

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD IN THE
VILLAGE HALL COOMBE BISSETT AT 7.00 PM. ON MONDAY 16th DECEMBER 2013
(unconfirmed)**

Present: Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, C Chelu, P Crosthwaite and R Cox.
D James (Clerk).
28 members of the public.
G Frampton from British Solar Renewables (BSR) and A Fido from Savills.

Apologies for Absence: R Maycock, Dr R Willis, Mrs M Willis and Cllr J Johnson.

D Rattue welcomed everyone and asked for a minute of silence in respect and memory of Rev. Westley Cole who passed away on 14th December.

Declarations of Interest: There were no additional declarations of interest in the item on this agenda.

Planning application:

13/06336/FUL – Land to the west of Bake Farm Buildings, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett. The erection of solar photovoltaic panels and associated works and infrastructure, including switchgear, inverter stations, access tracks, security fencing, security cameras and grid connection.

D Rattue asked G Frampton to outline explanation of this application. Description and justification of the plan was given.

D Rattue asked A Fido to summarize landscaping and mitigation of the site and long distance views. This was explained.

Questions from the public were taken by G Frampton and A Fido. These included debate about community benefit, landscaping, timing of consultation period and implications of installation process.

Questions from the public were taken by Councillors.

D Hobson stated that the Parish Council are statutory consultees only, with no planning powers.

It is proposed that Wiltshire Council will be asked to extend the consultation for an extra 6 weeks. This will allow ample time for BSR to respond to questions recently asked by the Parish Council and for further public information and consultation.

BSR will be reminded to reply to the Parish Council's request for detail and confirmation of the projected Community gain. Specific verification of whether this will be a one off payment or an annual sum will be required.

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.