

Coombe Bissett Parish Council
Minutes for Ordinary Parish Council Meeting
Jay McGowan, Parish Clerk

Minutes of Coombe Bissett Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held at Coombe Bissett Village Hall on Tuesday 9th January 2024. The meeting started at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs Abi Bird (Chair), Simon Boxall (Vice-Chair), Kim Byatt, Lynn Reed, Stephen Gledhill

Also present: Jay McGowan (Clerk), Councillor Richard Clewer, PC Murphy, 8 members of the public.

Cllr Bird thanked everyone for attending the meeting. She started by reassuring the public the recent events in Coombe Bissett was an isolated event with ongoing Police presence for community assurance. As this is still an active investigation no comment can be given however up to date information has and will be posted via social media.

Public Session

Police Constable Harry Murphy. PC Murphy reiterated Cllr Bird's comments, as this is still an ongoing investigation, he cannot give any further information. He also stressed the police presence in the Village is to continue to reassure residents that this is an isolated case.

PC Murphy gave a brief report for the last 30 days:

1 incident of livestock killed – the rural team is investigating this.

3 incidents of theft within the Parish.

The focus for the Neighbourhood Team is the continual break-ins of sheds and outbuildings, police patrols continue throughout the area. PC Murphy and his team ask all residents to carry out a personal safety assessment of property.

Deputy Flood Warden. A brief report of the current flooding in Coombe Bissett was given. Although there has been exceptional heavy rain fall, the underlying cause of the flooding is the poor state of the network of drains and pipes. A report was sent to Wiltshire Council in November last year highlighting the need to have these repaired/replaced, this would greatly alleviate the issue of flooding on Homington Road. A request for these works to be expedited as soon as possible was put forward. The Clerk will chase this with Wiltshire Council.

Coombe Bissett & Homington Tennis Club. To consider a donation to the Tennis Club was requested to enable part of the car park to be tarmacked to allow spectators/members to watch games in safety and comfort. The current surface is gravel and unstable for chairs and tables to be placed safely, the smooth tarmac will allow these to be placed on a steady surface therefore providing a safer area.

*To allow any questions to be answered by the Tennis Club Treasurer, Cllr Bird proposed this item to be brought forward. All Cllrs in agreement.

A Parishioner would like to thank the Parish Council and Coombe Bissett Tennis Club for fitting a water butt in Pennings Drove Cemetery to allow access to fresh water.

A letter was received by a Parishioner from Wiltshire Council with reference to a field he owns. As the site was initially proposed as a possible development site for gypsies and travellers, it is standard procedure to contact owners to consider the land available for development in the Gypsies and Traveller Document Plan ref 3224 which is currently being drawn up. Cllr Clewer confirmed this was a standard letter being sent to all owners.

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Shutts Lane Lighting. A request to reconsider the decision to remove the lighting given Coombe Bissett Primary School had now requested it be kept. Cllr Bird reiterated this item has been considered several times and the decision to remove the lighting will remain. There is currently 1 light still working, if circumstances change with more residents requesting the lights to remain a review in 6 months will be considered.

Planning Application: PL/2023/10394: Land South of Salisbury, nr Homington, Coombe Bissett. Several residents voiced their strong concerns and objections to this planning application. The main reasons being the omitted information regarding for grid connection to Homington Sub Station, the lack of battery storage, site traffic and the impact on the surrounding habitat.

*Due to the public interest in this item, Cllr Bird proposed this item be brought forward, all Cllrs in agreement.

It was noted by a Parishioner the grip at the bottom of Old Foundry Cottage still has been cleared. A requested was submitted in November, the Clerk will resubmit this request.

Agenda

101.23 To receive and consider acceptance of apologies for absence. Apologies were received from Cllrs King and Hobson. **Resolved:** Cllrs considered and accepted both apologies.

102.23 Vacancies in Parish Council Office: None.

103.23 Declaration of Interest: Councillors to disclose their interests in matters to be discussed and to decide requests for dispensation. None.

104.23 To consider any urgent matters raised in the public session, and any other urgent matters or items from Councillors. (For discussion only, no decisions can be taken). None.

105.23 To agree any items on the agenda that are to be dealt with following the exclusions of the press & public. None.

106.23 Minutes. To approve the Minutes of the Ordinary Parish Council meeting held 14th November 2023. **Resolved:** The Minutes were approved as a true record of the meeting. Cllr Bird signed the Minutes.

107.23 Coombe Bissett Tennis Club. A request for a donation towards new tarmac for part of the club car park. A quote for the approx cost of £1,920 including VAT had been circulated to Cllrs prior to the meeting for consideration. **Resolved:** Cllrs considered and approved the request, a grant of £500 was proposed by Cllr Gledhill and seconded by Cllr Boxall. All attending Cllrs agreed to the grant.

108.23 Gabion Bags in River Opposite Fox & Goose. Wiltshire Council's Enforcement Team have been contacted for advice and to request action be taken if required. The bags have been cut; no further action required.

109.23 Pennings Drove Cemetery.

a) Gates: Removing the gates at this stage will cause damage to the gates and posts, they will be repaired insitu when the weather improves.

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b) Water Butt: The water butt has now fitted.

The Parish Council would like to thank the Tennis Club and Joff Evans for his time expertise and time taken to install the plumbing and water butt at the cemetery.

c) Cemetery Hedge: The hedge at the cemetery has been trimmed however in the process the contractors damaged the neighbouring property's apple tree and climbing roses. An official complaint will be submitted to the contractors and a request to meet with Cllr Boxall and the property owner to resolve the situation.

110.23 CHAVS Volunteers. To hold an opening evening to recruit new volunteers to help with minor maintenance within the Parish. This item will be deferred until the warmer weather.

111.23 Clerk's Report/Items carried forward from previous meeting:

a) **Playpark.** Cllr Bird confirmed the Coombe Bissett Cricket Club Groundsman, Ian Newman, will carry out the repairs required on behalf of the Parish Council.

b) **SID Extension Post. Resolved:** A quote for then post was circulated prior to the meeting, Cllrs agreed to purchase the extension post. The post will be fitted as soon as possible.

c) **Parish Steward.**

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112.23 Highways.

a) **Fox & Goose.** Lying water continues to damage the splash onto the property cause damage. Drainage work has been delayed; work is scheduled for early 2024. Work is scheduled to start on 29th January 2024 and will last for approximately 5 days. A two way traffic system will be in place.

113.23 Flooding.

a) **Homington Road/A354 Junction.** This area has been submitted to Wiltshire Council for clearance as the drains are blocked by leaves and slit which is contributing to the road flooding.

The Parish Council would like to thank Charles May for his time and efforts to clear drains of the leaves and debris so they can work effectively.

The Parish Council would like to thank Wiltshire Council the vector team for returning to clear the drains along Homington Road.

114.23 Planning.

a) **To consider any new planning applications received.**

PL/2023/10394: Land South of Salisbury, nr Homington, Coombe Bissett. Full Planning Permission. Construction and operation of a solar photovoltaic farm and associated infrastructure. **Resolved: Objection – The Council will submit a comprehensive objection to this planning application.**

b) **To consider any new planning applications received between publication of agenda and meeting.**

c) **To confirm any planning application responses determined by email for applications received since last meeting:** (Comments can be viewed on the Wiltshire Council Planning Portal).

PL/2023/07449: Coombe Down Farm, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LJ. Full Planning Permission. *No Comment.*

PL/2023/05350: Churchill Place, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. Full Planning Permission. *Object.*

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PL/2023/08892: Bridge House, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LE. Listed Building Consent. *Objection*

PL/2023/08724: Bridge House, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LE. Full Planning Permission. *Objection.*

d) To note any planning application decisions made by Wiltshire Council.

PL/2023/08892: Bridge House, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LE. *Refused.*

PL/2023/08724: Bridge House, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LE. *Refused.*

e) Planning Inspector Appeal Decision:

PL/2022/05529: Orchard Barn, 2 Orchard House, Rockbourne Road, Coombe Bissett. *Dismissed.*

115.23 Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Gledhill gave a brief update. The updated Design Code has now been produced, with the draft plan for Regulation 16 progressing, this is being produced in accordance with the National and Wiltshire Council Framework Planning Policy.

116.23 Finance.

a) To note bank accounts.

Current Account: £11,288.44

Savings Account: £32,603.99

b) To note 3rd Quarter Bank Reconciliation. Approved and noted.

c) To approve Schedule of Payments. **Resolved:** All payments approved.

*It was agreed to migrate the current 123 Reg plan to the updated Gen 2 plan, this will allow the Parish Council and Village Website to continue without any interruption.

Date	Payee	Particulars	Amount
05.12.23	A Bird	Playpark Sign	£11.96
12.12.23	CB Village Hall	PC Meetings	£60.00
10.01.24	HMRC Shipley	Income Tax	£26.40
12.03.24*	123 Reg	Domain	£23.88
02.01.23	J Evans	Cemetery; Water Butt	£415.47
02.01.24	A Turnbull	SID Extension Post	£138.72
06.01.24	A Bird	Print Room Key for Clerk	£10.00
07.01.24	CB Village Hall	Defib Power	£35.00
Total			£721.43

117.23 Parking Requests. Resolved: All requests approved.

25th January 2024 – Film Night

2nd February 2024 – Sale of Sales

12th February 2024 – CB Primary School

11th March 2024 - CB Primary School

118.23 Forthcoming Meetings.

- Salisbury Cit Council, Neighbouring Parishes Meeting: 25th January 2024 – Salisbury. *Clerk to attend.*

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- Wiltshire Council, Town & Parish Clerk's Meeting: 26th January 2024 – TEAMS. *Clerk to attend.*
- Southern Wiltshire LHFIG Meeting: 6th February 2024
- Southern Area Wiltshire Board Meeting & Highways Matters Event: 22nd February 2024 – Alderbury. *Cllrs Reed and Boxall will attend.*

119.23 Correspondence Received. (Circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting)

- Briefing Notes: 23.33 – 23.37
- Police and Crime Commissioner's Force Update.
- Wiltshire Council Climate Emergency Update: Oct 2023.
- NHRU Newsletter – December 2023.
- WALC December 2023 Newsletter.
- The Wiltshire Classic Event 2024: Saturday 16th March 2024.
- Invitation to Southern Wiltshire Area Board Volunteer Event: 29th April 2024.
- Police and Crime Commissioner: Police Funding through Precept Survey.
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QQQVMQ3>

120.23 Items to be carried forward to the next Parish Council Meeting.

CHAVS recruitment evening.
Cemetery Hedge.

121.23 Date of next meeting.

12th March 2024

14th May 2024

9th July 2024

10th September 2024

12th November 2024

123.23 To close the meeting.

With no further items to discuss, Cllr Bird closed the meeting at 8.30pm.