

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL COOMBE  
BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2019 (unconfirmed).**

**Present:** Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, P Crosthwaite, C Chelu, S Gledhill, A Bird and G Bundy. Mrs D James (Clerk). Wiltshire Cllr. R Clewer. Mr and Mrs M Wardroper, Mr R Maycock, Mr D Morgan, Mr and Mrs D Hewlett, Mrs H Oliver and Mrs C Cooper.

**64 Apologies for absence:** Mr A Turnbull and Mr and Mrs J Speirs.

**65 Public question time:** Mr Maycock reported that a kissing gate on footpath 5 needs repair. G Bundy responded that he would notify the landowner.

Mr Maycock indicated that some residents would like to see tree plantation within the Parish. Various locations were suggested. The Parish Council recognizes the importance of new trees and has taken note.

Mr Maycock enquired if there has been any progress with flooding protection measures assured by the Environment Agency (EA) some time ago. P Crosthwaite stated she had recently been advised that new EA project coordinators are being appointed. When someone is allocated to this area there should be information.

Mrs Oliver informed the Parish Council she had recently tripped over the Plague Stone in the dark. She asked if a type of security light could indicate the presence of the stone. The Parish Council acknowledged her comments.

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

**67 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.

**68 Matters arising:**

**Neighbourhood Development Plan:** Mrs Cooper, Chair of the NDP Steering Group informed the meeting that she is aware that there has been no communication with the community other than published minutes from NDP meetings and information in the Express. She reported that she has not had a response from the AONB and that Wiltshire Council (WC) will not respond until they know what AONB's reaction is to the AECOM assessment. (AECOM is the company who support neighbourhood plans). The NDP Steering Group and the Parish Council are planning to hold a community engagement event in January, when there will be feedback from the AONB and WC. The draft site assessment document and summary of housing need evidence base document have been circulated to the Parish Council and the NDP Steering Group.

**A354 Drain Improvement work south of Coombe Bissett:** R Clewer reported that he has very recently had communication from D Everett, WC's senior drainage engineer, identifying reasons why there will not be further drainage work carried out on the stretch of the A354 adjacent to Southdene. R Clewer will be contacting the residents.

**Gates across bridleways in Coombe Bissett:** G Bundy stated that WC's rights of way officer has now indicated that the Parish Council can select what type of bollard or gate could be installed in order to restrict vehicles along bridleway 8. The restrictors must be user friendly for horses and riders. Although Shutts Lane and Gypsy Lane are used regularly for fly tipping, G Bundy said it has been less of a problem recently. He will continue to research possible barriers.

**Donkey Field protection:** It is proposed to establish a fence around the Donkey Field. Quotes from two fencing contractors have been received. The top rail will be no higher than 60cm and constructed as an erect single rail cleft chestnut fence. The Clerk will contact WC Conservation Officer and Planning for comments and consent. It is planned that information with photos will appear in the next edition of the Express. The reason for a fence is to prevent vehicles driving across the Donkey Field in wet and bad weather, causing damage, which is difficult to restore. Villagers are asked for any comments or observations. These can be referred to the Parish Clerk, Deborah James [parishclerkcoombebissett@gmail.com](mailto:parishclerkcoombebissett@gmail.com) or 718850 or Applegarth, Shutts Lane, Coombe Bissett.

**Speeding on the A354:** Double white lines in the middle of the road coming into the village proper from the north have now been replaced with a single elongated dashed line. Village residents have raised concern when they were notified of the proposed change but M Stansby WC senior traffic engineer, based in Trowbridge, has overruled those concerns.

The planned installation of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) continues positively. C Chelu and Mr Turnbull recently met with WC Highways Officer to select and agree locations for the SID. A WC Area Board grant application to assist with funding will be decided at the end of November. The Parish Council previously agreed a battery powered SID, which is solar ready, should be purchased.

**Ramp onto play area:** A ramp installed into the play area will improve ease of access and safety. Mr Matt Mould has kindly offered to do this job.

**Parish map next to parish council notice board:** The Perspex bonded to the parish map has become cloudy. Work to improve the Perspex is in progress.

**Requests for grants:** In view of receiving the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) payment, there is the opportunity for any local groups and organisations to ask for grants.

Mr Hewlett on behalf of the Cricket Club asked for finance for a hedge trimmer, blade protector and pruner. The Grounds Man would use this to cut back vegetation on Parish Council owned land around the Recreation Field. The work would kindly be done free of charge. D Hobson proposed and A Bird seconded this be agreed on the proviso that safety wear be purchased too. Also it was stipulated that the hedge trimmer could be borrowed for wider community usage. The majority of the Councillors agreed. Mr Hewlett also requested planters, compost, shrubs and plants for the Recreation Field. The Grounds Man would care for the plants. This request was rejected.

Mr Morgan treasurer of the Tennis Club asked for £450 towards a defibrillator for use by users of the tennis courts. It would be stored in the tennis pavilion for availability of 60 members and any guests. The Tennis Club would match fund the remaining £450. D Hobson proposed and S Gledhill seconded this grant be supported. All agreed.

A Bird, Chair of the Village Show committee requested £250 for 70m of bunting for use in the Village Hall, particularly for the Village Show. She and other committee members attending explained the Show is a non-profit making event and have very little funding in reserve. In the past bunting has been borrowed ad hoc, which is an unreliable situation. The price is based on a mixture of cheap fabric, mixed in with better quality craft fabric. D Hobson proposed and C Chelu seconded this request be supported. All agreed with one abstention.

C Chelu, Village Hall committee member reported that some remedial work is need on the steps leading from the Homington Room up to the Recreation Field. He proposed a quote for the cost of £400 approximately could be shared between the Parish Council and the Village Hall. D Hobson proposed and P Crosthwaite seconded this should be carried. All were in agreement.

**69 Precept for next financial year:** D Rattue and the Clerk reviewed projected expenditure for 2020-2021. They assessed operating costs, asset maintenance and capital costs. They considered that the precept should be kept the same as last year at £11000. This has remained constant since 2012. 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. S Gledhill suggested that in view of no recent applications for the £16k community benefit fund, this amount plus a further £4k should be placed into a capital expenditure contingency fund.

**70 New street lights on the A354:** Now that Cranborne Chase AONB has been designated an International Dark Skies Reserve, C Chelu has revisited the level of street lighting. Enquiries to WC has resulted in information that Coombe Bissett's A354 lamps are being replaced with LED's and down filters in early 2021.

**71 New bench seats:** S Gledhill has considered there should some new bench seats adjacent to footpaths, with landowner consent. G Bundy is making enquiries regarding the availability and cost of seats similar to the new ones on the Nature Reserve. A favoured location is the top of Stocksbridge Lane.

**72 Communications:** S Gledhill identified a problem he has encountered with residents being unaware of what the Parish Council and Councillors undertake and achieve. It is useful to note the minutes which are published in the Express and on the Parish Council page of the village website give a detailed account of current issues, discussion and decisions. However he is proposing to format a newsletter for publication in the Express, which will give a briefer bulletin of what the Parish Council is doing.

**73 Parking on Recreation Field:**

05-10-19: Private event

18-10-19: Private event

14-11-19: School

03-12-19: Pantomime for the week

#### **74 Parking on Donkey Field:**

No requests

#### **75 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:**

Film club

Phoenix

Pantomime

#### **76 Correspondence received:**

From BT: It has extended the consultation period for objections and comments relating to the proposed removal of the Barbers Lane phone and kiosk in Homington, until 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020. BT has sent notification that this phone was used zero times over the past year. There is an option to adopt the kiosk for £1 if the decision is made to remove the phone. If anyone wishes to object or comment please email [mary.moore@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:mary.moore@wiltshire.gov.uk) or write to Mary Moore □ Development Officer, regeneration economic development and planning, Wiltshire Council, □ Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN. Tel: 01225 770230. Further correspondence can be sent to BT at [btp.authorisation.team@bt.com](mailto:btp.authorisation.team@bt.com) Please give reasons as to why the phone should be retained. The main concern is that the payphone is sited in an area of poor mobile coverage.

#### **77 Planning:**

##### Planning received:

19/08192/FUL – Outfarm barns and yard, Coombe Farm, near Salisbury Racecourse, Coombe Bissett. Conversion and change of use of Outfarm Barns 1 and 2 and new 16 sqm connecting structure to form single C3 dwelling with hard and soft landscaping and ecological mitigation to the building and ecological improvement to adjacent woodland and associated works.

##### Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

19/07903/FUL – Centre Cottage, Homington. Single storey extension to the rear of the property, internal alterations, new porch and replacement of existing windows.

19/08614/FUL – Vine Cottage, Barbers Lane, Homington. Formation of new entrance porch and rear extensions providing an enlarged kitchen, adjusted fenestration and a new en-suite bathroom.

#### **78 Reports from representatives:**

A Bird representative for the recreation field reported all repair work relating to the recent RoSPA inspection has been completed. Thanks and appreciation goes to the Chavs who undertook much of the work.

#### **79 Finance:**

##### **Income:**

WC – CIL payment	£9014.25
J Webb – allotment rent	£25.00

##### **Outgoings:**

680 Bawden Managed Landscapes – grass cutting September	£133.42
681 Playsafety Ltd – RoSPA inspection of play area	£82.20
682 Office expenses	£536.20
683 Mrs A Burnett – NDP fees	£969.00
684 Bawden Managed Landscapes – grass cutting October	£133.42

##### **Balance on accounts:**

The balance on the reserve account is: £32102.44

The balance on the current account is: £25382.92

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £57485.36

P Crosthwaite proposed, S Gledhill seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 680 to 684 be paid.

**80 Date of next meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> January 2020

**81 The meeting closed at 9.04 pm.**