field entrance.

**62 Minutes of the last meeting:** The minutes were proposed by C Chelu, seconded by A Bird and agreed by all as a correct record.

**63 Declarations of interest:** G Bundy declared an interest in the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). Therefore he will not take part in any Parish Council considerations. There were no additional declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

**64 Matters arising:**

**Neighbourhood Development Plan:** The NDP Group have prepared a questionnaire, which is currently being distributed to all homes in the Parish. D Hobson as Parish Council link to the NDP Steering Group reported that the questionnaire results will be analysed independently. A public meeting will then follow this up. After, what is expected to be a long process, a public referendum will be held. Wiltshire Council (WC) will then publically record the results. D Hobson also stated that the NDP Group are being assisted a WC Spatial Planning Officer who is providing technical advice and ensuring correct procedures are followed.

**Ebble Valley catchment flood management:** There still has been no response by the Environment Agency (EA) to P Crosthwaite's report that was submitted earlier this year, identifying projects to alleviate flooding in the area. It is hoped the Heritage Lottery Fund will award funding.

**Repairs to Footpath 6:** A path improvement grant has been submitted to WC, to provide finance for a safer, wider path using timber supports and posts. Tree roots will be preserved and a length of approximately 140 metres of soil will be removed but reused in the area. A couple of steps will be constructed beside the gate at the Marsh Lane end of the footpath. It is anticipated a decision to award a WC grant will be made at the next Southern Area Board meeting later this month.

**Homington Triangle seat:** The new seat has been installed and the surrounding grass area has been reinstated. Sincere thanks go to Vince Ryalls, Jim Webb and Viv Scammell who carried out the work.

**Tree planting at the new Blandford Road homes:** There has been an expression of opposition to a new tree at the site of the new homes. So this will not take place.

**Salt supplies:** There is an adequate supply of salt in the village. WC has indicated that bins will be refilled. R Clewer offered to remind the appropriate WC department.

**Dog owners' misuse of the Recreation Field:** Since the ban of dogs on the Recreation Field came to an end for the winter months, the amount of dog faeces left on the grass has increased. This is troubling and unpleasant. The Parish Council will review recommencing the ban early next year.

**65 White gates on Salisbury Road:** The request for white gates on the Salisbury Road will be discussed at the next Southern Area Board meeting later this month. The estimated cost will be £2000. It was agreed by all that the Parish Council would contribute up to 25% of the cost if asked for by WC.

**66 New streetlights on the A354:** C Chelu reported that in order to support the Dark Skies Initiative Cranborne Chase AONB campaign, the sodium lamps on the A354 in the village should be replaced with LED's. S Gledhill stated that WC might renew the lights in due course, which should mean there would be no cost to the Parish Council.

**67 Replacement gravel boards in the play area:** Following the recent RoSPA inspection, it was advised that the gravel boards in the children's play area should be replaced. The work has been assessed as too demanding for volunteers. A quote for the work is awaited.

**68 Social media:** A Bird explained that she considers there is a need for a village Facebook page. This is now common practice for communities. All agreed with her proposal, which she will set up.

**69 Electric vehicle charge point:** The Clerk stated that there is a gradual increasing need for community electric vehicle charge points. Councillors considered that technical problems and parking bay space would both be prohibitive and unmanageable.

**70 White railings:** There have been two incidents of damaged white railings this month; opposite the Fox and Goose and at the bottom of Shutts Lane. At both events offender's vehicle registrations were recorded. WC has been notified and has indicated they will carry out repairs. It is hoped both insurance claims will be successful.

**71 Precept for next financial year:** D Rattue and the Clerk reviewed projected expenditure for 2019-20. They assessed operating costs, asset maintenance and capital costs. D Rattue considered that the precept should be kept the same as last year at £11000. D Hobson proposed and A Bird seconded that this be accepted and all were in favour. Council tax bills may show a variation because of a movement in the tax base from last year.

**72 Parking on Recreation Field**

04-12-18: Pantomime

**73 Parking on Donkey Field:**

None

**74 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:**

Film club

Phoenix

Pantomime

**75 Correspondence received:**

Request from Wiltshire Wildlife Trust for donation to their nature reserve management fund – declined.

Offer from local independent speed indicator device (SID) provider to hire out and maintain SID's – referred to WC.

**76 Planning:**

Planning received:

18/07206/FUL – Eastfield House, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Replace hedge, fence and gates across front of property  
18/09487/TCA – Lanterns, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. 2 Beech trees – crown reduce and cut back overhanging branches.

18/09235/FUL – Land adjacent to Coombe Bissett Down Nature Reserve, Pennings Drove, Coombe Bissett. Installation of 2 compost toilets.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

18/08154/TCA – Hawthorne Rise, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. 6 Leylandii trees – fell.

18/07815/FUL – Centre Cottage, Homington Road, Homington. Demolition of existing rear extension, construction of new rear extension (including internal alterations) and construction of replacement porch.

**77 Reports from representatives:**

C Chelu (Highways and Street Scene Officer) reported that WC Highways and the contractors who carried out the work would formally discuss the failed surface on Stratford Toney Road.

**78 Finance:**

**Income:**

WC – Precept	£5500.00
CB&H Village Hall – acoustic panel repayment	£1000.00
J Webb – allotment rent	£25.00
WC – Homington seat grant	£307.50

**Outgoings:**

623 Mrs D James – reimbursement for Homington Triangle seat	£724.98
624 Bawden Managed Landscapes – grass cutting September	£127.94
625 Mrs D James – reimbursement for tarpaulin	£22.99
626 RoSPA – play area inspection fee	£79.80
627 The Lawn Store – grass seed	£79.00
628 Bawden Managed Landscapes – cemetery hedges	£553.80
629 Mrs D James – reimbursement for wood preserver	£7.79
630 Mr T Byrnes – reimbursement for notice board repair materials	£26.26
631 Mrs A Burnett – reimbursement for NP questionnaire and expenses	£1226.65
632 Office expenses	£543.60
633 Bawden Managed Landscapes – grass cutting October	£127.94

C Chelu proposed, A Bird seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 623 to 633 be paid.

**Balance on accounts:**

The balance on the reserve account is: £32038.32

The balance on the current account is: £15320.67

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £47358.99

**78 Date of next meeting:** 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

**79 The meeting closed at 8.55pm.**