

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 10th September 2013 (unconfirmed).**

Present: Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, C Chelu, P Crosthwaite, R Cox and S Gledhill. Mrs D James (Clerk). Mr C May, Mr W Imeson, Mr S James, Mr J Speirs, Mr P Ford, Mrs J White, Mrs G Wilshere, Mrs T Chelu, Mrs M Waters, Mr G Bundy.

43 Apologies for absence: Cllr. W Cole, Mrs P Pratt, Mrs S Speirs.

44 Public question time: Two agenda items were covered in public question time because members of the public involved were present.

Coombe Bissett Stores sign on the Donkey Field: Charles May, proprietor of Coombe Bissett Stores requested permission for a double sided sign to be sited on the Donkey Field. When events in the area occur such as the steam fair, additional information and offers would be added to the sign. P Crosthwaite proposed and C Chelu seconded that the request be supported and approved. All voted in favour.

The pond opposite the Fox and Goose: Bill Imeson from the Mill Barn explained that it is unclear who owns the pond, the stream and the surrounding green area. His solicitor confirmed that it is not owned by Mr Imeson although he has maintained the area at his own expense for many years. Research and enquiries to the land registry has left ownership unresolved. The on-going problem of silting up, due to run off from the fields in wet weather, results in a risk of flooding to adjacent properties. Also growth of weeds detracts from its appearance. Mr Imeson reported that Wiltshire Highways and the Environment Agency are unwilling to accept ownership of the problem. It was suggested that Mr Imeson presents a report for Parish Council consideration at a further Parish Council meeting.

John Speirs informed the Parish Council that there has been an increase in the number of cars advertised for sale at the bottom of Drove Lane. He also reminded the Parish Council of a recent accident at the site of the Old Dairy Farm Yard on the corner of Stratford Tony Road. Mr Speirs explained he considers the area has become more dangerous and asked what is happening with this site. D Rattue assured Mr Speirs that the Parish Council will pursue enquiries.

45 Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were proposed by P Crosthwaite, seconded by S Gledhill and agreed by all as a correct record.

46 Declarations of interest: There were no additional declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

47 Matters arising:

Old Hut Site: The site is now complete. The Sarsen stone and plaque are in place. The Clerk will investigate grass cutting arrangements.

Speed Indicator Devices and Community Speedwatch: Coombe Bissett has been allocated one Speed Indicator Device (SID). It has been requested that it should be installed on the Blandford to Salisbury side initially, although it is planned that its position will be moved to other locations on the A354. R Cox reported that 8 people including him have kindly volunteered to train for Community Speedwatch (CSW). David Germain is co-ordinator for Coombe Bissett and thanks to him. Training in Devises is planned for October or November.

Homington traffic: Confirmation was received at the recent Community Area Traffic Group meeting that the second phase of Homington traffic calming measures had been approved. Costs had risen to £3900 due to inflation and the Parish Council have been asked to contribute 10% (£390) of costs. The rest is subsidised by Wiltshire Council. Picket fence will be installed at the eastern end and speed limit roundels on buff coloured patches will be provided. One Homington resident reported a speed of 58mph through the village and D Hobson thanked the CSW volunteers for their continued work. 20mph speed limits have been requested throughout Homington and Coombe Bissett but the 20mph Wiltshire Council policy has not yet been

finalised. There was discussion about purchasing our own SID. Cost including installation is about £2800. D Rattue will investigate with the Police, evidence to demonstrate that SID's are effective in slowing traffic.

Affordable housing in Coombe Bissett: D Hobson reported that he, several councillors and the Clerk met recently with Janet O'Brien head of affordable housing at the Chalk Pit site opposite the Church in Coombe Bissett. Ms O'Brien confirmed 3 council houses would be built with preference given to those people with local connections. She said that it is probable the plans will be available by the end of October which can be viewed at a public consultation in the village hall.

48 Winter planning information: C Chelu has produced an information and advice leaflet printed on "chilly" blue card which will be distributed with the October Express. The Parish Council thanked him for his work.

49 Beech tree pruning: A quote has been received from Bawden Landscapes to dead wood and prune overhanging branches of the beech tree close to the Fox and Goose. The price includes traffic management. D Hobson will investigate if this is a fair price.

50 The War Memorial: The pre-application to the War Memorials Trust has been accepted. Mr B Woolnough and the Clerk will now prepare the application which is fairly detailed. Mr Woolnough is obtaining two quotes and liaising with the Chancellor of Salisbury Diocese. Photos have been taken and all available history of the memorial will be submitted. Repair work, cleaning and re-painting of the lettering will be requested.

51 Request for improvement to footpath 4: The gate on the northern end has been replaced with a gate donated by Wiltshire Council. New sleepers have been installed, again given by Wiltshire Council. Sincere thanks go to Nick Cowan (Rights of Way officer), Nigel Walsh and Adam Lewins of South Wiltshire Walking Group and local volunteers Chris Baughan, Des Adeley and Steve James who installed the gate and sleepers. Thanks also for the co-operation of Lady Radnor and Jim Webb. On 17 September the gate on the eastern end will be installed, together with a hand rail to aid crossing over the sleepers. Thank you to Robin Maycock who has donated this gate.

52 Coombe Bissett Stores sign on the Donkey Field: Discussed in public question time.

53 Trees on the Donkey Field: W Cole requested that the willow tree on the donkey field be pollarded. The Parish Council agreed this was a sound idea and when W Cole is back home the Clerk will ask who he thinks should be suitable to carry out the work so that it can be organised.

54 The pond opposite the Fox and Goose: Discussed in public question time.

55 The electronic warning sign on the A354: C Chelu expressed concern at the position of the electronic warning sign on the A354 towards Blandford as it is close to the bend. Accidents have occurred in the area of the Rockbourne junction and the sign should be replaced 50 metres further back. The Clerk will contact Wiltshire Highways requesting they look at the site with a view to moving the sign.

56 Planning application 13/00998/Full: D Hobson stated that the Parish Council is a statutory consultee with no planning powers. The applicant explained he wanted to achieve a home for himself and his elderly father. The other four properties would be built to a high standard and be moderately priced. He also stated that other development plans may be considered. Access and increase in volume of traffic along the single track lane was questioned by Parishioners and debated. The Parish Council have until 23 September to respond. Some councillors will carry out a site visit shortly and if necessary have an additional council meeting before they submit their response which will particularly value Wiltshire Highways opinion.

57 Parking on Recreation Field – requests:

12-09-13: Phoenix

14-09-13: Wedding reception

16-09-13: Garden Club
22-09-13: Private function 8-6
05-10-13: Wedding reception
10-10-13: Phoenix
12-10-13: Harvest Supper
21-10-13: Garden Club

58 Parking on Donkey Field:

No requests

59 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

12-10-13: Harvest Supper
13-10-13: 10K race and 3K fun run – friends of Broad Chalke School

60 Correspondence received:

Nat West bank statements
Kompan Playgrounds invitation to Play Fair 2013
Norfolk China – mail shot
Community First AGM invitation
Wessex Water information on mains replacement scheme in CB & H
Julie Girling Conservative MEP – opportunity to contact her

61 Planning:

Planning received:

13/00766/S73 – Land adjacent to Ebble Cottage, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Vary condition 1 of S/2010/0889 (construction of a new bungalow with integral double garage) to extend the time to implement the permission.

13/00593/Full – Coombe Bissett Distribution Site, Stratford Tony Road, Coombe Bissett. Construction of new booster station on the line of an existing gravity water main that runs from the Compton Down reservoir to the village of Coombe Bissett.

13/01037/ADV – Coombe Down Farm, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Retrospective application for the erection of 6 non illuminated signs (relating to the business) situated near vehicular access to site.

13/01281/Full – Overchalke, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Extension to existing rear conservatory.

13/01283/Full – Angle Down, Stratford Tony Road, Coombe Bissett. Single storey extensions and associated alterations.

13/02614/Full – Long Cottage, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Single storey rear extension.

13/00998/Full – Land to the rear of Moonrakers, Homington. Demolition of existing poultry sheds and erection of five new dwellings with associated garages.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

S/2012/1671 - Middle Farm Homington. Erection of 1 x two bed dwelling and 1 x three bed dwelling with creation of new access and alteration of existing access. Approved with conditions.

62 Reports from representatives:

Parish Cemetery: W Cole reported that the Parish Council would like to thank John Wheeler very much for his work at the Cemetery which includes tidying the flower beds, laying new bark chippings, varnishing the bench and mending the gate. The Cemetery grass has been mowed regularly and the trees and shrubs have been carefully pruned by the contractors.

Police: D Rattue reported Salisbury Police station has had a temporary reprieve and will remain open for another 11 to 12 months.

Recreation Field and Playground: C Chelu reported that following an inspection by council members it was decided that painting of the play apparatus and renewal of bark was not needed at present. The Clerk has asked Ian Morrell to cut the hedges and to remove weeds etc. The cricket maintenance team will strim the long grass. A disgusting amount of dog faeces was deposited right by the picnic benches recently. Dog owners should refer to the village web site for advice.

Highways and Street Scene: C Chelu reported a comprehensive photo report of pot holes and other works needed has been prepared and sent to Wiltshire Council for action. Already some work has been completed. The report may be viewed on the village website.

Village Hall: C Chelu reported that following a request by a parishioner for funding by the Parish Council to improve the village hall heating, the village hall committee had decided that nothing could be done at present and would not be applying to the Council for funds. Draught prevention was being actively investigated.

63 Finance:

Income:

Bank interest:	£1.21
VAT refund:	£421.62

Outgoings:

326 Grant Thornton – audit fee	£120.00
327 CB and H Cricket Club – reimbursement of VAT	£311.87
328 Rev W Cole – reimbursement for marker stone	£150.00
329 Office expenses	£385.80
330 Bawden Landscapes - July grass cutting	£122.68
331 Bawden Landscapes - August grass cutting	£122.68
332 Richard Cox – reimbursement for weed killer	£5.89
333 Steve James – reimbursement for paint	£39.70
334 Gerald Bundy – reimbursement for materials for parish assets maintenance	£175.62
335 Ian Morrell – village jobs	£36.00

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is £11996.11
The balance on the current account is £11080.38
The total of the two accounts is therefore: £23076.49

D Hobson proposed, S Gledhill seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 326 - 335 be paid.

64 Date of next meeting: 12th November 2013 at 7pm.

65 The meeting closed at 8.25pm.