

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 13th SEPTEMBER 2016 (unconfirmed).**

Present: Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, C Chelu, P Crosthwaite, S Gledhill, A Bird and G Bundy. Mrs D James (Clerk). Mr and Mrs P Buckley, Mr and Mrs D Simmonds.

54 Apologies for absence: None received.

55 Public question time: Mrs Buckley asked the Parish Council to acknowledge receipt of Coombe Bissett Conservation Community Group (CBCCG) Constitution. It is listed in correspondence received.

56 Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were proposed by S Gledhill, seconded by C Chelu and agreed by all as a correct record.

57 Declarations of interest: D Rattue declared an interest in Pennings Drove drainage 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.

58 Matters arising:

Pennings Drove drainage: Installation of a French drain by Wiltshire Wildlife Trust (WWT) is still awaited. The Clerk will refer back to WWT with a further reminder. Wiltshire Council has indicated that there are no suitable sites to dig new grips. C Chelu offered to visit the area, reassess, and mark all possible sites. It was suggested that a couple of parishioners might be able to contribute advice. The Clerk will make contact.

Wiltshire housing site allocations development plan: There still has been no information from developers 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. There has been no further notification regarding the expected time line for the draft plan by Wiltshire Council.

Neighbourhood plan: There has been no response from anyone offering to lead a neighbourhood plan. The Parish Council encourages anyone contemplating coming forward, as councillors consider a neighbourhood plan to be the right approach for the community.

Beech tree palings: A functional stand has been erected adjacent to the beech tree. The cyclamen can now be seen easily and the project was well within budget. C Chelu proposed thanks to Mr Robin Maycock and Mr Chris Baughan who kindly carried out the work.

Community benefit fund: A one-off good will gift of £20,000 given by British Solar Renewables, developers of the solar park constructed at Bake Farm has been received. Residents and organisations in Coombe Bissett and Homington are now invited to submit bids and suggestions on how the money or part of the money could be spent. The criteria and application form will be published on the village web site, in the Express and parish council notice boards to enable village groups, local businesses or individuals to apply for a grant or offer ideas. It is intended the fund will be spent on a substantial, innovative project that will provide long-term benefits to villagers. Closing date for applications and ideas is Friday 4th November 2016.

Dog mess on the Recreation Field: The persistent problem of dog faeces on the recreation field has improved only slightly since new clear signage has been situated. D Hobson proposed and A Bird seconded that up to £500 can be spent to fund methods to counteract dog-fouling violations. This amount will allow for cameras to catch owners of persistent offenders.

C12 Stratford Tony Road corner: At a meeting of the Wiltshire Council Community Area Traffic Group (CATG) the Parish Council was asked to contribute £800 of the £2500 cost to paint a white centre line on Stratford Tony Road. This was rejected by Parish Councillors so will be discussed again at the next CATG meeting in September. D Rattue will be attending. The cost is partly due to the necessity to close the road.

Homington Road flooding: Wiltshire Council have been asked to lay a kerb to protect the verge and drainage ditch from further erosion adjacent to Shergold Cottages in Homington Road. Wiltshire Council Community Area Traffic Group has priced this at £7500 subject to the Parish Council contributing £3000. The Parish Council rejected this contribution and it will be reviewed at the next CATG meeting that D Rattue will attend.

Transportable diesel pump: The Clerk has applied for a grant from SSE for 3 transportable diesel pumps and associated pipework for use during flooding. If successful these will be available for community usage in Coombe Bissett and Homington.

A354 possible drain improvement work: Along a stretch of the A354 south of the village, there is a dip in the road which accumulates rain water and creates a lake during heavy rain so that water washes down both drives and causes a flood as cars travel along the road. As a result certain houses are vulnerable to flooding. Wiltshire Council drainage have inspected and surveyed the area. The report is now awaiting evaluation and the senior drainage engineer will make a decision on the priority of work required.

Caravan rally in the Recreation Field: The rally organiser has contacted the Clerk. The group have a busy schedule for 2017 but may request use of the Recreation Field the following year.

Council housing in Coombe Bissett: Wiltshire Council's commissioning officer has advised that building of the 4 new council homes on the old chalk pit site could commence this autumn. Information regarding criteria on who and how to apply will be published in the Express, on the village website and on parish notice boards. Representatives from Wiltshire Council's housing team are planning to attend the next parish council meeting in November in order to answer questions.

59 Plane trees at Water Lane junction: As a result of concerns about lorry damage to the trees, Wiltshire Council's tree officer was asked to inspect. He reported that following his visit he had asked for fencing and hi-vis tape to be fixed to act as a visual deterrent.

60 Bin emptying on the Recreation Field: Recently it has been noticed that the bins on the Recreation Field have kindly been emptied by the Village Hall caretakers. The Parish Council is very appreciative particularly as they supplied the bin bags. The Clerk will reimburse them.

61 Kick board and fence repairs in the play area: Ian Morrell has recently repaired the broken fence palings. Quotations have been obtained to replace the kickboard with a sturdier variety and refurbish the adjacent area. It was proposed by A Bird and seconded by C Chelu that the quotation of £840 by the contractor who restored the ground area be accepted. All agreed.

62 Parish Stewards: The parish steward scheme recommences in October. They are restricted to certain tasks only that they are permitted to carry out. It is not known how often they will visit Coombe Bissett and Homington. C Chelu has taken responsibility for liaising with them.

63 Parking on Recreation Field:

19-09-16: Garden Club
24-09-16: Wedding
25-09-16: Wedding
13-10-16: Phoenix
15-10-16: Private party
17-10-16: Garden Club
10-11-16: Phoenix

64 Parking on Donkey Field:

19-09-16: Garden club outing

24-09-16: Wedding

65 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

06-09-16: Pantomime auditions

66 Correspondence received:

Thanks from Chris Brown Day Centre treasurer for donation.

Coombe Bissett Conservation Community Group (CBCCG) Constitution.

67 Planning:Planning received:

16/05606/FUL – Old Mill House, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett. Insertion of 3 no. dormer windows within roof slope of northern elevation, replacement roof light on southern roof slope, removal of internal walls to enlarge kitchen and relocation of cloakroom to under stairs. Extension of existing low-level garden walls to south and east of house.

16/06341/LBC - Old Mill House, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett. Insertion of 3 no. dormer windows within roof slope of northern elevation, replacement roof light on southern roof slope, removal of internal walls to enlarge kitchen and relocation of cloakroom to under stairs.

16/07558/FUL – Land opposite May Cottage, Homington. Erection of a Hay Barn.

16/07713/LBC and 16/08204/FUL – Manor House, Stratford Tony Road, Coombe Bissett. Installing hardwood timber garage doors to existing red brick and timber frame garage out-building. Installing of separating wall within garage, clad with horizontal timber cladding to match doors.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

16/04971/FUL – 3 Tottens Farm Cottages, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Outbuilding for workshop/studio.

16/05448/CLP – Huminga, Homington. Stationing of a mobile home for use as a granny annexe.

16/06379/TCA – Meads Cottage, Shepherds Close, Coombe Bissett. G1 – Row of Yew and other evergreen trees. 3 x Yew – reduce by approximately 3m in height and reshape. Fell 1 Cypress. Fell 1 Elder.

16/02912/FUL – Huron (Shutts House), Shutts Lane, Coombe Bissett. Retrospective application for the filling in of existing drive to front of dwelling. Regrading of land to side of dwelling to allow vehicular access.

68 Reports from representatives: Village Hall: C Chelu reported that the Village Hall has recently been painted and decorated. He requested that hirers and users take care not to damage or mark the walls and paintwork. He stated that the film club goes from strength to strength.

69 Finance:**Income:**

Cemetery reservation fee	£90.00
Solar Park community benefit fund	£20000.00

Outgoings:

501 Mr S James – reimbursement for replacement defibrillator pads	£110.40
502 Bawden Landscapes – July grass cutting	£125.45
503 Grant Thornton – audit fee	£120.00
504 Mrs D James – reimbursement for brush cutter	£13.30
505 Mr C Baughan – reimbursement for beech tree fence	£31.98
506 Mr C Baughan – reimbursement for beech tree accessories	£52.36
507 Earl of Radnor – allotment rent	£10.00
508 Bawden Landscapes – August grass cutting	£125.45
509 Office expenses	£450.45
510 Mr R West – reimbursement for line paint	£9.99

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is £32012.45

The balance on the current account is £13592.20
The total of the two accounts is therefore: £45604.65

D Hobson proposed, P Crosthwaite seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 501 to 510 be paid.

70 Date of next meeting: 8th November 2016 at 7 pm.

71 The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.