

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM ON TUESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2018 (unconfirmed).**

Present: Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, P Crosthwaite, C Chelu, A Bird and G Bundy. Mrs D James (Clerk). Wiltshire Councillor R Clewer, Mrs L Buckley, Mrs M Simmonds, Mr and Mrs P Pay and Mr R Maycock.

42 Apologies for absence: Councillor S Gledhill.

43 Public question time: Mrs Jo Pay made a request for a salt bin filled with salt for use along the stretch of private road running adjacent to the Salisbury Road. C Chelu informed her Wiltshire Council (WC) has advised that currently there is no opportunity for new bins to be provided. He suggested that residents self fund to purchase a bin. C Chelu will then make available salt from village supplies.

Mrs Pay has submitted to the Parish Council a petition signed by a number of Salisbury Road residents requesting a white village gate be erected close to the Coombe Bissett and 40 mph zone signs. She explained that speeding in the 30 and 40 mph areas is common and accidents and near misses have occurred. It was agreed by all councillors that an application to WC's Community Area Traffic Group (CATG) for a white gate be made.

Cllr. Clewer explained that there is currently an electoral review of Wiltshire. It has been suggested that Coombe Bissett and Homington link with other Chalke Valley villages, resulting in a change of Area Board from Southern to the South West Wiltshire board. Parish Councillors and the Clerk will consider this option and respond accordingly.

44 Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes were proposed by C Chelu, seconded by G Bundy and agreed by all as a correct record.

45 Declarations of interest: G Bundy declared an interest in the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). Therefore he will not take part in any Parish Council considerations. There were no additional declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

46 Matters arising:

Neighbourhood Development Plan: The NDP Group is currently preparing a questionnaire, which will be distributed to all residents. WC has approved it. This will build on the data obtained from the recent housing needs survey.

Speeding along the Blandford Road: The proposal for installation of 'white village gates' at the entrance to Coombe Bissett on the Blandford Road was agreed at a recent CATG meeting and approved at the last WC Area Board meeting. The project will cost £2000 and C Chelu, who attended both meetings, negotiated a contribution by the Parish Council of £500.

Community Speed Watch in Coombe Bissett is discontinuing due to the Co-ordinator standing down. The Parish Council extend their sincere thanks and appreciation to David Germain for his many years of hard work and commitment.

Ebble Valley catchment flood management: P Crosthwaite's report in response to the Environment Agency's request for projects to alleviate flooding in the area has been submitted. There has been no response so far. It is planned by the AONB and the Environment Agency to apply for up to £3,000,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund for flood management in the Ebble Valley. P Crosthwaite, R Maycock and the Clerk compiled a priority list of gullies and drains, which need regular clearing in Coombe Bissett. This information has been sent to WC highways and drainage. WC has acknowledged this.

Repairs to Footpath 6: A path improvement grant has been submitted to WC, to provide finance for a safer, wider path using timber supports and posts. Tree roots will be preserved and a length of approximately 140 metres of soil will be removed but reused in the area. A couple of steps will be constructed beside the gate at the Marsh Lane end of the footpath. The project will be discussed again, once the outcome of the grant application is known.

Homington Triangle: A 50% grant towards the cost of a replacement seat at Homington Triangle has been awarded at a recent Area Board meeting. The Parish Council will fund the remainder. Residents will kindly provide labour.

47 Tree planting at the new Blandford Road homes: There are plans to plant a *Betula Jaquemontii* (Himalayan Birch Tree), which is a white stem silver birch, to be purchased by the Parish Council in the autumn. Residents will be informed when this will happen, so they have the option to attend the planting ceremony.

48 White lines in Homington Road: A request for refreshment of white lines on the corner Homington Road in Coombe Bissett was raised at the recent CATG meeting and approved. A 20mph speed roundel will be added.

49 Salt supplies: Delivery of replacement supplies of salt for roads and footpaths by WC is vague. However there is an adequate supply in the village should there be a problem with restocking.

50 Asset review: D Rattue and the Clerk carried out an inspection of Parish Council assets. There are some minor maintenance jobs. The Chavs will be asked if help can be offered. Thanks to all those who respond. The cemetery hedges on the tennis court side need pruning and the Clerk will obtain a quote. The Pack Horse Bridge rail has become unstable and sections are rotting. WC has agreed to inspect it and if it is considered it requires replacement or repair, WC will fund it. The bridge is classified as grade 2 listed and recorded as a scheduled ancient monument with medieval origins.

51 Parking on Recreation Field

12-09-18: SDH

13-09-18: Phoenix

16-09-18: Cricket

11-10-18: Phoenix

08-11-18: Phoenix (afternoon)

52 Parking on Donkey Field:

Private event – local resident

Funeral parking

53 Notices on Donkey Field/Beech Tree:

Film club

Phoenix

Pantomime audition

54 Correspondence received:

Electoral review of Wiltshire.

Information regarding Cranborne Chase AONB's bid to be an International Dark Sky Reserve (supported by the Parish Council).

55 Planning:

Planning received:

18/07206/FUL – Eastfield House, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Replace hedge, fence and gates across front of property.

18/07815/FUL – Centre Cottage, Homington Road, Homington. Demolition of existing rear extension, construction of new rear extension (including internal alterations) and construction of replacement porch.

18/08154/TCA – Hawthorne Rise, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett. 6 *Leylandii* trees – fell.

Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:

18/06853/TCA – Foxlea, Marsh Lane, Coombe Bissett. T1 - Sycamore tree - fell.

18/04629/FUL – Coombe Bissett Down Nature Reserve. Proposed sub surface scrape and bund in agricultural field to create butterfly bank.

56 Reports from representatives:

No reports.

57 Finance:

Income:

Nil.

Outgoings:

615 CB&H PCC – 50% contribution towards new bell ropes	£164.70
615 CB&H PCC – Memorial window contribution	£1000.00
616 RBCF – SID rental fee	£85.00
617 PKF Littlejohn LLP – audit fee	£240.00
618 Bawden Managed Landscapes – grass cutting July	£127.94
619 Bawden Managed Landscapes – grass cutting August	£127.94
620 Earl of Radnor – allotment rent	£10.00
621 Mr S James – reimbursement for defibrillator pads	£145.00
622 Office expenses	£526.80

Balance on accounts:

The balance on the reserve account is: £32031.69

The balance on the current account is: £12066.90

The total of the two accounts is therefore: £44098.59

P Crosthwaite proposed, D Hobson seconded and everyone agreed that cheques 615 to 622 be paid.

58 Date of next meeting: 13th November 2018.

59 The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

