

BISHOP'S WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Tuesday 9th February 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 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
Cllr D McLean - WCC

Members of the public: 3

20:164 To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance.

All Parish Councillors were present.

Apologies received from Cllr Humby (WCC/HCC) and Cllr Miller (WCC).

20:165 To receive and accept Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests on items on the agenda.

None relating to the business of the meeting.

20:166 To receive and accept any personal, pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

Cllrs Shields and Webb agenda item 12.

20:167 Public Session.

For information only.

Cllr McLean – commented on complaints concerning rats at the North Pond; clearing and maintenance to be undertaken on viewing area when restrictions lifted.

Cllr Mrs Wood – Local Plan Working Group meeting to be moved to 16.2.21 at 4.00pm.

Cllr Mrs Marsh – Phone box relocation – following resolution by the Finance, Policy & Resources Committee requested that this project remain with the Community Development Committee.

20:168 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 12th January 2020.

Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting 12th January 2020.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Wilson

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Marsh

All in favour.

20:169 To receive the report from the County Council and District Council Representatives.

Cllr Humby – apologies received.

Cllr Miller – apologies received.

Cllr McLean reported/commented on the following: changes to green bag collections; increase in litter, bins not being emptied; queues outside shops.

20:170 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 Wood
Seconded: Cllr Jones
All in favour.

20:171 Actions Arising from the minutes of the meeting of 12th January 2021.
Noted.

20:172 To receive current financial statement and balance sheet.
Resolved: to receive the current financial statement and balance sheet.
Proposed: Cllr Jones
Seconded: Cllr Nicholson
All in favour.

20:173 Covid-19 Financial Impact Report - for information only.
Cllr Wilson presented his report which was noted.

20:174 Annual Meeting of the Parish.
Recommendation from the Community Development Committee for consideration.
Discussion points: report should be based on current newsletter format; issues to be included - High Street Traffic Management Survey, other consultations, environmental issues, Forward Plan updates, Committee Chairmen reports.
Resolved: to ratify the recommendation of the Community Development Committee that, if a physical Annual Meeting of the Parish is not possible, the Annual Meeting of the Parish 2021 take the form of a professional Annual Report distributed to each household. This report should include a feedback form to ensure residents could offer comments on the report.
Proposed: Cllr Mrs Marsh
Seconded: Cllr Nicholson
All in favour.

20:175 Planning Applications:
To ratify the recommendations made by the Planning & Highways Committee.
Resolved: to ratify the responses of the Planning & Highways Committee.
Proposed: Cllr Mrs Marsh
Seconded: Cllr Jones
9 in favour, 2 abstentions.

20:176 Community Development Committee.
To approve the appointment of Cllr Westcombe as a member of the Committee.
Resolved: to appoint Cllr Westcombe as a member of the Community Development Committee.
Proposed: Cllr Mrs Marsh
Seconded: Cllr Jones
10 in favour, 1 abstention.

20:177 Cllr Shields' Succession Plan – Parish Council Projects.
For consideration.
Resolved: 1. WCC Local Plan 2036 – Working Group (JW/TW/KJ/LT/LE)
2. Design Statement/Codes – to remain with Planning & Highways Committee.
Proposed: Cllr Mrs Marsh
Seconded: Cllr Mrs Wood
10 in favour, 1 abstention.

20:178 Community Bottlebank – response from Sainsbury’s for consideration.

Discussion points: concern over drive to alternative Sainsbury’s facility; query glass collection from flats (email to be sent to WCC for clarification); changes to access to the tips; bottles etc should be returned to where they were purchased as in other countries.

Resolved: to send a letter to the MP requesting that she raise in Parliament a proposal to make supermarkets and larger stores responsible for taking back packaging for recycling.

Proposed: Cllr Nicholson

Seconded: Cllr Wilson

All in favour.

Action: Exec Officer

**20:179 Report on Stakeholder Meeting on Community Support to Bishop’s Waltham
For information only.**

Noted.

20:180 Southern Parishes Group – minutes of meeting held 11.1.21 (for information only).

Noted.

20:181 Chairman’s report (for information only).

Noted.

20:182 Requests for future agenda items (for information only).

None at this time.

20:183 Date of next meeting – 9th March 2021.

Noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:13pm.