

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM. ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> September 2012 (unconfirmed)**

**Present:** Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, Rev W Cole, J Gregory, C Chelu, P Crosthwaite and R Cox. Mrs D James (Clerk). Mrs T Chelu, Dan Steadman.

**36 Apologies for Absence:** None received.

**37 Public question time:** Dan Steadman representing Plymouth Brethren Christian Church was welcomed. He explained some of his congregation were now resident in Coombe Bissett. He offered to give the village a vandal proof park bench style seat with a brass plaque signifying that his church had made the donation. He was thanked, W Cole proposed acceptance and there were no objections.

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

**39 Declarations of interest:** The Parish Councillors declared an interest in all the planning applications.

**40 Matters arising:**

**Diamond Jubilee Orchard:** W Cole thanked the Jubilee Committee for their suggestion but he considered it neither practical, suitable or needed. He proposed that clearance of the site should continue by volunteers and in the spring it should be grassed down and a suitable marker erected giving details of the history of the Old Comrades Hut site. W Cole then suggested that two traditional trees should be planted on the recreation ground, to commemorate the Golden Jubilee and the Diamond Jubilee. R Cox seconded the proposal and the majority were in favour.

D Hobson proposed a plan for Homington Commemorative Trees: that approximately ten white willow trees be planted along Town Path leading out of Homington towards Salisbury on the left hand side to form an avenue with existing trees on the right hand side. The trees will be donated and landowner consent has been obtained. D Hobson requested a contribution from the Parish Council to pay for protective fencing and wiring. It was decided that £350 should be set aside to cover these costs. Seconded by J Gregory and all in agreement.

**Parish Plan:** The Parish Plan is now on the village web site and there a few free paper copies obtainable from Coombe Bissett Stores, particularly for those parishioners who do not have internet access. W Cole has received three complaints relating to anonymity which were discussed and clarified by Parish Plan Committee members J Gregory and P Crosthwaite.

**Speed Indicator Devices:** The Metrocount on the Salisbury side of the A354 has been received and like the result of the Blandford side of the A354, earlier in the year, it qualifies for a speed indicator device (SID). The results have been referred back to the Southern Wiltshire Area Board for consideration and funding allocation.

**Homington junctions and traffic:** Community Speedwatch has been a great success and is ongoing. Initially there was an 11% - 12% rate of people driving at a speed of 36mph or greater in a 30mph zone. The highest speed recorded was 57mph. Subsequently the rate of speeding has been reduced. There has been an application for another speedwatch site and this has been taken up with enthusiasm.

Problems of buses not stopping in Homington and other stops, as well as late buses have been reported recently since the introduction of Hatts Travel operating in the Chalke Valley. The Clerk will write to Wiltshire Council in support of our colleagues in the Chalke Valley who have reported complaints to Wiltshire Council. The bus service timetable for numbers 29 and 184 will be added to the village website.

**Archives:** A location for village archive storage has been referred back to the Village Hall Committee who meet on 24 September. W Cole informed the council that J Acornley had

been given £150 from the village fund lottery when it ceased, to provide storage accommodation for records.

**Graffiti on playground kick wall:** C Chelu has very kindly painted over graffiti damage in the play area at the recreation field. He has also carried out repairs to a damaged bolt. Robin Maycock has removed broken plywood on the climbing frame. Thanks were expressed to both C Chelu and R Maycock.

**Chalk pit site:** This was unexpectedly taken off the agenda at the last Wiltshire Council Cabinet meeting. Wiltshire Council report the site cannot viably deliver affordable housing and generate a capital receipt for Wiltshire Council. D Hobson will continue to update the Parish Council of any further developments.

**Authorised signatories:** Now completed. There will be a consultation in September to consider electronic banking for Parish Councils.

**Rights of way:** The Parish Council has applied for one kissing gate on Footpath 2 to Stratford Tony, as part of the Southern Wiltshire Area Board's scheme for 2012-13. The Parish Council have been asked for a contribution and it was agreed unanimously to donate 10% of the cost of the gate which is £25. Volunteers will be required to assist members of the Ramblers Association who will supervise installation.

**Winter preparations/Snow Warden Scheme:** Wiltshire Council will supply salt this winter in return for a weather response plan which C Chelu as snow warden is composing. Homington winter preparations together with a supportive team of volunteers are organised. In Coombe Bissett C Chelu has written a short article for The Express on how he proposes the plan should be implemented. Volunteers will be needed to clear and salt in case we have a hard winter. C Chelu is also researching a bin in which to store salt which will be located in the village pound.

**The Localism Act 2011:** Information has been submitted and councillors are aware this is mandatory.

**41 Allotments:** As recorded in the Parish Plan, eleven people requested an allotment. It was agreed the Clerk would investigate the financial and legal obligations for the Parish Council, should suitable land become available for allotments..

**42 Footpath information on village web site:** It was suggested and hoped that the Coombe Bissett and Homington rights of way publication can go onto the village website.

**43 Community Safety Lead Member:** D Rattue is our Lead Member. This role is a liaison between parish councils and neighbourhood policing teams so D Rattue is the main point of contact and communication.

**44 Parking on recreation field – requests:**

15-09-12: Garden Club Flower Show  
15-09-12: Neil Adlam picnic  
11-10-12: Phoenix  
13-10-12: Harvest Supper  
08-11-12: Phoenix  
13-12-12: Phoenix  
08-11-12: Karen Dale - fundraising for Children in Need

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

15-09-12 Flower Show  
13-10-12 Harvest Supper  
08-11-12 Fund raising for Children in Need (Karen Dale)

**46 Correspondence received:**

Parish newsletter now electronic  
Nat West bank statements  
Guidance for village design statements  
AB Architectural design Ltd - mail shot  
Joint practitioner's advisory group new guidance on payment procedures

#### **47 Planning:**

##### Received:

S/2012/1126/Full - Middle Farm, Homington - Demolition of existing dwelling. Objection.  
S/2012/1125/Full - Middle Farm, Homington - Demolition of existing house, erection of three, 3 bed dwellings, creation of two accesses and erection of garage/car port. Objection.  
S/2012/1129/TCA- Weaveland, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett – Fell 1x Beech Tree. Supported.  
S/2012/1160 – The Bungalow, Hillcrest Kennels, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett – Raise roof and construct a loft conversion with two bedrooms and two dormers. Supported.  
S/2012/1200 – River House, Shepherds Close, Coombe Bissett – Various tree works. Supported.  
S/2012/1226 – Mali, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett – Certificate of lawfulness for the conversion of existing garage to a bedroom. Supported.  
S/2012/1269/Full – The Old Vicarage, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett – Application for the amendment to approved application S/2009/1694, the erection of a detached three bedroom dwelling (two bedrooms in roof space) and form site access road. Under consideration.

##### Approved:

S/2012/757 Full. 3 The Rookery, Coombe Bissett. Rear conservatory.

#### **48 Reports from representatives:**

Police: D Rattue – Now Community Safety Lead Member.

Playground: C Chelu – The hedges have been trimmed and the grass has been cut around the edges. R Maycock has removed a damaged piece of plywood from the climbing frame.

#### **49 Finance:**

##### **Income:**

Ian Newman (funeral director) burial expenses £190.00

##### **Outgoings:**

282 CB and H Express: Jubilee refund £53.43  
283 C Chelu: graffiti cover paint £10.98  
284 Mrs D James: refund for Parish Plans £243.05  
285 B Feltham: Homington bench plaque £5.50  
286 Office expenses £415.30  
287 Ian Morrell: village jobs £70  
288 Wiltshire Council: contribution to kissing gate £25

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

The balance on the reserve account is £5991.97  
The balance on the current account is £15510.21  
The total of the two accounts is therefore: £21502.18.

W Cole proposed, D Hobson seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 282 - 288 be paid.

**50 Date of next meeting:** 13<sup>th</sup> November 2012 at 7pm.

**51 The meeting closed at 8.45pm.**