

Bishop's Waltham Parish Council Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council Community and Environment Committee held online on Monday 26th April 2021 at 7pm



Present Cllr L Clarke

Cllr J Marsh

Chairman

Cllr L Thompson Cllr J Wood

In attendance: Mrs L Edge

Mrs E McKenzie

Executive Officer (Hostess for Online Meeting only)
Clerk to the Committee/ Deputy Executive Officer

Mrs A Trott Administration Assistant / Halls Booking Clerk

Non-Committee Members: Cllr E Jelf

Cllr D Iro

Members of the public: 0

CD126/20 To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance

All present.

CD127/20 To receive and accept declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on this

agenda

None relating to the business of the meeting.

CD128/20 To receive and accept any personal, pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests relating to items on

this agenda

None relating to the business of the meeting.

CD129/20 Public Session

CD130/20 To approve the minutes from the meeting of 22nd March 2021

Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting of 22nd March 2021

Proposed: Cllr J Marsh Seconded: Cllr J Wood

All in favour who were present at the meeting of 22nd March 2021.

CD131/20 Actions arising from the meeting of the Community Development Committee – 22nd March 2021

Noted.

The voluntary individual/family litter pick opportunity was noted as successful.

The picnic benches were awaiting installation – due May 2021.

Updates regarding the Listening Bench (Oral History Project) would be relayed via the

representative in due course. The sound recordings need to be installed before the bench is put

into position, but the aim was by June 2021.

The issue regarding BW connectivity would be followed up via WCC.

CD132/20 Financial position year to date

Noted. A new financial year monthly report would be presented at the next meeting. The funds for

the telephone kiosk project would be reviewed at that time.

CD133/20 Forward Plan 2019-2023 – Proposed Project Schedule for 2021 - for consideration

The schedule as tabled was agreed to start in May 2021 with the new council year. Each committee member would be expected to lead two projects. The next meeting would consider CD1 Publicity, CD8 Website with links to CD3 Communications, Surgeries and Social Media. The DEO would lead this, with support from Cllr D Iro, and in liaison with the Financial Assistant who currently

manages the PC website. With the pandemic lockdown restrictions now easing, it seemed important to restart PC surgeries to engage with residents on topical matters arising. A recommendation to Full Council would be made.

Resolved: To recommend to Parish Council that 'surgeries' restart as soon as possible

Proposed: Cllr J Marsh Seconded: Cllr L Clarke

All in favour ACTION: DEO

CD134/20 Recommendations for Environmental Focus - for consideration

The Chairman and Cllr L Clarke explained the paper tabled. It was felt that all committees should be committed to this local and national focus. The working group had analysed PC policies and would be tabling recommendations for change at the next meeting to include environment impact awareness. Regular newsletter articles would highlight to the parish what the PC had achieved in relation to environmental issues as well as plans for the future. This would also allow for ideas to be made to residents as cohesive town initiatives.

Resolved:

- i) To recommend to Parish Council to approve the focus on 'acting on climate change' for Bishop's Waltham and to consider relevant recommendations from the Community and Environment Committee when appropriate.
- ii) To note and support the priorities tabled

Proposed: Cllr J Marsh Seconded: Cllr L Clarke

All in favour ACTION: DEO

CD135/20 Telephone Box Project – Update from Working Group – for consideration

The summary action sheet was noted. The committee were keen to progress this project and would consider funding options and further actions at the next meeting.

CD136/20 Adopt a Pavement Scheme – for consideration

The paper was positively received. The scheme would not designate specific areas but foster a whole town approach to this community need. Equipment (litter pick and vest) would be given to volunteers and a review date set. Use of buckets instead of plastic bin bags would be encouraged.

Resolved:

- i) To approve a 'Keep BW Tidy' scheme
- ii) To gather a quotation for costs of 30 litter picks and 30 High Viz vests with 'Keeping Bishop's Waltham Tidy' on them

Proposed: Cllr J Marsh Seconded: Cllr J Wood

All in favour ACTION: DEO

CD137/20 Grant Applications – for consideration

The applications were given careful deliberation and awards were made for recommendation to Parish Council.

Resolved: To recommend the following grant awards to Full Council:-

GROUP	PROJECT	AWARD	DEPARTMENT
Bishop's Waltham Vision	'Time of Change' Exhibition in BW	£200	PC \$145
Bishop's Waltham Fishing Club	Removal of weed from South Pond or repairing fishing platforms	£1,000	PC GPC
Bishop's Waltham Area Oral History Group	Start-up costs for new group	-	
Parochial Church Council of St Peter's	Maintenance of churchyard	£1,000	PC \$214
Victim Support	Purchase of security items for victims of crime in BW	£100	PC \$31

Bishop's Waltham In Bloom	Van maintenance and to cover lost revenue in 2020 to enable town flowers for 2021	£1,500	PC \$144
Home Start Hampshire	Supporting families in BW in need	£1,000	PC GPC
Bishop's Waltham Country Market	Reopening event for BW residents	£120	PC GPC

To request further clarification on the project from Bishop's Waltham Area Oral History Group

Proposed: Cllr J Marsh Seconded: Cllr J Wood

All in favour ACTION: DEO

CD138/20 Chairman's Report – for information only

The Chairman noted that she had participated in the Environmental Initiatives working group previewing policies this month. She had also supported sessions for the 'Clean Up BW' initiative.

CD139/20 Requests for future agenda items – for information only

Website improvements

CD140/20 Date of next meeting – 24th May 2021

Noted.

Cllr L Clarke noted that this next meeting date is due to be her last meeting as a committee member, as she revealed her intention to resign from the council, due to personal reasons. The committee offered their many thanks for all her contributions, especially on environmental initiatives, and wished her well in her future ventures.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:32pm.