

BISHOP'S WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Tuesday 22nd June 2021 at the Priory Park Clubhouse
commencing at 7.30 pm.

Present:

Cllr Mr T Wilson	Chairman
Cllr Mrs Marsh	Vice Chairman
Cllr Mrs L Clarke	
Cllr Mr K Ford	
Cllr Mr D Iro	
Cllr Mr E Jelf	
Cllr Mr K Jones	
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 Mr Michael Kurn - WCC

Members of the public: 4

21:022 To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance.

Cllr Nicholson – indisposed.

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

Proposed: Cllr Webb

Seconded: Cllr Jones

All in favour.

Apologies also received from Cllr Humby (HCC), Cllr McLean (WCC) and Cllr Miller (WCC).

21:023 To receive and accept Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests on items on the agenda.

None relating to the business of the meeting.

21:024 To receive and accept any personal, pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

None relating to the business of the meeting.

21:025 Public Session.

For information only.

Members of the public present would address the Council during the Planning application agenda item.

Cllr Mrs Marsh invited Councillors to consider joining the Halls & Grounds Committee, if not already members.

21:026 Co-options to the Council (1 vacancy).

To consider the application received.

Resolved: to co-opt Ms Michaela Pavey to Bishop's Waltham Parish Council.

Proposed: Cllr Wilson

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Marsh

All in favour.

The Chairman welcomed Cllr Pavey to the Council.

21:027 Resignation from the Council.

i) To note and accept the resignation of Cllr Mrs Clarke.

Resolved: to note and accept the resignation of Cllr Mrs Clarke.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Wilson

Seconded: Cllr Jones

All in favour.

ii) To advertise the casual vacancy.

Resolved: to advertise the casual vacancy caused by the resignation of Cllr Mrs Clarke.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Marsh

Seconded: Cllr Jones

All in favour.

Action: Exec Officer

21:028 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 6th May 2021.

Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting 6th May 2021.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Wilson

Seconded: Cllr Jones

All in favour.

21:029 To receive the report from the County Council and District Council Representatives.

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

Cllr Kurn reported/commented on the following: elected recently; attended full Council meeting and Mayor making; undertaking training; understanding issues in the parishes – highways, parking etc.

21:030 To receive the Minutes of the Committees of the Parish Council.

i) To accept the Minutes as tabled.

Resolved: to accept the Committee Minutes as tabled.

Proposed: Cllr Ford

Seconded: Cllr Iro

All in favour.

ii) To ratify all decisions taken at May 2021 meetings of the Halls & Grounds, Community & Environment and Planning & Highways Committees.

Resolved: to ratify all decisions taken at May 2021 meetings of the Halls & Grounds, Community & Environment and Planning & Highways Committees.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Wood

Seconded: Cllr Jones

All in favour.

21:031 Actions arising from the minutes of the meeting of 6th May 2021.

For information only.

Noted.

21:032 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2021.

i) Internal Auditor Report – to note the report.

Resolved: to note the Internal Auditor Report.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Marsh

Seconded: Cllr Webb

All in favour.

Comment re funds held with Barclays noted- RFO to investigate possible transfer of some funds to Arbutnot Latham account.

Action: RFO

ii) Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2020/21.

To approve Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2020/21

Resolved: to approve Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2020/21.

Proposed: Cllr Jones

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Marsh

All in favour.

iii) Section 2- Accounting Statements 2020/21

To approve Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2020/21.

Resolved: to approve Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2020/21.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Marsh

Seconded: Cllr Ford

All in favour.

21:033 To receive current financial statement and balance sheet.

The Chairman answered Councillors' questions relating to reserves and debtors.

Resolved: to receive current financial statement and balance sheet.

Proposed: Cllr Jelf

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Wood

All in favour.

21:034 Covid-19 Financial Impact Report - for information only.

Noted.

The Chairman advised that he did not intend to continue with this report unless it became necessary again.

21:035 Recommendations from the Community & Environment Committee for consideration.

i) Environmental Focus.

Resolved: to ratify the recommendations of the Community & Environment Committee with one amendment:

To approve the focus on 'acting on climate change' for Bishop's Waltham and to consider relevant recommendations from the Community and Environment Committee to the relevant Committee.

To note and support the priorities tabled.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Marsh

Seconded: Cllr Wilson

All in favour.

21:036 Planning Applications:

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

Resolved: to ratify the recommendations made by the Planning & Highways Committee.

Proposed: Cllr Jelf

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Marsh

All in favour.

21:037 Request from the Planning & Highways Committee for consideration:

i) Consideration of Interim Planning applications.

Resolved: to give authority to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk to the Committee to consider any application where the closing date may be missed and to submit comments if required (to be ratified by the Committee and Council at the earliest opportunity).

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Wood

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Marsh

All in favour.

21:038 Planning application for consideration:

21/01391/FUL

Closing date for comments: 7.7.21

Next Energy c/o Intelligent Alternatives

Solar farm and associated development (MAY AFFECT THE SETTING OF A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY)

Land At Locks Farm Botley Road Bishops Waltham Hampshire.

Cllr Mrs Wood presented the proposal.

Three members of the public addressed the Committee covering issues such as noise, scale, design, landscape impact, lack of consultation.

Resolved: to respond as follows:

Whilst Bishop's Waltham Parish Council supports, in principle, the provision of solar power the Council objects to this application on the following grounds:

Contrary to Policy MTRA4 (Development in the Countryside) of the WCC Local Plan Part One as the proposal would result in harm to the character and landscape of the area and would create inappropriate noise nuisance.

Contrary to Policy CP13 (High Quality Design) of the WCC Local Plan Part One as the proposal would harm the distinctive character of the area.

Contrary to Policy DM16 (Site Design Criteria) of the WCC Local Plan Part Two as the proposal does not respond positively to the character, appearance and variety of the local environment, within and surrounding the site, in terms of its design, scale and layout.

Comment – the Council is disappointed with the lack of significant reports within the application such as a noise assessment and the lack of consultation with the community and especially, the immediate neighbours.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs Wood

Seconded: Cllr Jones

11 in favour

1 against.

21:039 Bargate Homes: Community Support Offer for consideration.

Resolved: to set up a working group (Cllrs Mrs Wood, Jones and the Exec Officer) to meet with representatives with Bargate to discuss the proposal for a 'Welcome to Bishop's Waltham' feature.

Proposed: Cllr Wilson

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Wood

All in favour.

Action: Working Group

21:040 Correspondence for consideration: Marriner – Bus Service.

Councillors noted that the service is run by a private company and so the local authority cannot request a change to the routes.

The resident to be advised to write to the company and outline his concerns and comments. The PC would also write to the company for clarification of the reasons for the change of the route.

Action: Exec Officer

Councillors raised concerns over the new yellow lines in Free Street which did not appear to resolve the problems encountered with parked cars.

21:041 Councillors' Surgeries.

Surgery planned for 26.6.21 – cancelled.

Surgery 30.7.21 – Cllrs Iro, Marsh and Nicholson (if available) to attend.

Theme to be publication of Traffic Management Survey responses.

Action: DI/JM/BN

Councillors to advise the Executive Officer of their availability for other surgeries.

21:042 Chairman's report (for information only).

Noted.

Cllr Wilson added that it was his intention to restart the Councillors' induction courses as soon as possible for the new Councillors.

21:043 Requests for future agenda items (for information only).

None at this time.

21:044 Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 13th July 2021 7.30pm at the Priory Park Clubhouse.

21:045 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.

21:046 Staffing Matters.

Resolved: to ratify the recommendations of the Finance, Policy & Resources Committee in relation to the Executive Officer role, the Planning and Highways Clerk role and the West Hoe Cemetery Management Committee Clerk role.

Proposed: Cllr Wilson

Seconded: Cllr Jones

All in favour.

Noted that interviews for the Executive Officer role would take place on 1st July 2021 (internal candidates only at this time).

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:20pm.