

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 12th SEPTEMBER 2017 (unconfirmed).**

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

40 Apologies for absence: Wiltshire Councillor R Clewer and Mr R Maycock.

41 Public question time: No questions.

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

43 Declarations of interest: D Rattue declared an interest in Stocks Bridge Lane repair work and G Bundy declared an interest in development in the Bundy field, Wiltshire housing site allocations development plan and neighbourhood 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.

44 Matters arising:

Development in the Bundy Field: There is no update to report regarding development in the Bundy field.

Wiltshire housing site allocations development plan: There has been no additional information from Wiltshire Council (WC) since the last meeting.

Neighbourhood development plan: D Hobson as representative on the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Steering Group updated on progress. Following WC's publication of a new housing allocation of zero houses for Coombe Bissett and Homington and discussion at the public meeting prior to July's Parish Council meeting, the steering group had reviewed whether to continue with an NDP. D Hobson reported that a majority of the steering group had voted to continue with an NDP. They referred this back to the Parish Council, as elected representatives for the parish. Parish Council discussion included the pros and cons of continuing with an NDP, length of the process, the cost and community consultation. At the end of the process a parish referendum is held to vote on the proposals. The Parish Council agreed to ask the NDP Steering Group to: a) research the evidence base which would support an NDP; b) to hold an initial community consultation event; c) undertake a housing needs analysis (the Clerk will contact WC to ask if they can undertake this); d) to examine other issues including economic and social needs for the parish. The Parish Council will then review progress afterwards and decide whether to continue to the next stage of preparing an NDP. S Gledhill proposed and C Chelu seconded support of an NDP. The majority voted in favour with one opposed. In accordance with the Parish Councils standing orders, G Bundy was present for discussion but absent from the vote.

Community benefit fund: Further proposals or applications are always very welcome. Please contact a Parish Council member with any ideas or suggestions for an innovative project with long-term benefits to villagers. £16000 is still available.

Homington Road flooding: WC has put the construction of a kerb adjacent to Shergold Cottages to prevent flooding on hold. The work has been priced at £7500. WC rejected the contribution of £1000 by the Parish Council, as WC wants a contribution of £3000. The Clerk has applied to SSE for a £2000 grant to top up the PC donation.

A354 possible drain improvement work: Wiltshire Councillor Richard Clewer is supporting acceleration of the work, which was originally requested over a year ago. The job consists of enlarging a drain on the Blandford Road and installing a grill cover, so that water can be removed from the road more quickly and will prevent some houses becoming flooded. Unfortunately the senior drainage engineer who was managing the project is now unwell.

Council housing in Coombe Bissett: The 4 new homes should be completed by early spring 2018. Houses will be allocated during February. Those who wish to apply must register as soon as possible on the Homes4Wiltshire website. People may call 0300 4560104 for advice about registering. Alternatively for further information contact Victoria Smith, the WC commissioning officer on 01249 706556 or victoria.smith@wiltshire.gov.uk.

Stocks Bridge Lane repair work: The Clerk has recently been contacted the contractor and work will be commencing shortly. Residents will be notified of the commencement date as soon as this known.

Grant opportunity for outdoor community equipment: The Parish Council has been awarded £2000 by the Tesco token scheme to pay for adult fitness equipment. The Parish Council seeks ideas from residents for proposals. D Rattue and A Bird will speak to the tennis club and cricket club to discuss ideas.

Metrocount on the Blandford Road: The Clerk contacted the Police about the recent Metrocount results, which demonstrated the area is subject to police enforcement and is outside the criteria for Community Speed Watch. The Metrocount verified the 85th percentile was 45.4 mph (the 85th percentile is the speed at which 85% of the traffic is travelling at or below), in a 30 mph zone. The Police spokesperson commented that it is doubtful Police would be able to carry out speed watch and cameras are no longer an option.

Speeding in Homington Road: The recent Metrocount adjacent to Tottens in Homington Road showed vehicles travelling of speeds up to 56 mph in a 20 mph area. A resident has referred the problem to WC Community Area Traffic Group (CATG). A highways engineer has agreed to visit the site in October, to get an understanding and then be able to discuss suggestions with the resident and representatives from the Parish Council. If pinch points were to be installed they must now be lit and there are strict regulations regarding speed humps that are now known as vertical deflectors.

Grant opportunity from SSE: SSE has further grant money available for community resilience purposes. Following the success of obtaining a grant for flood pumps last year, the Clerk has applied for a £2000 grant to help with funding the flood prevention kerb in Homington Road.

45 Asset review: D Rattue and the Clerk carried out the annual Parish Council assets review recently. The majority of Parish Council assets were in good condition, but some minor maintenance work was required which has promptly been carried out by village CHAV's. Sincere thanks are extended by the Parish Council to all concerned. The hedges close to the play area need a substantial prune. Quotes will be obtained for this work.

46 Repairs to the play area: G Bundy identified problems with the wooden fence surrounding the play area. In his opinion it is now time to replace the fence. It was decided that a low maintenance metal fence should be erected. A Bird and the Clerk will research ideas, types and prices.

47 Environment Agency monitoring of the river: Dr B Hallis kindly attended the last Operational Flood Working Group meeting where he was able to emphasize the parish's on going requirement for flood defence. P Crosthwaite reported the Environment Agency (EA) had been in contact about their intention to monitor levels of the River Ebble in Coombe Bissett over the next 2 to 3 years. Three areas have been selected and all landowners have given their consent. Telemetry will enable flow rates to be measured and the data obtained will help the EA to plan for the future of the River Ebble management.

48 Parking on Recreation Field:

14-09-17: Phoenix

15-09-17: Private event

17-09-17: Cricket

21-09-17: Film night

12-10-17: Phoenix

19-10-17: Film night

28-10-17: Wedding
09-11-17: Phoenix

49 Parking on Donkey Field:

Council house builders
15-09-17: Private event
17-09-17: Private event

50 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

Film club
Phoenix

51 Correspondence received:

Oil club mailshot

52 Planning:

Planning received:

17/07475/FUL – Caddens, Lower Road, Homington. Extensions, alterations and construction of replacement garage.

17/08675/TCA – Church Farm House, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Walnut – remove large limb leaving 2 metre stump. Fell 2 Olum trees. Raise Yew tree up to 3 metres. Greengage - shorten limb. Chestnut tree – remove large limb and 7 – 8 smaller limbs. Laburnum – fell.

17/08683/TCA – The Manor, Barbers Lane, Homington. 3 Sycamores – fell.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

17/05745/TCA - Fernhill, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. Removal of two Ash trees. No objection.

17/04612/FUL – Land adjacent to Coombe Bissett Nature Reserve, Pennings Drove, Coombe Bissett. Installation of 2 compost toilets.

53 Reports from representatives:

Cllr C Chelu reported:

Highways and street scene - Parish Stewards do not appear to be doing the work requested.

Weeds in gutters, and around the Donkey Field, and on the road bridge have not been removed. I would have thought the work requested could have been done in the 2 days allocated. I have been requested to make direct contact with the Parish Steward, but since I am not his line manager, I do not think it appropriate.

Village Hall - Two committee members and another have repaired the damage caused by careless drivers to the driveway to the hall. A bollard has been installed to deter drivers from driving off the roadway.

54 Finance:

Income:

Stocks Bridge Lane repairs resident contribution	£500.00
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Cemetery fee	£180.00
Tesco grant	£2000.00

Outgoings:

559 Amy Burnett – admin and consultancy for neighbourhood plan	£48.75
560 Chris Brown Day Centre – donation	£50.00
561 Bawden Managed Landscapes – grass cutting July	£127.94
562 Dr A Lack – reimbursement for renewal of web hosting service	£69.73
563 Bawden Managed Landscapes – grass cutting August	£127.94
564 Earl of Radnor – allotment rent	£10.00
565 S James – reimbursement for printer (50% of cost)	£30.00
566 Grant Thornton – audit payment	£240.00
567 C&O Tractors – strimmer head and cord	£31.61
568 Office expenses	£471.60

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is £32017.77

The balance on the current account is £9764.21

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £41781.98

S Gledhill proposed, A Bird seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 559 to 568 be paid.

55 Date of next meeting: 14th November 2017.

56 The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.