

BISHOP'S WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Virtual Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Tuesday 13th April 2021 commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Cllr Mr T Wilson	Chairman
Cllr Mrs Marsh	Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr K Ford	
Cllr Mr D Iro	
Cllr Mr E Jelf	
Cllr Mr B Nicholson	
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
Cllr D McLean - WCC

Members of the public: 6

Before the meeting began the Chairman expressed condolences to Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family on the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Edinburgh on behalf of the Council. He reminded those present of the national one minute's silence to be held at 3.00pm on Saturday.

The Chairman then reflected on the last 12 months which had been very different. He thanked all Councillors for coping with the unusual times, managing remote meetings and continuing with the Council business.

The Chairman also thanked all the Council staff on behalf of the Council for carrying out the necessary works to provide services and amenities for the community.

20:210 To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance.

Cllr Mrs Clarke – family commitment.

Cllr Jones – indisposed.

Resolved: to receive and accept the apologies for non-attendance as tabled.

Proposed: Cllr Nicholson

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Wood

All in favour.

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

20:211 To receive and accept Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests on items on the agenda.

None relating to the business of the meeting.

20:212 To receive and accept any personal, pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

Cllr Mrs Wood – agenda item 16 – volunteer at the Foodbank.

20:213 Public Session.

For information only.

Cllr McLean – North Pond Conservation Group resuming socially distanced working parties; thanks to PC for the planting of trees on green area at junction of Langton Road/Morley Drive – well received.
Cllr Mrs Wilson – praised English Heritage for the new railings and gate at the Palace, noting that this had been a suggestion from the PC many years ago.

The Council then received a presentation from Beechcroft Homes on the proposals for the Abbey Mill site. It was noted that the plans are very similar to the original application submitted previously (12 affordable flats, 19 market dwellings, 38 assisted living units, 66 bed care home) but included the retention and renovation of the Abbey Mill building. Further work and surveys would be required before an application was submitted to Winchester City Council.

20:214 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 9th March 2021.

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

Proposed: Cllr Nicholson

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Wilson

All in favour.

20:215 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: Planning enforcement issues; attendance at Planning Committee meetings; praised all traders in BW for the reopening of the High Street.

20:216 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 Mrs Marsh

All in favour.

20:217 Actions Arising from the minutes of the meeting of 9th February 2021.

Noted.

20:157 High Street Traffic Management Survey – included within Annual Report going out to all houses. Closing date for comments 31.5.21.

20:158 Barclays Bank Closure – comments from RFO noted re Lloyds Bank decision not to accept any transfer of business accounts at the moment. Councillors agreed the completion date of 2021 should remain with an update later in the year (October/November) if necessary.

20:218 To receive current financial statement and balance sheet.

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

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Marsh

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Wilson

All in favour.

20:219 Covid-19 Financial Impact Report - for information only.

Cllr Wilson presented his report which was noted.

20:220 Remote meetings – recommendation from FPR for consideration.

Resolved: to ratify the recommendation of the Finance, Policy & Resources Committee that the Council continue with remote meetings after the 7th May 2021 to ensure the safety of Councillors, staff and members of the public. This decision to be reviewed when considered necessary.

Proposed: Cllr Nicholson

Seconded: Cllr Jelf

All in favour.

20:221 Glass Recycling Facility at the Jubilee Hall.

Recommendation from the Halls & Grounds Committee for consideration.

Cllr Nicholson, Chair of the Halls & Grounds Committee invited Cllr Mrs Wilson to present this proposal as she had proposed it at the Halls & Grounds Committee meeting.

Discussion points: temporary period not defined; use of the car park (not filling to capacity at present); removal of bottlebanks at other Sainsbury's sites; issue of broken glass in the car park; misuse of facility by businesses; option for residents to obtain a second container from WCC for glass; confirmation that flats in BW did have access to recycling boxes/bins; concern over the recycling of glass if the bottlebanks are removed.

Resolved: to ratify the recommendation of the Halls & Grounds Committee that the bottle banks at Jubilee Hall be removed within two weeks.

Proposed: Cllr Webb

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Wilson

6 in favour

4 against

1 abstention.

WCC to be advised.

Action: Exec Officer

20:222 Recommendations from the Community Development Committee for consideration.

i) Proposed change of name of Committee.

Resolved: to ratify the recommendation that the Community Development Committee change their name to the 'Community and Environment Committee'

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Marsh

Seconded: Cllr Nicholson

All in favour.

ii) Time for Change.

Concern was raised over the use of the Council's logo by other organisations.

Resolved: to ratify the recommendation of the Community Development Committee to support the Bishop's Waltham Vision and 'Time for Change' Project through a letter of support to possible sponsors.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Marsh

Seconded: Cllr Ford

All in favour.

Action: Exec Officer

20:223 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 Wood

Seconded: Cllr Westcombe

All in favour.

20:224 Correspondence: Winchester City Council.

Proposed Road Traffic Regulations Orders for Martin Street and Coppice Hill.

To consider a response to the proposals.

Whilst welcoming these proposals the Councillors noted that traffic regulation orders were only effective if they were enforced regularly.

Resolved: to support the proposed Road Traffic Regulations Orders for Martin Street and Coppice Hill.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Wilson

Seconded: Cllr Jelf

All in favour.

WCC to be advised of response.

Action: Exec Officer

20:225 Correspondence: Meon Valley Foodbank.

Request re use of Jubilee Hall for donations drop off point.

Resolved: to offer the use of the Jubilee Hall for a donations drop off point for a trial period of three months once the hall is fully reopened. Box to be emptied twice a week.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Marsh

Seconded: Cllr Nicholson

10 in favour

1 abstention.

Meon Valley Foodbank to be advised of decision.

Action: Exec Officer

20:226 Forward Plan Review for consideration.

The Chairman presented the review which had been compiled following comments from all Committees.

Resolved: to note the progress on the Forward Plan 2019-23.

Proposed: Cllr Wilson

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Marsh

All in favour.

20:227 Correspondence: Flick Drummond MP.

Noted.

20:228 CSO Report (for information only).

Noted.

CSO provided some updates and answered questions from the Councillors.

20:229 Minutes from the Southern Parishes Group meeting 10.3.21 (for information only).

Noted.

20:230 Chairman's report (for information only).

Noted.

20:231 Requests for future agenda items (for information only).

None at this time.

20:232 Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 11th May 2021 at 7.00pm.

20:233 Motion for confidential business.

The Chairman then moved:

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public and press be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw in accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960.

20:234 Correspondence for consideration : Beechcroft Homes.

Noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:19pm.