

Coombe Bissett Parish Council

Minutes for Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held 11th March 2025.

Minutes of Coombe Bissett Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th March 2025 at The Homington Room, Coombe Bissett Village Hall.
The meeting started at 7pm.

Present: Cllrs Abigail Bird (Chair), Simon Boxall (Vice-Chair), Michelle King, Lynnie Reed, Stephen Gledhill, Duncan Scott

Also present: Jay McGowan (Clerk), 8 members of the public

Public Session

PC Evans thanked all those that attended the mobile unit in Coombe Bissett, it was very helpful and gave him an insight into the issues in and around the Parish.
There have been many speeding incidents in the Parish, drivers have received fines or bans. Recently there has been incidents of farm machinery being targeted; he asks all residents to be vigilant and report any suspicious vehicles. The Neighbourhood Team are carrying out nightly patrols of the area.

There has also been reports of drink and driving incidents in Odstock, a patrol campaign will be carried out next week to try and stop this.

PC Evans reiterated how important it is to report all crimes in the area, they can be reported via 101, 999 in emergencies or directly to him. If anyone sees any suspicious activity, please report this straight away. *PC Evans's report is available to view on the Parish Council website.*

Mr S Veitch – 30mph speed limit sign, Stratford Tony Road, C12.

Mr Veitch requests the speed limit to be reduced from 40 to 30mph along this stretch of the C12. This road is used by many cyclists and pedestrians, however due to the speeding traffic it is no longer safe for them to walk or cycle into the Village to use the amenities. This means they must drive, again due to the fast vehicles it is becoming dangerous for many residents to pull out onto the road from their property, there have been many near misses. It was noted that this is also the case on the C12 from Homington, on the stretch of road where it is 50mph it has been noted many vehicles travelling much faster. Again, it has become impossible for cyclist and pedestrians to use this part of the C12.

Action: Cllrs considered this and agreed it was a problem in both areas, many drivers are going too fast, and it has become dangerous for pedestrians. It was agreed in the first instance the Clerk would contact Wiltshire Council to check if the speed can be reduced and the procedure for doing this. This item will be added to the next agenda.

Mr D Day – Planning application.

Mr Day and his family have recently purchased Cranbourne Cottage. They plan to renovate and update the property; they have worked closely with architects to keep the plans in keeping with the neighbouring properties and planning requirements. He is happy to share the plans with any residents that would like to view them, he will be submitting the planning application to Wiltshire Council shortly.

Mr N Artiss – Flood Warden Report.

There are no flooding issues to report. There has been no response from Wiltshire Council regarding the waterflow across Old Blandford Road into Homington Road. *Action: The clerk will chase this up.*

Mr C May – Blister Pack recycling.

As this item is on the agenda it was agreed to move this item forward so Mr May could answer any questions.

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Agenda

112.24 To receive and consider acceptance of apologies for absence. One. Apologies were received from Cllr Hobson. **Resolved:** Apologies were considered and accepted.

Cllr Clewer gave his apologies as he could not attend the meeting due to a prior arrangement.

113.24 Vacancies in Parish Council Office. None

114.24 Declaration of Interest: Councillors to disclose their interests in matters to be discussed and to decide requests for dispensation.

115.24 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). One; It was proposed by Cllr Bird to move this item 124.24 forward. **Resolved:** It was agreed by all Cllrs to move item 124.24 forward so Mr May could explain the costs.

116.24 To agree any items on the agenda that are to be dealt with following the exclusions of the press & public.

117.24 Minutes. To approve the Minutes of meeting held 14th January 2025. **Resolved:** All Cllrs approved the Minutes as a true record of the meeting, Cllr Bird signed the Minutes.

124.24 Blister Pack Recycling. *This item was brought forward.*

Mr May explained that blister packs currently cannot be recycled in the general household recycling collection, up until recently he has provided the facility at Coombe Bissett Stores, so residents had easy access to be able to recycle the packs rather than disposing of them in their household waste. The cost of these boxes has now increased and was enquiring if a grant would be available for the purchase of a new recycling box so this service can continue. The cost of a new box would be £120 plus VAT. **Resolved:** Cllrs considered the possibility of a grant, but all agreed there were other options and facilities for residents to use locally. *Cllr Scott would follow this up and enquire about other options.*

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

a) Playpark. The repairs are in hand and will shortly be finished. It has been noted there has been an increase in chalk graffiti around the playpark, this will be cleared as soon as possible.

The playpark hedge requires further cutting back, a quote for this work will be obtained.

b) CHAVS Update. It has been noted the cemetery gate paintwork is chipped and the latch needs to be looked at, both these items will go on the CHAVS worksheet. As the gates were recently painted and have already started to chip, it was proposed it would be better to strip the paintwork and stain the wood, this was agreed by all Cllrs.

The Parish Council have received a generous donation of a £50 voucher towards flowers/plants for the Parish, we kindly thank the donar. We would also like to thank Gerald Bundy for his continuous maintenance of the Cemetery Garden.

c) Parish Steward Visits: 7th April 2025. *All items to be submitted to the Clerk.*

d) Cemetery Wall. To consider the quotes received to repair the wall. Two quotes were received and circulated prior to the meeting for review. **Resolved:** Both quotes were considered, it was proposed by Cllr Reed to engage Matt Mould to carry out the works, Cllr Boxall seconded, all Cllrs agreed. The cost of repairing the wall will be £348 including VAT.

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119.24 Flooding. See Nic Artiss update in the Public Session.
The Clerk will submit locations for the Discretionary Gully Service.

120.24 Coombe Bissett Cricket Club Lease. No further update, to be carried forward to the next meeting.

121.24 Coombe Bissett Village Map. Cllr Boxall obtained a quote for the cost of printing the map into metal at approx. £125. *Resolved:* It was agreed to purchase the map so long as a higher resolution copy of the map can be obtained. *The Clerk will try to obtain to original digital artwork. To be carried forward to the next meeting.*

122.24 Grass Maintenance Contract. The contract is due for renewal in April 2025, to consider the quotes received. **Resolved:** Two quotes were received and circulated prior to the meeting for review, both quotes were considered, as both quotes were of similar price it was proposed by Cllr Reed, we renew our contract with Hurdcott Landscapes, Cllr Boxall second this, all Cllrs in agreement.

123.24 Defibrillators. The 4 year contract ends 1st April 2025, to consider renewing the contract with SWAST. *Resolved:* Cllrs considered the cost per year for the next 4 years and given the invaluable service provided it was unanimously agreed to renew the contract for period 1st April to 1st April 2029 agreed. Various payment options would be investigated.

124.24 Blister Pack Recycling. *Moved forward.*

125.24 Planning.

a) To consider any new planning applications received.

PL/2025/02006: Box Cottage, Lower Road, Homington. **Resolved:** *No comment*

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: (Comments can be viewed on the Wiltshire Council Planning Portal.)

PL/2025/00961: Happy Valley, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett. *No Comment.*

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

PL/2024/11152 & 10778: Bridge House, Salisbury Road, Coombe Bissett. *Approve with conditions.*

PL/2024/11612 & 11619: The Manor, Barbers Lane, Homington. *No objection*

PL/2024/11124: Minterns, Shutts Lane, Coombe Bissett. *No objection.*

d) Appeal Notices received.

PL/2024/09459: Land on the South Side of Chalke Pit Cottage, Blandford Road, Coombe Bissett.

PL/2023/10394: Land South of Salisbury Road, near Homington, Coombe Bissett.

126.24 Neighbourhood Plan. The draft Plan is now ready to be submitted to Wiltshire Council, Cllrs to agree the draft document. Cllr Gledhill circulated the document prior to the meeting to all Cllrs to review. **Resolved:** Councillors agreed that the Coombe Bissett and Homington Neighbourhood Plan and necessary supporting papers should be submitted under Regulation 15 to Wiltshire Council on 12th March 2025.

127.24 Finance.

a) To note bank accounts:

Current Account: £7,704.39

Savings Account: £33,146.00

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b) To consider and approve the Schedule of Payments. **Resolved:** All payments considered and approved. **See full list below.**

128.24 Parking Requests. It has been noted the fixtures list has not been published on the Village Hall website which has occasionally led to a clash in parking, a request to publish these will be submitted to the Village Hall Committee, with a request that all bookings request parking directly with the Parish Clerk prior to the event.

27th April - CBCC

4th May – CBCC

11th May – CBCC

129.24 Forthcoming Meetings.

LHFIG Meeting: 4th June 2025 - TBN

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

a. The Wiltshire Classic Road Cyclo Sportive Event will take place on Saturday, 15th March 2025.

b. Update of Heart of Wessex – Wessex not accepted into Devolution Priority Programme.

c. UKHSA – Change of litter picking advice for Salisbury.

d. Wiltshire Local Nature Recovery Strategy. The next phase of the LNRS is a public consultation, which starts 4th March 2025.

e. Briefing Note 25-02: Final Briefing note pre-election May 2025

131.24 Items to be carried forward to next Parish Council Meeting.

Cricket Club Lease

Village Map

Speed reductions on Stratford Tony Road and Homington Road

132.24 Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 13th May 2025

133.24 To close the meeting. With no further business to discuss Cllr Bird closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

Schedule of Payments:

Payments to be approved:

Date	Payee	Particulars	Amount
22.02.25	Hurdcott Landscapes	Grass Cutting/Hedge	£374.20
10.03.25	HMRC Shipley	Clerk's Expenses	£137.00
Total			£511.20

Outgoings between 11.01.25 – 07.03.25

Date	Payee	Particulars	Amount
16.01.25	HMRC Shipley	Clerk's Expenses	£4.00
17.01.25	CB Cricket Club	Play Park Maintenance	£100.00
17.01.25	CB Cricket Club	Recreation Ground Maintenance	£525.00
17.01.25	CB Village Hall	Defib Power	£35.00

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17.01.25	Hurdcott Landscapes	Grass Cutting	£194.20
17.01.25	ICCM	Membership	£20.00
22.01.25	K Mould	Concrete Base	£1,158.00
31.01.25	J McGowan	Clerk's Expenses	£529.53
05.02.25	Hurdcott Landscapes	Grass Cutting	£194.20
10.02.25	A Burnett	NDP Fees	£778.75
14.02.25	HMRC Shipley	Clerk's Expenses	£163.40
17.02.25	123 Reg	Domain	£22.79
28.02.25	J McGowan	Clerk's Expenses	£420.53
Total			£4,145.40

Income Received between 11.01.15 – 07.03.25

Date	Received From	Particulars	Amount
14.01.25	Odstock PC	Training	£13.00
20.01.25	Britford PC	Training	£13.00
24.01.25	CB Cricket Club	Concrete Base	£579.00
29.01.25	HMRC VTR	Vat Claim	£651.79
31.01.25	NatWest	Interest	£37.29
17.02.25	M Harris	Cemetery	£200.00
28.02.25	Old Enterprise Limited	Cemetery	£60.00
28.02.25	NatWest	Interest	£31.75
Total			£1,585.83