

BISHOP'S WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Tuesday 12th January 2021 commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Cllr Mr T Wilson	Chairman
Cllr Mrs Marsh	Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs L Clarke	
Cllr Mr K Jones	
Cllr Mr S Jones	
Cllr Mr B Nicholson	
Cllr Mr R Shields	
Cllr Mr A Webb	
Cllr Mrs L Thompson	
Cllr Mr G Westcombe	
Cllr Mrs P Wilson	
Cllr Mrs J Wood	

In attendance:

Mrs L Edge – Executive Officer
Mrs E McKenzie – Deputy Executive Officer
Mrs H Fisher – Senior Admin Assistant

Members of the public: 1

20:140 To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance.

All Parish Councillors were present.

20:141 To receive and accept Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests on items on the agenda.

None relating to the business of the meeting.

20:142 To receive and accept any personal, pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

Cllr Mrs Wood – agenda item 16.

20:143 Councillor vacancy.

i) To note the resignation.

Cllr S Jones thanked all Councillors for their support over the years. Several Councillors including the Chairman added their thanks to Cllr S Jones for his work and support for the Council and the parishioners.

Resolved: to note the resignation of Cllr S Jones with effect from 31.1.21.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Marsh

Seconded: Cllr K Jones

11 in favour, 1 abstention.

ii) To advertise the casual vacancy.

Resolved: to advertise the casual vacancy caused by the resignation of Cllr S Jones.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Marsh

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Wilson

11 in favour, 1 abstention.

Action: Exec Officer

20:144 Co-option to Council.

Report from the Executive Officer for consideration.

Resolved: Bishop's Waltham Parish Council resolves to re-advertise the casual vacancies on the Council and to seek to fill the vacancies by co-option at the meeting on 9th March 2021.

Proposed: Cllr Wilson

Seconded: Cllr Webb

All in favour.

Action: Exec Officer

20:145 Public Session.

For information only.

Cllr Shields reported on his virtual attendance at the WCC Local Plan Advisory Group Meeting on 11.1.21; a report on this meeting would be tabled at the Planning & Highways Committee meeting on 26.1.21.

Cllr Wilson added that other Councillors should be involved in this important matter.

Several Councillors noted the absence of the Council's CSO around the parish – the Executive Officer explained that following an assessment CSO Partridge would not be patrolling during the lockdown, but he was available via phone, email, Facebook.

Cllr Mrs Marsh asked a question about the Council's support line and was advised that this was still operating albeit in a slightly reduced capacity.

20:146 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 8th December 2020.

Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting 8th December 2020.

Proposed: Cllr Nicholson

Seconded: Cllr K Jones

11 in favour, 1 abstention.

20:147 To receive the report from the County Council and District Council Representatives.

No representatives were in attendance.

20:148 To receive the Minutes of the Committees of the Parish Council.

Resolved: to receive the Minutes of the Committees of the Parish Council.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Marsh

Seconded: Cllr Nicholson

All in favour.

20:149 Actions Arising from the minutes of the meeting of 8th December 2020.

Noted.

20:017(iii) & 20:033 Usage of public transport

To be noted as complete following the resignation of Cllr S Jones.

20:150 To receive current financial statement and balance sheet.

Questions were asked on the VAT status of the electrical charging points in the car park.

Resolved: to receive the current financial statement and balance sheet.

Proposed: Cllr Nicholson

Seconded: Cllr K Jones

All in favour.

20:151 Internal Auditor's Interim Report.

To note the Report.

Resolved: to note the Internal Auditor's Interim Report.

Proposed: Cllr Nicholson

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Wood

All in favour.

20:152 Priory Park Clubhouse Boiler Replacement.

Recommendation from the Finance, Policy & Resources Committee for consideration.

Resolved: to ratify the recommendations of the Finance, Policy & Resources Committee in relation to the Priory Park Clubhouse Boiler Replacement (CRS as the company to supply and install the new boiler system at Priory Park Clubhouse at a cost of £2,770 + VAT).

Proposed: Cllr Nicholson

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Marsh

All in favour.

Action: Halls Manager

20:153 Parish Council Budget and Precept for 2021-22.

To consider the recommendations from the Finance, Policy & Resources Committee.

i) To approve the estimated expenditure for 2021-22.

Resolved: The Council approves the estimated expenditure of £862,401 for 2021/22.

Proposed: Cllr Nicholson

Seconded: Cllr K Jones

All in favour.

ii) To approve the precept requirement for 2021-22.

Resolved: The Council approves the precept requirement of £498,613 for 2021/22.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Marsh

Seconded: Cllr Nicholson

All in favour.

WCC to be advised.

Action: Exec Officer

20:154 Covid-19 Financial Impact Report - for information only.

Including letter from Chairman to MP.

Cllr Wilson presented his report which was noted he added that this was just a rough estimate.

It was also noted with disappointment that there had been no response from the MP to the letter sent in November.

20:155 Malt Lane Proposals.

To note the latest proposals and the letter sent by the Executive Officer.

Tom Francis of Country Homes presented the latest proposals.

Discussion points: lack of variety in design especially in the cottages; reduction needed in Youth Hall building to 2.5 stories; conflict between Parish Council and WCC Planners; proposal not in keeping with adopted Design Statement; cottage gardens not appropriate; management plan for site; bin storage.

Resolved: to note proposals and await revisions.

Proposed: Cllr Wilson

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Marsh

All in favour.

20:156 Planning Applications:

To ratify the recommendations made by the Planning & Highways Committee.

Resolved: to ratify the responses of the Planning & Highways Committee.

Proposed: Cllr Nicholson

Seconded: Cllr K Jones

All in favour.

20:157 High Street Traffic Management.

Proposal from the Planning & Highways Working Group for consideration.

Resolved: to agree to conducting a survey of local residents and traders into proposals for the future traffic management of the upper High Street, using the process described above and the survey form attached. Survey to be undertaken once the lockdown restrictions are lifted.

Proposed: Cllr S Jones

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Wilson

All in favour.

Action: Wkg Group

20:158 Correspondence: Barclays Bank for consideration.

Proposed closure of the Bishop's Waltham branch.

The Council noted its regret at the closure of this branch also noting that the building had been sold.

Resolved: to move the Council's accounts from Barclays to Lloyds Bishop's Waltham.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Marsh

Seconded: Cllr Nicholson

11 in favour, 1 abstention.

Action: RFO

20:159 Correspondence: Winchester City Council for consideration.

Siting of Glass Recycling Facility.

Discussion points: removal of facility at Sainsbury's following complaint from one resident when no previous complaints had been received during the time the facility was available at the Budgens store; need for additional facility; WCC kerbside recycling not adequate – could residents request a second box, could collection be fortnightly; moral duty for supermarkets to take back all packaging including glass bottles etc; removal of facility at Jubilee Hall recommended by car park working group and approved by Council.

Resolved: to site a facility at the Jubilee Hall on a temporary basis and to write to Sainsbury's outlining the PC's objection to the removal of the bottle bank from the site following complaint from one person.

Proposed: Cllr Nicholson

Seconded: Cllr Westcombe

9 in favour, 3 against.

Action: Exec Officer

20:160 Cllr Shields' Succession Plan.

For consideration.

Resolved: to refer projects to the relevant Committees for consideration.

Proposed: Cllr Nicholson

Seconded: Cllr Wilson

All in favour.

Action: Exec Officer

20:161 Chairman's report (for information only).

Noted.

Cllr Wilson added that he had attended a virtual meeting of the Southern Parishes Group on 11.1.21 – minutes to follow.

20:162 Requests for future agenda items (for information only).

None at this time.

20:163 Date of next meeting – 9th February 2021.

Noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:14pm