

**MINUTES OF COOMBE BISSETT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD VIRTUALLY ON  
TUESDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2020**

**Present:** Councillors: D Rattue, D Hobson, P Crosthwaite, C Chelu, S Gledhill, A Bird and G Bundy.  
N Heron (Clerk). Wiltshire Cllr. R Clewer. Member of the public – A Lack

**54** Apologies for absence – R Maycock

**55** Public Questions Time – A Lack enquired whether the Parish Council had received a report back from Wiltshire Council regarding the footpath from Shepherd's Close to Stocksbridge Lane. G Bundy reported that no report has been received and the Parish Council will chase this up.

**56** Minutes of the last meeting – the minutes were proposed as accurate by C Chelu and seconded by P Crosthwaite and accepted by all as a true record.

**57** Declaration of interest – G Bundy declared an interest in the Neighbourhood Development Plan and D Rattue declared an interest in the Stocksbridge Lane repairs. They will therefore not take part in any Parish Council considerations. There were no additional declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

**58** **Matters arising:**

**2021/2022 Budget and Precept:** D Rattue and the clerk assessed operating costs, asset maintenance and capital costs and considered that the precept should be kept the same as last year at £11K, a figure which has remained constant since 2012. D Hobson proposed and G Bundy seconded that this be accepted and that the Budget itself will be set at a later date. All were in favour. The Financial Policy agreed in the September 2020 meeting will be set aside for this year due to the current unique circumstances and the Parish Councillors will consider Capital and New Project costs when social distancing rules allow them to meet in person. R Clewer advised that the Band D calculation may be slightly different than previous years due to an increase in Universal Credit applications.

**Neighbourhood Development Plan:** S Gledhill reported that the NDP is progressing in accordance with the required process. A draft of the plan has been completed by the NDP Steering Committee who are now awaiting a decision from Wiltshire as to whether or not there is a requirement for an environmental survey on the two proposed sites. The findings of the survey for the community views on the sites will not be published until a decision on an environmental study is made but the intention is that the community should have sight of the findings of the survey within the next 2-3 months.

**Buildings/Structures of Heritage importance:** S Gledhill reported that if we believe there are any additional buildings, structures or areas which are not currently listed by English Heritage we have the opportunity to put these in the Neighbourhood Plan as important heritage places for our community. C Chelu has prepared a list of buildings and structures within Coombe Bissett. D Hobson proposed that we should add only exceptional structures or properties that have been missed by English Heritage in the past, such as the Plague Stone. C Chelu's list will be looked at by the Parish Councillors for discussion at the next meeting. and the Parish Councillors will look at these for discussion at the next meeting.

**Gates across bridleways in Coombe Bissett:** G Bundy reported that Wiltshire Wildlife Fund have started work on the gate down towards the Blandford Road end having improved the access road into the site. The fly tipping episode in Shutts Lane has been dealt with. The Wiltshire Council Officer in charge, A Howson, has agreed that WC will come to complete the work on behalf of the Parish Council once the PC have purchased the bollards. G Bundy will provide the clerk with the specification of the bollards for purchasing, the estimated cost of these is £100.

**Donkey Field – Fence, Padlock, Encampment:** G Bundy reported that the materials for the fence will be delivered towards the end of next week and the work will then commence once the contractor has arranged for any underground cables to be checked. Due to the recent illegal encampment the Parish Council will purchase a padlock for the new gate and will endeavour to ensure the gate is locked.

**Speed Indicator Device on the A354:** A Turnbull who manages the SID has asked G Bundy to mention that wherever the indicator is in place it has a positive effect on the majority of drivers. There has been no speed watch undertaken in Homington for a while and volunteers are needed. A Bird will post a request for volunteers on Facebook. Speed Watch will continue and the SID will be moved around when all the poles are in place.

**Stocksbridge Lane Repairs:** The potholes in the lane have been repaired by the contractor of the new development. The clerk presented two estimates received from contractors for the completion of laying tarmac on a section of the lane. S Gledhill noted that the lane is a dedicated footpath and not a road and that any lane wide asphaltting would directly benefit the residents of only four properties. S Gledhill therefore proposed that the Parish Council do not undertake works to further improve the lane. G Bundy is in agreement, C Chelu is against, D Hobson, P Crosthwaite, A Bird abstained. As a result S Gledhill's proposal has passed and repairs are not approved. The Parish Council will all inspect the lane in the coming months and the matter of repairs may be revisited at a later date.

**Headstones policy in Pennings Drove Cemetery:** There is no current headstones policy and G Bundy has agreed to draw one up. The Clerk will respond to the Challis family who have requested a headstone to mark the cremated remains of Roland Challis.

**Bench in Pennings Drove Cemetery:** The bench in Pennings Drove Cemetery has been destroyed as it was deemed beyond repair. G Bundy proposed that a new bench is purchased to match the one recently donated by the Challis family. C Chelu seconded and all are in favour. G Bundy will source a bench and the plaque from the original bench will be affixed to it.

**Appointment of WebMaster:** The post of voluntary webmaster will be advertised on Facebook and on the website. A Lack has offered to help whoever takes up the role.

**59 Parking on Recreation Field:** CB Down Project 17 November 2020

**60 Parking on Donkey Field:** none

**61 Notices on Donkey Field/beech tree:** Remembrance Sunday Service 08 November 2020

**62 Correspondence received:**

- Alistair Lack – decision to stand down as Editor of CB Website
- Chris White Funeral Directors requesting headstone for R Challis
- Wiltshire Wildlife Trust – works to improve section of bridleway from Blandford Road to the barn to be completed late September.
- Fraser Corsan – outlining concern raised by several villagers over proposed Avalon site as suitable for NDP.
- ROSPA – inspection of the play area has been completed
- Julian Haines from WC – agreeing that further work is required on the Packhorse Bridge which will be undertaken in 2-3 months
- J Challis – requesting headstone in Cemetery
- Friends of the Ridgeway – regarding signposting and waymarking a new National Trail route between Salisbury and Win Green called Cranborne Drovers Way
- Letter of appreciation from H.M. Lord Lieutenant of Wiltshire - Sarah Rose Troughton
- Mr G Bundy – expressing concern that the NDPG is in danger of not achieving its primary objective of delivering housing for older residents as identified in the housing needs survey. (N.B. this was not discussed at the meeting as the letter was received after the Agenda had been finalised).

**63 Planning**

**Planning received:**

**Application Ref:** 20/08856/FUL - Application for full planning

**Proposal:-** Proposed two storey rear extension and alterations

**At:** Deegan House, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 4LH

**Planning approved by Wiltshire Council:**

**Application Ref:** 20/07836/VAR – Variation of Condition

**Proposal:-** Variation of condition 2 of 19/10768/FUL to allow for alterations and raising of roof of approved building

**At:** Lower Coombe Farm, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LJ

**Application Ref:** 20/08201/TCA – work to trees in a conservation area

**Proposal:-** Ash (T1) - Fell: signs of Honey Fungus

Ash (T2) - Fell: signs of Ash Dieback & overhangs neighbour's shed

Ash (T3) - Fell: signs of Ash Dieback,

Ash (T4) - fell: next to other Ash trees with Dieback. Replace with Yew.

Ash x 3 (T5, T6, T7) - fell. Small Ash trees showing early signs of Ash Dieback. Replace with 1 x Bird Cherry

Ash (T8) - fell: signs of Ash Dieback

Ash (T9) - fell: loss of light to neighbour - replant with 1 x Yew

Leylandii (T10) - fell: tree is dead. Replant with 1 x Dogwood and 1 x Hazelnut Fir (T11) - fell:

Elm (T12) - fell: tree is dead (Dutch Elm Disease). Replant with 1 x Stone Pine. Please note Trees 13 & 14 below have NOT been seen by Shane Verion (Tree Officer)

Willow (T13) - reduce to 10 ft (branches falling from height into garden)

Willow (T14) - reduce to 10 ft (branches falling from height into garden)

**At:** Karelea, Stocksbridge Lane, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LZ

**Application Ref: 20/07364/FUL** – full planning

**Proposal:-** Reinstatement of roof destroyed by fire and associated repairs

**At:** Cross Stone, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LR

**Application Ref: 20/07365/TCA** – work to trees in Conservation Area

**Proposal:-** T1 - Yew - 1m reduction all round to remove the damaged area and keep the tree at a reasonable size given its proximity to the house.

**At:** Cross Stone, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LR

**Application Ref: 20/08252/TCA** – work to trees in a conservation area

**Proposal:-** Fell Ash Tree

**At:** Karelea, Coombe Bissett, Salisbury, Wiltshire, SP5 4LZ

**Application Ref: 20/06576/FUL**

**Proposal:** Demolition and alteration of a number of existing relatively modern barns

**At:** Homington Farm Barbers Lane Homington SP5 4NG - approved with conditions

**Application Ref 20/07691/TCA** – work to trees in a conservation area

**Proposal:** Field Maple tree – crown and lift to 4m and lightly thin canopy

**At:** Thakeham, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LY

#### **Planning appeals:**

**Appellants:** Mr & Mrs Royal, Cranbourne Farm, Old Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett

**Proposed Development:** Conversion of two existing agricultural barns to form a single storey residential dwelling (Use Class C3) and carport, associated landscaping and access

Appeal start date: 04 September 2020

#### **Planning refused:**

**Application No. 20/06673/CLP**

**Proposal:** Certificate of lawfulness for works to main barn and agricultural building including new metal sheet roofing, new concrete floors and blockwork walls reclad in existing metal sheet cladding.

**At:** Cranbourne Farm, Old Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LF

## **64 Reports from representatives**

**Highways Warden** – C Chelu advised that he has asked G Axtell from Wiltshire Council to consider disguising the ugly man hole covers on the concrete which have recently been installed at the Stratford Tony junction. R Clewer has offered to look into this on our behalf and will advise further.

**Flood Warden** – P Crosthwaite advised that Flooding notice has been sent to the Express asking everyone to clean drains and unblock gulleys.

**Playground Warden** – A Bird has received the annual playground inspection report and will act on arranging any necessary repairs.

**65 Finance**

**Outgoings 09.09.20 to 10.11.20**

Bawden	Grass August	£133.42
Cricket Club	Paint for benches	£5.00
A Burnett	NDP Salary	£1379.40
Bawden	Grass September	£133.42
Playsafety Ltd	Play area inspection	£82.20
Office Expenses		£798.89

**Income 09.09.20 to 10.11.20**

Chris White Funerals	Cemetery fees	£120.00
Ian Newman	Cemetery fees	£100.00
Wiltshire Council	Precept	£5500
NatWest	Interest	£0.29
NatWest	Interest	£0.26

**Balance on accounts:**

Current Account £18,073.20

Reserve Account £32,140.93

Total Balance £50,214.13

**66 Date of next meeting:** 12 January 2021

**67 The meeting closed at:** 2120