



BISHOP'S WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Tuesday 16th January 2024 at The Jubilee Hall
commencing at 7pm

Present: Cllr Ford
 Cllr Iro
 Cllr Jelf
 Cllr Latham
 Cllr Marsh Chair of the Council
 Cllr Nicholson
 Cllr Pavey
 Cllr Stallard
 Cllr Webb
 Cllr Williams (also a WCC Councillor)
 Cllr P Wilson
 Cllr T Wilson

In attendance: Mrs E McKenzie Executive Officer
 Mrs C Wilkinson Administration Officer
 Cllr Miller WCC Councillor

Members of the public: 6

PC215/23 To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance

Cllr Conduct - indisposed
 Cllr Jones - work commitment

Resolved: to accept apologies for non-attendance

Proposed: Cllr Nicholson

Seconded: Cllr Ford

All in favour

PC216/23 To receive and accept Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests on items on the agenda.

Cllr Williams – agenda item 10 (PC224/23)

PC217/23 To receive and accept any personal, pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

Cllr Jelf – agenda item 12 (PC226/23)

PC218/23 Public Session

Three members of the public spoke about their concerns in relation to the HCC Future Services consultation with particular regard to the potential closure of the household waste recycling centre (HWRC). Concerns noted were that residents need this facility, the considerable distance to travel to an alternative site and the increase in potential fly tipping and increase in costs for removal thereof. The suggestion to reduce the number of days open was made for further consideration.

A member of the public raised concern, following a site visit from HCC divers, regarding the road between the ponds and the sluice underneath deteriorating.

ACTION: To contact HCC with regard to any findings by the divers regarding the ponds and the road between them, and report arising for public attention **ACTION: Exec Officer**

The Chairman informed the public that a meeting was being arranged with Hampshire Highways/WCC to review the local roads in terms of safety and yellow lining.

The police's 'crash map' was noted as a recognised reference on road safety.

Cllr Jelf mentioned the forthcoming Youth Club quiz evening and encouraged support.

A reminder was also given to councillors about the Emergency Plan meeting on Monday 22nd January at 7pm in the Ruby Room of the Jubilee Hall.

Following the heavy rain recently, a review of the emergency plan was requested following any 'emergency incident' to consider actions required i.e. reordering of sandbags.

J. Wall 13.2.24

A request had been made by a resident for a town Christmas tree. This request would be progressed in due course in liaison with local groups (for example: Chamber of Trade, Town Team).
Cllr Williams and the Executive Officer had an appointment with the Barclays mobile van to encourage them to visit the town in the future.
The speedwatch group was hoped to be revived in 2024. Police contact had actively been made and support in place.
The Bishop's Waltham Social Club listing as an asset of community value had expired. A future agenda item would request it is renewed as such.

PC219/23 To receive the report from the County Council and District Council Representatives.
Cllr Humby's report was noted.

Cllr Miller also noted the expiry of the community asset status. He urged the Parish Council to request that all residents complete the HCC consultation on Future Services and make their comments known. Checks had been made on homes in Claylands Road and Blanchard Road on the night of heavy rain and sandbags given where needed. Cllr Miller had attended an online meeting regarding the water reservoir at Havant and pipeline to Otterbourne. He would be giving a guided walk with Simon Hendey, WCC Strategic Director, on Friday 19th.

Cllr Williams reiterated the flood defences at Claylands were working and valves installed were reassuringly holding at present. He also provided updates stating that District grants were available to tap into – which the Parish Council replied that they had ear marked projects to apply for. Cllr Williams had walked the Ridgemedede estate with the WCC Community Engagement Officer and discussed parking issues there and how to possibly resolve them.

PC220/23 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 Marsh
Seconded: Cllr Nicholson
All in favour

PC221/23 Approval of the minutes of the meeting 12th December 2023
Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting 12th December 2023
Proposed: Cllr Webb
Seconded: Cllr Pavey
All in favour who were in attendance at the meeting of 12th December 2023.

PC222/23 Actions arising from the minutes of the meeting 12th December 2023
The Executive Officer provided updates on actions in progress. Noted.
The South Pond was noted as an ongoing action in regard to maintenance. A request would be made to HCC and Environmental Agency to give a response regarding the current status of the ponds.

PC223/23 To receive current financial statement and balance sheet
Resolved: to receive current financial statement and balance sheet
Proposed: Cllr Nicholson
Seconded: Cllr Latham
All in favour

PC224/23 Planning Applications – Ratification of the Recommendations of the Planning & Highways Committee
Resolved: to ratify the recommendations of the Planning & Highways Committee
Proposed: Cllr Ford
Seconded: Cllr Jelf
11 in favour, 1 abstention

PC225/23 Hampshire Together NHS – Hospitals Consultation
There was a clear need to continue to publicise this consultation to residents to respond to. The meeting in Bishop's Waltham on 22nd February at the Jubilee Hall would be highlighted so residents

could attend and ask questions directly to the NHS representatives. It was agreed that the Parish Council would send its response following this meeting.

PC226/23 HCC Future Services Consultation

The outline proposals were discussed and how to investigate the impact of such cuts were considered. The emphasis on consulting with other affected parishes was noted, and the opportunity to work on joint services highlighted.

Resolved: to appoint a working group of Cllr Iro, Cllr Marsh, Cllr Nicholson and Cllr Williams to gather further information on the services affected and investigate effects on residents/the town, seek options and formulate responses to the consultation

Proposed: Cllr Stallard

Seconded: Cllr Ford

All in favour

ACTION: Exec Officer / Working Group

PC227/23 Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023

Noted.

PC228/23 Forward Plan 2024-2028

The current survey results were considered and, in light of new HCC consultation on Future Services, the survey would benefit from additional responses to form a clear Forward Plan for 2024-2028.

Resolved: to reopen the Forward Plan survey and undertake further consultation on the key topics at the Annual Meeting of the Parish (survey notice to include HCC Future Services Consultation information)

Proposed: Cllr Marsh

Seconded: Cllr P Wilson

All in favour

ACTION: Exec Officer/ Admin Officer

PC229/23 Annual Meeting of the Parish 2024

Following the change to the Forward Plan launch, the meeting content would be reviewed and updated by the working group and a new format proposed to be reported back at the next meeting.

ACTION: To set a meeting of the AMP2024 working group ACTION: Exec Officer/ Working Group

PC230/23 Skate Park Opening 2024

Resolved: to approve a Skate Park Opening event and the appointed working group, Cllr Latham, Cllr Pavey and Cllr Stallard, to progress the planning thereof and investigate funding options

Proposed: Cllr Marsh

Seconded: Cllr Latham

All in favour

ACTION: Admin Officer/Cllr Latham, Cllr Pavey and Cllr Stallard

PC231/23 Correspondence – Basingwell Street Car Park Facilities

The correspondence received was duly considered.

Resolved:

- i) to request that WCC review disabled car parking spaces to ensure they meet legal standards**
- ii) to request that WCC provide a more concealed screening to the bin store**
- iii) to review the bin store facility in due course**

Proposed: Cllr Latham

Seconded: Cllr Williams

6 in favour, 2 objections, 4 abstentions

ACTION: Liaise with WCC regarding the disabled car parking spaces and bin store fencing

ACTION: Exec Officer

PC232/23 Chairman's Report

Noted.

PC233/23 Councillors' Reports

The minutes of the Southern Parishes meeting of 13.11.23 were within the meeting papers.

Cllr Nicholson gave a short report on the recent Southern Parishes meeting held earlier that day.

Cllr Latham gave short summaries on recent meetings:-

J. Marsh 13.2.24

- i) Meeting with Wilder BW (HLOWWT) to review future management of the SINC at Albany Wood
 - ii) Meeting with HCC Countryside Services to consider Bishop's Waltham to Swanmore pathway
- Notes/Minutes of these meetings would follow to the relevant Committee in due course for further consideration.

PC234/23 CSO Report

Report noted.

PC235/23 Councillor Resignation and Notice of a Casual Vacancy

The Chairman thanked Cllr Ford very much for his service and support to the Council.

Resolved:

- i) to note and accept the resignation of Cllr Ford
- ii) To advertise the casual vacancy caused by the above mentioned resignation

Proposed: Cllr Marsh

Seconded: Cllr Iro

11 in favour, 1 abstention

PC236/23 Requests for future agenda items

Town Team presentation

Asset of Community Value – Social Club

PC237/23 Date of next meeting - Tuesday 13th February 2024

Noted.

The members of the public and WCC councillors had left by this time.

PC238/23 Motion for confidential business:

The following motion will be moved on the completion of the above business:

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.

PC239/23 Facilities Review

- i) Progression in Purchase of St John Ambulance Hall, including funding options
- ii) Update on, and Options for, Well House

Noted.

PC240/23 Recommendation from the Halls and Grounds Committee – Solar Panels for Jubilee Hall

The recommendations were duly considered.

Resolved: To approve the recommendation from the Halls and Grounds Committee to shortlist the following contractors to supply and install a solar panel and battery storage system at the Jubilee Hall in order of preference and to seek references for each of these contractors.

- Cinergi (Option 2) Price quoted = £63,770.25 excluding VAT
- Greener Future (Option 2) Price quoted = £61,635.98 excluding VAT
- Amptech Price quoted = £64,973.00 excluding VAT

Proposed: Cllr Nicholson

Seconded: Cllr Pavey

All in favour

Thanks were given to the Halls Manager for all his hard work in relation to this project, with the associated working group.

There being no other business the meeting ended at 9:21pm.