

BISHOP'S WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Jubilee Hall,
Little Shore Lane, Bishop's Waltham
on Thursday 15th March 2018 commencing at 7.00 pm.

Present:

Cllr Mr B Nicholson	Chairman
Cllr Mr R Howe	Vice Chairman
Cllr Mr N Cole	
Cllr Mr R Shields	
Cllr Mr A Webb	
Cllr Mrs P Wilson	
Cllr Mr T Wilson	
Cllr Mr A Wright	

In attendance:

Mrs L Edge – Clerk
Mrs E McKenzie – Administration Officer
Cllr D McLean - WCC

Members of the public: 7

17:278 To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance.

Clrs Jones, Marsh, Miller, Westcombe and Wood – all prior commitments.

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

Proposed: Cllr Shields

Seconded: Cllr Wilson

All in favour.

17:279 To receive and accept Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests on items on the agenda.

None relating to the business of the meeting.

17:280 To receive and accept any personal, pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

None relating to the business of the meeting.

17:281 Public Session.

3 members of the public (residents of Albany Drive) addressed the Council on concerns and objections to the planning application.

Issues covered: loss of wildlife corridor; change from outline application layout; arrangement with developer concerning the rear of the properties; treatment of the TPO oaks; proposed visitors' car park; footpath to the rear of some properties; lack of consultation.

One resident noted that no developments had yet begun in Bishop's Waltham and added that this should concern the PC.

Cllr McLean asked if the developer had met with the Council to explain the changes to the plan as other developers had. The Chairman advised Cllr McLean that they had not.

17:282 Planning application for consideration:

18/00254/REM

Closing date for comments: 16.3.18

Southcott Homes and Bargate Homes

Reserved matters application pursuant to 15/00053/OUT for the erection of 125 dwellings including appearance, landscaping, layout and scale.

Albany Farm, Winchester Road, Bishop's Waltham.

Cllr Shields provided a presentation on the application covering the proposals and comments received.

Comments from Councillors covered:

Height of the buildings; density; 3 storey appearance; loss of wildlife corridor and impact on wildlife; lack of car parking; cycle route/pathway; welcomed ratio of affordable houses and the mix of 2, 3 and 4 bed dwellings; outline plan layout preferred; design too urban; narrow roads would lead to parking on pavements; lack of public and Council consultation; less co-operation from this developer; reasonable number of houses (dropped from original 140); no discussion concerning play area and allotments – who would maintain; large area of open space to the south west of the site – who would own this, what were the plans for this area; sensitive site due to the proximity to houses; lack of infrastructure to support the additional residents; layout not in keeping with other estates in BW; had developer consulted the Design Statement (only on reference within application); excellent consultation events held by other developers; original outline plan was deemed acceptable by the PC.

Resolved: Bishop's Waltham Parish Council comments/objects as follows:

Whilst the Council welcomes the ratio of affordable housing proposed for this development, the Council OBJECTS to this application on the following grounds:

The proposed layout of the site is too urban for Bishop's Waltham, is a material change from the original plan and is contrary to Policy 6.2 of the Bishop's Waltham Design Statement and Policies DM15 and DM23 of the WCC Local Plan Part Two.

The character, appearance and variety of the proposed housing is contrary to Policies 4.1, 5.2, 10.1, 11.1 and 12.1 of the Bishop's Waltham Design Statement and Policies DM15 and DM16 of the WCC Local Plan Part Two.

The inadequate landscaping in the SE corner of the site including the absence of the wildlife corridor and the impact on the TPO trees which is contrary to Policy DM24 of the WCC Local Plan Part Two.

Bishop's Waltham Parish Council strongly requests that the developer withdraws this application to allow full and proper public and Council consultation on the proposal (as all other developers within Bishop's Waltham have undertaken) and to ensure the provision of adequate information showing cross sections, street scenes and 3-D perspectives of the site to allow full understanding of the impact of the site.

Bishop's Waltham Parish Council also requests confirmation on the ownership and maintenance of the proposed open space within the development and clarification of any proposals for the large area of open space to the South West of the site.

If this application is not withdrawn it should be considered by the WCC Planning Development Control Committee due to the large number of concerns and objections raised by the Council and residents.

Proposed: Cllr Howe

Seconded: Cllr Mrs Wilson

All in favour.

17:283 Date of next meeting – 10.4.18

Noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.12pm