



## BISHOP'S WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish held in the Jubilee Hall, Bishop's Waltham on 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 commencing at 7.30pm.

**Parish Councillors Present:** Cllr. J Marsh Chairman  
Cllr T Conduct  
Cllr E Jelf  
Cllr K Jones  
Cllr R Latham  
Cllr. B Nicholson  
Cllr J Smith  
Cllr R Stallard  
Cllr A Webb  
Cllr J Williams  
Cllr P Wilson

**In attendance:** Mrs. H Fisher (Finance Manager)  
Mrs. E McKenzie (Executive Officer)  
Mr R Stoop (Community Support Officer)  
Mr R Thorne (Projects Manager)  
Mrs C Wilkinson (Admin Officer)

**Members of the Public:** 230

#### **APM24/01 Welcome and Introductions**

Cllr Marsh opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She reminded everyone present that this was not a formal Parish Council meeting, and the emphasis was on an annual meeting held for Bishop's Waltham Community. Cllr Marsh presented the councillors currently on the Parish Council and explained the request from parishioners for the focus of the meeting to be the work of the Parish Council with a social section on its community groups. It was stated that there would not be a formal public session. Questions received in advance would be presented with answers within a specific section and anyone who had questions or comments following this should speak directly to a Councillor or relevant community group during the social section of the evening.

#### **APM24/02 Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Proposed: Cllr Conduct

Seconded: Cllr Jones

All in favour who were present at the meeting in 2023.

The Chairman then signed the Minutes.

#### **APM24/03 Work of the Parish Council 2023-24 and Future Projects, including Draft Forward Plan**

The Committee Chairmen gave illustrated presentations on each committee's work during 2023-24 and the Chairman explained the collation of survey comments to create the draft Forward Plan. Key headings were presented with points highlighted for main focus as suggested by residents. Further work on this plan would be undertaken in the new Council year commencing in May.

#### **APM23/04 Responses to Questions Submitted by Residents**

Two questions had been submitted to the Parish Council office and presented to the audience with answers provided. One question was in regard to the traffic and road junction on Coppice Hill, which was being monitored and Hampshire County Council had been made aware of concerns. The second question was about supporting young people in the town with entertainment and housing to retain them. The various community halls were noted for hire and housing concerns would be directed to Winchester City Council for planning of new housing estates to include adequate affordable housing. The Council added that they valued

any input from younger generations and encouraged further engagement.

**APM23/05 Parish Council's Response to the HCC Future Services Consultation**

Cllr Williams presented the response that the Parish Council had submitted to the HCC Future Services Consultation that ran from January - March 2024.

**APM23/06 Closing remarks**

Cllr Marsh thanked Councillors for their presentations and invited all those in attendance to partake of refreshments and enjoy meeting community group representatives and members of the Parish Council.

Formal meeting closed at 8:25pm.