

**Minutes of Coombe Bissett Parish Council Meeting held at the Village Hall
Tuesday 8th March 2022**

Present: Councillors D Hobson, A Bird, K Byatt, L Reed, S Boxall, C Chelu, S Gledhill
Also, present; J McGowan (Clerk), Wiltshire Cllr Richard Clewer, 16 members of the public.

Public Session

A Parishioner requested to speak regarding the following items:

1. The A354 has not been cleaned by the road sweeper for some time, **Action: Cllr Chelu will ask how often the road sweeper visits each year.**
2. Noted that hedges in Homington are growing over the road. **Action: Highways are a Wiltshire Council responsibility. The pinch point in Homington was discussed at January's meeting**
3. Asked about the Parish Council precept increase. **Response: this is the first Parish Council precept increase in 10 years, as outgoings now exceed income. The parish council's element of the increase is £3 extra a year for a Band E property. The Parish Council is required by law to have a minimum of 1 year's running cost in reserves. The remainder of the money in reserves is the balance of capital from the Bake Farm solar farm money, and mostly already allocated to projects which are pending delivery.**
4. The Southern Wiltshire Area Board Event - "Building a Greener, Cleaner Southern Wiltshire Community Area" on the 27th of April, 6.30pm at Whiteparish Memorial Hall. **Action: Clerk to circulate poster to all Councillors.**

A resident read out objections to The Old Vicarage Planning Application. It was noted the residents are not opposed to the site being developed but any application must consider the limitations of the site, character of the village, flooding and drainage and the environmental balance of the development. They feel this application does not take these into consideration and therefore object to the planning application. The 4 key points they wish to raise are:

Number of properties – the proposed number is too many for the plot. Overdevelopment of the site will result in the loss of natural drainage, loss of biodiversity, and increase the risk of flooding.

Mains Drainage for the site – the application has stated there is mains drainage for the site, but this is not correct

Loss of mature trees – in particular a mature Yew Tree and lifting the canopy of a long established walnut tree.

Footpath– it has been highlighted by Highways that a new footpath along Homington Road would improve safety for pedestrians.

The resident stated that the local community does not support this application and asked the Parish Council to object to the application.

Mr Holmes, the agent for the developer, was in attendance and responded to the concerns raised. He apologised for his error on the application – it stated there is mains drainage for this site, however this was an error and is currently being amended on the application. A drainage strategy is being prepared and will be submitted to Wiltshire Council shortly.

Cllr Chelu, on behalf of a resident, asked about the cob and thatch wall that borders the property next door to The Old Vicarage site. It is in need of some attention and he asked if it was the responsibility of The Old Vicarage? Mr Holmes stated that the maintenance of the wall was the responsibility of the Old Vicarage. He said that he would undertake to protect and repair it if the planning application was successful.

A parishioner raised concerns of the grips on Salisbury Road and Pennings Drove as these still have not been cleared. **Response:** The Parish Council had asked in December 2021 for this to be looked at. **Action:** Cllr Chelu will follow this up with Highways.

Mr D Parson gave the Parish Council a brief summary of the quotes supplied by Mr van der Horst for the cost of cleaning the Coombe Bissett War Memorial and the cleaning process. The memorial was last cleaned in 2014 and can only be cleaned by water and a soft brush, as it is made of limestone and is Grade 1 listed. There is concern as to how effective this would be and for how long the memorial would stay clean.

Agenda

72. To receive and consider acceptance of apologies. *None*

73. Vacancies in Parish Council Office. *None*

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

75. 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*

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

77. Minutes of Parish Council Meetings - To review and approve the Minutes from meeting held 11th January 2022. **Resolved:** All Councillors agreed the Minutes were an accurate and true record. Cllr Hobson signed.

78. Coombe Bissett & Homington War Memorial – It has been noted the Memorial is need of some cleaning. To consider the permissions required and costs for cleaning. The memorial was last cleaned in 2014. Mr van der Horst supplied the Parish Council with two quotes for the cleaning costs for consideration. There is a concern that in a short space of time the black lettering against the black lichen growing on the memorial would become illegible again. It was suggested a bronze plaque with the names or a change of colour for the lettering might help keep the names legible. **Resolved:** Mr Parson will, on behalf of the Parish Council, ask the Diocese if the colour of the lettering can be changed. To be carried forward to next agenda.

79.* PL/2022/00198 – The Old Vicarage, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LR: Full Planning Permission. Partial demolition of the existing house and outbuildings, alteration and extension of the house and construction of four detached houses to the rear. Formation of new access onto Homington Road and demolition and replacement of front boundary wall. **Resolved:** After careful consideration and studying the documentation supplied for this application the Parish Council by way of show of hands voted to 'object' to this application. All voted in favour to submit a response of 'objection' to Wiltshire Council. Mr Holmes, the developer, was asked if he would agree to work with the parish council to evolve the application so it overcomes the parish council's objection. **Action:** The Parish Council will submit an objection to Wiltshire Council.

80. Pinch Point, Homington – A request for a "Road Narrows" sign has been submitted to CATG. This would be part funded by the parish council. Waiting for a response. **Action:** Clerk to request an update.

The Parish Council considered the deployment of the speed indicator device (SID) at the Odstock end of Homington. **Resolved:** The parish council will ask Wiltshire Council to undertake a traffic

survey to monitor traffic flow and speeds using pressure point recorders. Wiltshire Council requires this survey to be undertaken before it will agree to erect a post for the speed indicator device. Proposed by Cllr Boxall, seconded by Cllr Hobson, all Councillors approved to request Wiltshire Council to undertake this survey.

81. Matters Arising:

a) Bollards, Shutts Lane – Bollard ordered and waiting for a fitting date. **Action:** Clerk to send a further reminder to Mr Alex Howson at Wiltshire Council, copied to Wiltshire Cllr Clewer at his request.

b) Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations – To review and agree the terms of the Parish Council's offer of financial support. **Resolved:** All Councillors confirmed the previously (item 63.c) agreed amount of £1500.00 was a grant to be given to The Queen's Jubilee Celebrations Committee. The grant is to be spent on the Jubilee celebrations subject to the following conditions:

- Any unspent funds are to be returned to the Parish Council.
- All expenditure is to be in accordance with the Parish Council's Financial Policies.
- The grant is not to be used to purchase alcohol.

The Grant conditions were proposed by Cllr Hobson, seconded by Cllr Gledhill and agreed by all Councillors.

Expenditure to date:

£150.00 – Hire of Ice Cream Van

c) Tennis Club Hedge – waiting for Bawden to confirm a date to return and cut the top of the hedge. **Action:** Cllr Boxall to confirm date with Bawden.

d) Donkey Field – Cllr Reed has been in contact with Mr Lumber regarding installation of the fence, however due to unforeseen personal circumstances this has been delayed. Mr Lumber is aware this has been going on for a while now and happy for the Parish Council to request someone else to install the fence, however he does hope to have it installed by May 2022.

Resolved: As Mr Lumber hopes to have the fence installed by May 2022 it was suggested a deadline for 1st September 2022 is given before we withdraw the contract. Proposed by Cllr Hobson, Seconded by Cllr Reed – all Councillors in agreement. **Action:** Cllr Reed to contact Mr Lumber.

e) Parish Steward Visits: Next visit is 15th & 16th March 2022.

f) Notice Board. The notice board by the Village Store needs new doors. Cllr Chelu noted the notice board needs new doors and softboard. Mr Ken Mould is carrying out the repairs. **Action:** To be carried forward to the next meeting.

g) External School lighting. Cllr Gledhill spoke to the school and has been informed the lights have been reset to switch off at 8pm. **Resolved:** The lights will be monitored to see if further action is required. **Action:** To be carried forward to the next meeting.

82. Footpath by Watercress Beds. It was noted that the post and gate to the footpath have collapsed. **Resolved:** As the steps are steep, could a handrail be fitted to help walkers? **Action:** Cllr Reed to contact the landowner for permission to fit a handrail. If agreed CHAVS could fit the handrail, all invoices to be submitted to the Clerk.

83. Planning:

a) To consider any new planning applications received.

****This application has been moved forward to item no. 79.***

PL/2022/00198 – The Old Vicarage, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LR: Full Planning Permission. Partial demolition of the existing house and outbuildings, alteration and

extension of the house and construction of four detached houses to the rear. Formation of new access onto Homington Road and demolition and replacement of front boundary wall.

PL/2022/01193 – Brook House, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LR: Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area. T1 - Ash - remove major deadwood. G1 - row of Hornbeam - crown reduce by 3m, form individual shape for each tree. T2 - Ornamental Prunus - Reduce height by 4m and balance crown to form shape. **Resolved:** The Parish Council have no objection to the proposed tree works. Proposed by Cllr Chelu and agreed by all Councillors.

Action: Clerk to submit a 'No Objection' response to Wiltshire Council.

PL/2022/00883 – Marazan, Barbers Lane, Homington, SP5 4NL: Householder Planning Permission. Alterations to Access. Construction of detached single garage and widening of drive. Location of outbuilding as garden store location A. Replacement of existing outbuilding with private workshop location B. Positioning of Air Source heat pump to west elevation. **Resolved:** The Parish Council have no objection to this planning application. Proposed by Cllr Gledhill and agreed by all Councillors. **Action:** Clerk to submit a 'No Objection' response to Wiltshire Council.

b) To consider any new planning applications received between publication of agenda and meeting. *None.*

c) To confirm any planning application responses determined by email for applications received since last meeting:

PL/2022/00691 – Stepping Stones, Barbers Lane, Homington, SP5 4NL: Householder planning permission. No objection, however, the following comment was added: *'Please could the Case Officer seek clarification on an unclear feature shown on the east side of the Proposed Elevations drawing. Is this a window, or is it not? If this is a window the parish council considers that this would be likely to cause unacceptable overlooking to Peacehaven next door, and the parish council recommends that any new window on the east side of the extension should be deleted.'*

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

PL/2021/10941 – Fletcher, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LF – *No objection.*

PL/2021/10711 – Barn Rear of Orchard House, Rockbourne Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LP – Refuse

PL/2021/11320 – Fernhill, Homington Road, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LR – Approved with Conditions

e) Planning Appeal Notification

PL/2021/00684 – Greenacre Farm, Coombe Bissett, SP5 4LP

84. Neighbourhood Plan – Cllr Gledhill gave an update of the Neighbourhood Plan and hope to go to Regulation 14 in the next few months. He will continue to keep the Council updated.

85. Wild about Wiltshire Scheme – To consider and put forward areas for a wild meadow or rewilding site. **Resolved:** To be carried forward to the next meeting to allow Councillors to visit areas for consideration.

86. Finance:

a) Banking

To receive an update of signatories on the account

To Note the bank accounts at 07.03.22:

Current Account: £10,752.10

Savings Account: £32,145.20

Approve Upcoming Payments:

Bawden: Grass Cutting: £172.51 approved by Cllr Boxall and Cllr Reed.

Outgoings between 01.01.2022 – 28.02.2022

Date	Payee	Description	Amount
12.01.2022	CB Village Hall	Defib Power 2022	£ 35.00
12.01.2022	Bawdens	Grass Cutting	£172.51
25.01.2022	SLCC	Membership (50%)	£ 67.00
25.01.2022	J McGowan	Salary – Jan 22	£330.83
13.02.2022	J McGowan	Domain Renewal – Reimbursement	£ 19.19
14.02.2022	Bawdens	Grass Cutting	£172.51
14.02.2022	Ice Cream Stubbington	Ice Cream Van	£150.00
28.02.2022	J McGowan	Salary – Feb 22	£326.24
Total			£1273.28

Income received between 01.01.2022 – 28.02.2022

Date	Received From	Amount
31/01/2022	NatWest Interest	£ .27
09/02/2022	VAT Refund	£618.26
Total		£618.53

87. Correspondence

Defibrillator training to be delayed due to retirement of training officer. As soon as a new officer has been established hopefully a date can be confirmed for a new training date.

The Great British Spring Clean – 25th March to 10th April 2022

Wiltshire Council Grass Cutting Schedule.

88. Any Other Business

- a) New Drive Slowly sign has been placed in The Pound.
- b) Flooding outside Fox & Goose. Cllr Reed highlighted the flooding the occurs on a regular basis outside the Fox & Goose **Resolved:** Cleaning the drains will help alleviate this. [Action: Cllr Chelu contact Highways](#). To be carried forward to the next meeting.
- c) Cllr Hobson informed the Parish Council he will be stepping down as Chairman at the next meeting, he will remain as a Councillor.

89. Parking Requests

Recreational Field:

- 24th – 25th February 2022 – Stargazing Event
- 27th February 2022 – Sarum Morris Workshop
- 20th March 2022 – Party
- 10th April 2022 – Indian Holi Festival, ICS Salisbury
- 16th April 2022 – Wedding
- 23rd April 2022 – CRESS Fund Raising Event
- 24th April 2022 – Cricket Club
- 1st May 2022 – Cricket Club
- 7th May 2022 – Cricket Club

90. Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 10th May 2022 – Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 6.30pm before the ordinary meeting at 7pm.

Tuesday 12th July 2022

91. Close of meeting

Finish Time: 9.15pm