

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2015 (unconfirmed).**

Present: Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, C Chelu, P Crosthwaite, A Bird and G Bundy. Mrs D James (Clerk). Mr D Roycroft, Mr S James, Mr D Morgan, Mr and Mrs R van der Horst, Mrs M Parson, Mr N and James Weir, Ms J Spence, Mr and Mrs D Simmonds and Ms K Seal.

45 Apologies for absence: Wiltshire Cllr. J Johnson, Mrs P Pratt, Mr and Mrs P Buckley, Cllr. S Gledhill, Mr and Mrs J Speirs.

Before the meeting commenced Chairman D Rattue paid tribute to Jeffrey Ashenden, former councillor and chairman of the Parish Council who passed away in August. D Rattue said Jeffrey contributed so much to the Parish Council as well as other village groups and will be greatly missed by the wider community.

46 Public question time: Dan Roycroft representing the company developing The Glebe in Water Lane explained that following a pre application process with Wiltshire Council the full planning application has now been submitted. He clarified various aspects of the proposal. This included drainage, risk of flooding exacerbation and landscape impact. Questions from neighbours included concerns about views of the property from public footpaths, types of trees being replaced, groundwater drainage and impact on the River Ebbel. Nigel Weir, owner of The Glebe spoke to reassure the meeting that he had taken specialist advice and he and his family looked forward to living in Coombe Bissett.

Don Morgan treasurer of the tennis club requested £302 from the 106 fund to pay for new tennis nets. He explained that the tennis club serves residents and the school. Guests are also welcome. The 106 fund must be used for outdoor community use.

47 Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were proposed by C Chelu, seconded by P Crosthwaite and agreed by all as a correct record.

48 Declarations of interest: D Rattue declared an interest in Stocks Bridge Lane repairs and G Bundy declared an interest in Wiltshire housing site allocations development plan. Therefore they will not take part in any Parish Council considerations. There were no additional declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

49 Matters arising:

Solar Park on land at Bake Farm: British Solar Renewables (BSR) has offered a community benefit of £5000 per annum for 20 years. The payment has been calculated on the basis that the solar farm has been reduced in size to 5 megawatts. The Councillors expressed disappointment at this offer. The Parish Council will respond to BSR requesting £7500 per annum index linked for the lifetime of the solar farm.

Repairs to Stocks Bridge Lane: In its efforts to help deflect rainwater away from Stocks Bridge Lane, a quote has been received to install a gully to the left side of the entrance of the Nature Reserve in Pennings Drove. In view of the cost a second quote will be requested and the Clerk will apply for a Southern Area Board grant.

Bus shelter in Coombe Bissett: C Chelu has been trying to contact the CEO of the Fox and Goose leaseholder company in order to request reconsideration to erect a bus shelter on pub car park land. This follows refusal for permission due to lease and insurance restrictions. He will continue to pursue enquiries.

Coombe Bissett phone kiosk: The kiosk has had shelves fitted and been wallpapered in preparation for conversion into a children's library. Thanks go to Chav's Nigel Woodford and

Steve James who carried out the work and Lizzie King who donated the wallpaper. Children's books are now needed and any contributions can be left at Applegarth, Shutts Lane.

Recreation field maintenance: A Bird has investigated a suitable contractor with a view to replacing bark chippings and membrane, together with carrying out climbing frame net and deck maintenance. Following discussion it was proposed by A Bird, seconded by G Bundy with the majority of councillors in favour of completing all this work using the balance of the 106 fund and parish council reserves.

Wiltshire housing site allocations development plan: There has been no notification from Redcliffe Homes regarding a public consultation exercise about the potential development site on the field south of Thorne Close which runs between the A354 and Homington Road. The consultation document considering the Wiltshire housing site allocations development plan has been submitted by the Parish Council. There are now several other sites submitted for consideration through the strategic housing land availability assessment process. Wiltshire Cllr. J Johnson has written to the Parish Council to advise he has submitted a response and highlighted strong opposition to large-scale housing development in such a sensitive area. He also indicated that adoption of the allocations development plan could be approved by December 2016.

Neighbourhood plan: The Parish Council has not heard from any volunteers who would be prepared to lead this project.

No through road sign – bottom of Pennings Drove: The Clerk has contacted Wiltshire Highways with a request for a no through road sign, which has been acknowledged and will be on a future Wiltshire Council community area transport group agenda.

Fly tipping in Shutts Lane: There has been an increase in fly tipping in Coombe Bissett and the Homington area. The sites have been reported repeatedly. Gratitude goes to Ben Archer who has cleared Shutts Lane.

Road name signs on Homington Road at junction with A354: The timber supporting the signs had become very fragile and has been replaced by Nigel Woodford and Steve James. The Parish Council expressed appreciation.

50 The Queen's 90th birthday: A suggestion to organise a parish event to celebrate The Queen's 90th birthday has been made. C Chelu offered to add it to the next village hall committee meeting. The Parish Council will support any festivity.

51 Gate on the Donkey field: G Bundy has researched several options which were discussed. The Parish Council agreed not to pursue the idea.

52 Parish messenger service: This amenity is a parish email service which would notify all those who have signed up for it, of any important village news item such as a weather or flood warning. If anyone is interested in this facility or would like to help co-ordinate please contact Debbie James 718850.

53 Tennis club nets: In response to the tennis club's request made in public question time D Hobson proposed, P Crosthwaite seconded and all agreed the 106 fund should be used to pay for tennis nets.

54 Flooding: P Crosthwaite reported that there had been two incidents this summer that had caused concern. She said a letter had been sent to the senior drainage engineer at Wiltshire Council identifying problems and urgently requesting work that needs carrying out. A letter will also be sent to the Environment Agency asking for action. The Clerk confirmed a further tonne of sand has been ordered from Wiltshire Council as well as sand bags and a flooding first aid kit.

55 Council policy for advertising signs: C Chelu proposed there is a Parish Council policy for advertising signs in the village. It was agreed that size should be limited to a metre square and advertisements should be restricted to Chalke Valley events. All were in favour.

56 Asset review: The Chairman and Clerk recently reviewed parish assets. Some hedges and foliage require maintenance and the play area repairs are being dealt with. All other assets were in good condition.

57 Parking on Recreation Field:

10-09-15: Phoenix
12-09-15: Flower show
13-09-15: Cricket
17-09-15: Film night
08-10-15: Phoenix
11-10-15: Harvest lunch
15-10-15: Film night
19-10-15: Garden club

58 Parking on Donkey Field:

No requests

59 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

12-09-15: Flower show
17-09-15: Film night
11-10-15: Harvest lunch
15-10-15: Film night

60 Correspondence received:

Thank you from Chris Brown Day Centre for £50 donation.
Request for Harvest Festival produce: Several councillors will contribute.

61 Planning:

Planning received:

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 works.
15/07614/FUL and 15/07615/LBC – Fletchers, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett. Replacement rear porch.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

15/04771/FUL – Lower Coombe Farm, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. A single storey extension to an existing residential dwelling, double garage and rear extension.
15/04880/FUL – Old Rectory House, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Remove existing conservatory and erect 2 storey extension on east elevation, loft conversion including 3 dormers to west elevation and associated alterations.
15/04796/PNTEL – Hillcrest Boarding Kennels, Coombe Bissett. Replacement of 3 existing antennas, install 2 new equipment cabinets and ancillary development.
15/04430/FUL – Lanterns (formerly Longhovel), Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Demolition of existing garage. Creation of new access and parking including re-levelling, retaining walls and landscaping. New detached car port with storage under.

62 Reports from representatives:

Coombe Bissett C E Primary School report: C Chelu reported the class numbers are now as follows:

Ash class (Year 5/6): 30 Boys: 19 Girls: 11
Fir class (Year 3/4): 27 Boys: 12 Girls: 15
Elm class (Year 1/2): 25 Boys: 12 Girls: 13
Oak class (Year Reception/1): 18 Boys: 8 Girls: 10
Of the 100 children on roll, 23 live within the catchment area

Village Hall report: C Chelu reported this summer has seen 5 weddings in the Village Hall, some of which have been entertaining those of us who live as far away as the Patch. The Hall Committee is starting a trial village cinema with Filmflixs, the first presentation being "Selma" on 17th September 2015.

Highways and Street Scene report: C Chelu reported that having read the recent missive below from Wiltshire Council, it would seem that parish councillors and parishioners will find that they will have

to report defects in the highways and drainage etc. themselves as it would seem that regular inspections by WC's operatives have ceased.

Dear Town & Parish Councils,

You may have read in the local papers about the fact that Balfour Beatty Living Places are no longer providing the local services for grounds, street cleaning and minor maintenance for the council and this is now provided by the Total Landscape Group (TLG) directly under the management of Wiltshire Council.

The change allows the council greater flexibility to deliver these services. To support this new model we will be replacing the current Community Day provision with immediately affect and replacing it with an 'identified need' service delivery. What this means is a move to works being undertaken where there is a known requirement. For town and parish councils and resident issues, this will be achieved by the works being reported and prioritised through the MyWiltshire App. Town and parish councils are asked to report issues in their areas via the MyWiltshire App. The local Coordinator will then prioritise the work from the information given. Hence the more information provided at the time of the report, the quicker a decision will be made on the council's actions. **It must be noted that just because a report is made it will not guarantee the work being completed.** But it will guarantee the council will consider the request and prioritise the work appropriately.

63 Finance:

Income: None

Outgoings:

447 Bawden Landscapes – June grass cutting	£125.45
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449 N Woodford – reimbursement road sign and kiosk materials	£120.90
450 N Woodford – reimbursement kiosk paint and brush	£44.62
451 Mrs D James – reimbursement damaged and stolen field bolt and padlock	£37.00
452 Trustees Earl of Radnor – allotment rent	£10.00
453 Bawden Landscapes – August grass cutting	£125.45
454 Office expenses	£478.82
455 I Morrell – payment for maintenance work in the play area	£45.00

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is £12006.14

The balance on the current account is £14265.76

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £26271.90

D Hobson proposed, A Bird seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 447 to 455 be paid.

64 Date of next meeting: 10th November 2015 at 7 pm.

65 The meeting closed at 9.20 pm.