



BISHOP'S WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council Planning and Highways Committee
held at the Jubilee Hall, Bishop's Waltham on Tuesday 27th February 2024 at 7.00pm**

Present:	Cllr Conduct Cllr Jones Cllr Jelf Cllr Marsh Cllr Nicholson Cllr Williams Cllr P Wilson	Vice Chairman Chairman
Also in attendance	Mrs McKenzie Mrs Shields Mrs Grover Mr Wall	Committee Clerk/Executive Officer Parish Rights of Way Warden Parish Tree Warden Parish Lengthsman
Members of public	11	

PH191/23 To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance.
None. All present.

PH192/23 To note the resignation of the Vice Chair of the Committee and elect a replacement

The agenda header was amended as the position of Vice Chair of the Committee had been elected in the previous month. However, the current councillor space on the committee was still vacant and Cllr Marsh had volunteered to be co-opted on to the committee for the evening.

Resolved: To co-opt Cllr Marsh onto the Planning and Highways Committee for this meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Nicholson

Seconded: Cllr Conduct

All in favour

PH193/23 To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

Cllr Williams – agenda item 14 (PH203/23) as District Councillor and Deputy to the WCC Planning Committee.

PH194/23 To receive any declarations of personal, pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

Cllr Conduct – Agenda Item 15 (PH205/23)

Cllr Jelf – Agenda item 15, 16 & 17 (PH205-7/23)

Cllr Jones – Enforcement issues in Confidential Section agenda item 27 (PH213/23)

Cllr Nicholson – agenda item 14 (PH203/23)

Cllr Williams – Enforcement issues in Confidential Section agenda item 27 (PH213/23)

PH195/23 Public Session

The Executive Officer highlighted a thank you letter from a member of the Community Payback Scheme who had undertaken works for the community with the Parish Council Lengthsman and

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Grounds Team. The Chairman offered thanks to the Lengthsman for his work in this relation and acknowledged the good work the scheme had fostered.

Correspondence from HCC was noted in response to actions being taken following the fatal accident at the junction of The Avenue and Winchester Road. Further proposals for improvements at the site were being considered. This included removal of the boarded side of the bus shelter and, in due course, replacement of the whole shelter with clear panels to increase visibility. A request for replacement traffic cones was being pursued as a necessary temporary measure.

PH196/23 Parish Lengthsman's Report - to consider any motion put to the meeting as a result.

Points raised:-

- Clearance of drains ongoing. High water table noted due to regular rainfall at this time.
- Litter currently only a moderate problem, ongoing clearance.
- Monitoring of bus shelters and regular clean ups when necessary.

PH197/23 Parish Council's Tree Warden Report - to consider any motion put to the meeting as a result.

Mrs Grover reported/commented on the following:

- Unable to comment on application 24/00320/TPO, due to a disclosable personal interest, but advised the committee to review the report presented on the Planning Portal.
- The trees and hedging for the Shoots Along The Route project were due for delivery on 4th March and planting would be planned for shortly afterwards, with community input wherever possible.

PH198/23 Parish Rights of Way Warden's Report - to consider any motion put to the meeting as a result.

The report submitted was noted.

- It was quiet month due to the inclement weather.
- The planned kissing gate installation had again been delayed due to rain.
- A further three possible kissing gates were in the planning now that landownership had been confirmed along footpath 43.
- Bridleway 15, which has been overgrown for years, has now been earmarked for clearance in 2024.
- A fallen tree on Dundridge nature reserve had been reported for clearance action by Hampshire Countryside Services.

PH199/23 Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee – 30th January 2024

Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee of the 30th January 2024

Proposed: Cllr Conduct

Seconded: Cllr Nicholson

All in favour who were present at the meeting on 30th January 2024

PH200/23 Actions Arising from the Minutes of the meeting of the 30th January 2024

Noted.

PH201/23 Financial Position Year to Date

Current position noted.

The town clock had been repaired free of charge and a letter was to be sent as a thank you.

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Resolved: to note the current financial position year to date

Proposed: Cllr Nicholson

Seconded: Cllr Conduct

All in favour.

ACTION: to write and send thank you letter

ACTION: Executive Officer

Cllr Williams left the room.

PH202/23 Planning Applications: to ratify the responses from the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk.

Resolved: to ratify the responses from the Chairman, Vice Chairman and the Clerk.

Proposed: Cllr Conduct

Seconded: Cllr Wilson

6 in favour, 1 abstention

PH203/23 Planning Applications for consideration.

24/00302/DIC

Closing Date: 29.2.24

Plans and Reports

Annexe, Newtown Farm House, Tangier Lane, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1BA

No objection. Monitoring.

24/00320/TPO

Closing Date: 1.3.24

T2 Oak – Remove/fell to near ground level

T5 Oak – Remove/fell to near ground level

T6 Oak – Remove/fell to near ground level

Reason: Clay shrinkage subsidence damage at the property

The Bungalow, Woodlea Nurseries, Wintershill, Durley

Neutral: No objection. Follow root barrier recommendation in Report.

SDNP/24/00333/FUL

Closing Date: 4.3.24

Installation of 15kw of solar to power granted building SDNP/21/03396/FUL.

Ground mounted on plot roughly 20 x 3m

Ivy Cottage, Vernon Hill, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1FH

No objection. Solar panels already in situ.

24/00028/LIS

Closing Date: 8.3.24

Proposal to change four timber windows, to be replaced with new traditional timber butt casement windows. *(Further detail listed in application)*

Midi Cote, Bank Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1AN

No objection.

SDNP/24/00650/HOUS

Closing Date: 18.3.24

Front porch and single storey rear extension (Amended Scheme)

Farthings, 5 Dean Lane, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1FX

No objection.

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SDNP/24/00673/FUL

Closing Date: 18.3.24

Proposed demolition of existing stable block, to be replaced with barn containing 6 stables and storage for tractor and hay

Seagrave Stables, Vernon Hill, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1FH

No objection.

Resolved: To make comments as listed to Winchester City Council Planning Department.

Proposed: Cllr Conduct

Seconded: Cllr Jelf

5 in favour, 2 abstentions

PH204/23 Planning Applications.

Decisions by WCC Delegated Officers/Committee, SDNP Planning Authority and Appeal Decisions.

Noted.

Cllr Williams returned to the meeting.

PH205/23 Correspondence – Safety Concerns for Pedestrians on Beeches Hill

A large number of the public had attended for this agenda item.

Correspondence had been received, tabled and points highlighted by the member of public present as:-

- Focus on pedestrian safety
- Signage was key in the lane: 'pedestrians in road' warning signs
- Speed concerns – 40mph along a lane with no footpath a safety issue for pedestrians
- Request made for a Speed Indicator Device at the top of Beeches Hill
- Thanks given for SID reports on Parish Council website
- Request for greater police enforcement of speeding at the site
- Request for 20mph limit between chicanes
- Response noted from Hampshire County Council as unsympathetic to pedestrian safety

Other points raised by residents:-

- HGVs were damaging the road or blocking it or travelling at speed up the hill – no refuge for pedestrians.
- The lane increasingly becoming a 'Rat Run' with chicane issues and concerns of speed/safety
- Impact on preferability of housing in the area due to road concerns
- Estimate of houses in area suggested as 135 (therefore well over 200 people affected)
- A local landowner had been considerate of possibly giving a stretch of land in the lower hill area as a footpath to allow pedestrians a safe area off the road to walk along

Councillors listened and offered support, as well as provision of background information on previous reviews of this area.

HCC had visited and stated that the criteria to be applied was unfortunately not viable to change the speed from 40mph to 30mph. BWPC will keep trying to signpost concerns.

Speedwatch experience explained at site – speeds and safety concerns noted.

It was explained that with no land availability to widen the road, together with the high cost of road improvement, the previous request had not been progressed by Hampshire County Council.

It was explained that the HCC Traffic Management Team would visit sites raised as concerns so this would be flagged again for review.

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It was noted that powers to be devolved to Parish Councils from the County Council may include the 'Twenty's Plenty' initiative but this was not confirmed as yet. The costs involved were anticipated to be substantial and any works would need budgeting for after consideration of priority areas.

An explanation was given regarding the Sat Nav signs on Free Street, directing heavy traffic onto other routes, that were requested for Beeches Hill. These signs are advisory only and not enforceable. It was noted that Beeches Hill was on a farm traffic route.

A resident highlighted that traffic was ever increasing on the road network and the group considered a 20mph zone would calm the traffic.

Speedbumps were considered but the idea abandoned due to complaints raised to HCC about damage to cars and the slowing of emergency services vehicles.

The Chairman reiterated that the Parish Council had few powers or responsibilities for the roads as this lay with HCC. He read from the report from HCC in response to the resident's concerns. Furthermore, he stated that the Council would continue to review sites, prioritise key areas and recommend actions to HCC, and consider any possible actions that were permitted to the Parish Council.

The Speed Indicator Devices were due to be reinstalled during March, after a period of inactivity. The data would be sent to the Police but their response was limited. An extra unit would be considered for the top of Beeches Hill and a request made to traffic enforcement to visit the area. The Speedwatch group was calling for volunteers and publicity for this scheme circulated on noticeboards and social media.

ACTION: To consider an additional Speed Indicator Device site at the top of Beeches Hill

ACTION: SID working group and Executive Officer

ACTION: To request HCC/Police traffic enforcement on Beeches Hill

ACTION: Executive Officer

The majority of the members of the public in attendance left the meeting at this point.

PH206/23 Road Markings at The Crown Roundabout – Paper from Cllr Conduct

The paper tabled was presented and duly deliberated. Examples of similar signage was noted at Hedge End and Stubbington. Concerns over traffic flow, congestion, speed and safety were considered.

Resolved: To send a letter to Hampshire Highways to consider directional arrows to be added to the road surface at the Crown Roundabout

Proposed: Cllr Conduct

Seconded: Cllr Wilson

All in favour

ACTION: Executive Officer

PH207/23 'Twenty's Plenty' Initiative – Update

It was noted that the Parish Council may take on initiatives passed on from Hampshire County Council in respect to speed limits in residential areas but this has not yet been confirmed. It was hoped that grants or CIL funding may be available to suit some projects, and that Committee/Council should take this initiative into account when budgeting in September for 2025 onwards.

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PH208/23 Speed Indicator Devices and Speedwatch Camera – Appointment of Working Group

A discussion followed considering how to revive the SID installation and monitoring project. It was decided that the working group, along with an ex-officio member and the parish council lengthsman and grounds team, would be able to progress this matter within the month. A further SID position at the top of Beeches Hill was highlighted as entirely possible as suitable posts were already at that location. The speedwatch camera needed charging, and a new tripod purchased, and could then be positioned in Cricklemede as previously planned. The public attendees at the meeting would be encouraged to consider joining the Community Speedwatch group.

Resolved: To appoint Cllr Conduct, Cllr Jelf and Mr K Ford (ex-officio member) as the working group for the Speed Indicator Devices

Proposed: Cllr Marsh

Seconded: Cllr Nicholson

All in favour

ACTIONS:

- i) To charge speedwatch camera and purchase tripod
ACTION: Cllr Nicholson/ Mr Ford/ Exec Officer
- ii) To meet to install SID in first location and plan schedule going forward
ACTION: Working Group
- iii) To send Community Speedwatch poster to Beeches Hill residents
ACTION: Executive Officer

PH209/23 Chairman's Report

Attendance at Southern Water Project Update

Attendance at Planning Training Course with Cllr Conduct 1.2.24

Attendance at Youth Club Quiz Night 24.2.24

Due to attend the Mayor of Winchester Awards 2024 for nomination of Mrs Josie Wood for her work as previous Planning and Highways Committee Chairman, amongst her other community works.

PH210/23 Requests for future agenda items

Speedwatch – Response to publicity

SID – quote for additional unit for top of Beeches Hill

PH211/23 Date of next meeting Tuesday 26th March 2024.

Noted.

PH212/23 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.

All members of the public left, or had already left, at this point.

PH213/23 WCC and SDNPA Enforcement Lists – for consideration.

Declarations of interest noted.

Reports noted and ongoing monitoring encouraged.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:48pm.

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