

BISHOP'S WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Tuesday 9th March 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: 5

20:184 To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance.

All Parish Councillors were present.

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

20:185 To receive and accept Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests on items on the agenda.

None relating to the business of the meeting.

20:186 To receive and accept any personal, pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

Cllr Mrs Wood – Malt Lane application (volunteer at the Food Bank).

20:187 Public Session.

For information only.

Cllr Mrs Clarke and Cllr Jones reported overflowing bins in the High Street and surrounding areas. This had been reported to WCC.

The Chairman reported the passing of Mr Ian Tromans (BWCC) and Mr John Harfield (ex-Parish Council groundsman). Sincere condolences were passed to the families.

Cllr McLean thanked Cllr Shields for his work on the Parish Council.

20:188 Co-options to the Council (3 vacancies).

To consider the applications received.

Five applications have been received and the applicants addressed the Council and answered questions from the Councillors.

A vote was taken and the following were co-opted to the Council:

Mr Kris Ford, Mr Don Iro and Mr Ed Jelf.

The Chairman thanked the other applicants for their interest in the vacancies and invited them to apply again when the vacancy (see 20:189) was advertised.

He welcomed the successful applicants to the Council.

20:189 Resignation from the Council.

Several Councillors and staff thanked Cllr Shields for all his help and support and his work for the community of Bishop's Waltham.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Shields on behalf of the Council and the whole community.

i) To note and accept the resignation of Cllr Shields.

Resolved: to note and accept the resignation of Cllr Shields with effect from 31.3.21.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Wilson

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Marsh

10 in favour, 1 abstention.

Vacancy to be advertised in due course.

Action: Exec Officer

ii) An Unofficial Guide to Getting Things Done – Paper from Cllr Shields - For information only.

Cllr Shields presented his guide which, all agreed, was very helpful.

20:190 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 9th February 2021.

Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting 9th February 2021.

Proposed: Cllr Nicholson

Seconded: Cllr Jones

All in favour.

20:191 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: Morley Drive tree planting; Cherry Gardens tree planting; polytunnel planting; brown bins.

20:192 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 Nicholson

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Marsh

All in favour.

20:193 Actions Arising from the minutes of the meeting of 9th February 2021.

Noted.

Reply received from MP – to be tabled at next meeting.

20:194 To receive current financial statement and balance sheet.

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

Proposed: Cllr Nicholson

Seconded: Cllr Jones

All in favour.

20:195 Covid-19 Financial Impact Report - for information only.

Cllr Wilson presented his report which was noted.

20:196 Financial Risk Assessment - to consider the recommendation of the Finance, Policy & Resources Committee in relation to the Risk Assessment and Action Plan.

Resolved: to approve the Financial Risk Assessment and Action Plan for year ending 31.3.2021.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Wood

Seconded: Cllr Webb

All in favour.

20:197 Planning application for consideration (recommendation from the Planning & Highways Committee).

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Closing date for comments: 9.3.21

Mr T Francis, Country Homes

Erection of x24 residential units (Use Class C3) (x6 3-bed houses, x2 3-bed flats, 14 2-bed flats and x2 1-bed flats) and a replacement youth hall (sui generis) following the demolition of all existing buildings.

Development Land, Malt Lane, Bishop's Waltham.

Cllr Mrs Wood, Chairman of the Planning & Highways Committee presented the application and took questions from Councillors on the proposal.

Resolved: to ratify the recommendation of the Planning & Highways Committee to strongly support the proposal and to request the option with a variety of tile hung and rendered cottages and the rendering of the Youth Hall building.

Proposed: Cllr Nicholson

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Wilson

10 in favour, 1 abstention.

20:198 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 Nicholson

All in favour.

20:199 Correspondence: Bargate Homes.

Community Support offer for consideration.

Resolved: to send a list of suggestion to Bargate for their consideration –

Welcome to Bishop's Waltham sign; telephone box project; improvements to Pilgrims Way footpath in vicinity of development including a 'Bargate'; skatepark; sponsorship of Old Station roundabout; drinking fountain in town; Victoria Road flower park; groundworks for skatepark; North Pond; sensory garden; social club refurbishment.

Proposed: Cllr Wilson

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Wood

All in favour.

Action: Exec Officer

20:200 Chairman's report (for information only).

Noted.

20:201 Requests for future agenda items (for information only).

Forward Plan Review – TW.

Action: TW/Exec Officer

20:202 Date of next meetings –

7th April 2021 (Extra meeting – WCC Local Plan Response) 7.00pm.

13th April 2021 7.00pm.

Noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:01pm.