



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 22nd October 2024 at 7.00pm**

Present:

Cllr Conduct	Vice Chairman of the Committee
Cllr Homer	
Cllr Jelf	
Cllr Jones	Chairman of the Committee
Cllr Nicholson	
Cllr Sherwood	
Cllr Wood	

Non-Committee Member: 0

Also in attendance:

Mrs C Grover	Tree Warden
Mrs McKenzie	Committee Clerk/Executive Officer
Mrs Shields	Parish Rights of Way Warden

Members of Public: 7

PH110/24 To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance

None. All present.

PH111/24 To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

None.

PH112/24 To receive any declarations of personal, pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

Cllr Jelf – agenda item 16
Cllr Jones – agenda item 23

PH113/24 Public Session

Points made:-

- Traffic speed through the town
- Dropped kerbs blocked by vehicles causing issues for pedestrians and mobility scooters
- Broken kerb stones on Upper High Street
- Café style use of pavements blocking pedestrians and mobility scooters
- Beeches Hill traffic survey count September 2024 and request for SID installation update
- Lack of driver compliance to road regulations

The Chairman responded noting that the Accessibility pavement works were due within 2025, speedwatch and SIDs were due to restart before the end of the year and into 2025, a consultation on Twenty's Plenty would be carried out through November and that any concerns with tables and chairs on the pavement should be reported to the WCC Licencing Department. The public meeting with the WCC representative regarding the central car park bin store was noted. Further information on the legal positioning of bins on the highway had been supplied by WCC and they would be writing a letter to local businesses using Houchin Street to inform them of this.


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A Councillor raised the issue of the inactive CCTV units in the High Street. This would be brought to Full Council on 12th November.

Five members of the public were in attendance regarding the Footpath 31 proposed diversion agenda item so offered comments at that time later in the meeting.

PH114/24 Parish Council's Tree Warden Report - to consider any motion put to the meeting as a result.

Mrs Grover reported on:-

- Allotment trees reviewed and BW Gardening Club advised to fence off areas of concern if need be, but reassured trees are regularly professionally surveyed.
- WCC Tree Warden contacted regarding suspected tree in decline on B2177 opposite Albany Road junction.

PH115/24 Parish Rights of Way Warden's Report - to consider any motion put to the meeting as a result.

Report noted.

- Footpath 43 kissing gate due for installation before the end of the month but the weather has not yet been favourable.
- Footpath warden training is due to take place on Tuesday 29th October in the Jubilee Hall.
- A request for power tools for the footpath wardens will be progressed with possible funding from HCC.

PH116/24 Proposed Diversion of Footpath 31 – Response from the Parish Council

The route proposed was the one currently in position with additional handrails for the steps and a kissing gate to replace the stile at the start of the footpath route.

Members of the public present provided comments on this route considering the steps very steep, without appropriate handrails and too close to the road without good visibility. A request was made to install a kissing gate within the outer wall and to establish a pathway down the bank to the driveway ingress for safety reasons. Traffic concerns on the lane were noted.

ACTION: To seek a response following the site meeting by the Hampshire Definitive Maps Team and to review the matter again at Full Council on 12.11.24

ACTION: Executive Officer

The Tree Warden and members of the public all left at this point.

PH117/24 Minutes of Meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee – 24th September 2024

Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee of the 24th September 2024

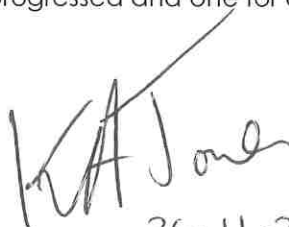
Proposed: Cllr Nicholson

Seconded: Cllr Homer

All in favour who were present at the meeting on 24th September 2024

PH118/24 Actions Arising from the Minutes of the meeting of the 24th September 2024

Close off action on charging Speedwatch battery as new equipment has now been ordered. Additional bins action was being progressed and one for outside the Palace Grounds was added to the list.


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PH119/24 Financial Position Year to Date

Noted.

Spend on the kissing gates and repairs to the St George's Square bus shelter noted.

PH120/24 Planning Applications: to ratify the responses from the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk.

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

Proposed: Cllr Conduct

Seconded: Cllr Jelf

All in favour

PH121/24 Planning Applications

24/01235/FUL

Closing Date: 12th November 2024

Proposed grading of ground to create tree planting shelves

Woodlea Nurseries, Wintershill, Durley SO32 2AH

Neutral. Ensure the footpath route is clearly and correctly signposted.

Proposed: Cllr Conduct

Seconded: Cllr Wood

All in favour

SNDP/24/04252/HOUS

Closing Date: 13th November 2024

Single Storey Side Extension

Gilbert's Knapp, Beeches Hill, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1FE

Neutral.

Proposed: Cllr Nicholson

Seconded: Cllr Sherwood

All in favour.

The Rights of Way Warden left at this point.

PH122/24 Planning Applications. Decisions by WCC Delegated Officers/Committee, SDNP Planning Authority and Appeal Decisions.

Noted. Concern that the Planning Officer was not reviewing cases with the Enforcement Team to address issues.

Esso garage site noted as refused with points to be considered for future application in line with Design Statement.

PH123/24 Tree Works on Little Shore Lane

Update provided that HCC were currently reviewing the trees in decline. Item in abeyance.

PH124/24 Purchase of Roadside Town Information Signs

The idea to install signs to highlight town awards was favourably received and the quotation from the same company as previously used was considered for consistency of high standard.

Resolved: To approve the spend of £428.00 for four roadside signs from Diametric, plus any related installation costs.

Proposed: Cllr Jelf

Seconded: Cllr Homer

All in favour

ACTION: Executive Officer


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PH125/24 Future Services Consultation and Outcomes

Careful consideration of the decisions and outcomes was given on the possible impact to Bishop's Waltham. The retention of the HWRC was positively noted with concerns raised about the shortening time for street lighting and cuts to road maintenance plans.

Resolved: To note the decisions from the HCC Future Services Consultation.

Proposed: Cllr Conduct

Seconded: Cllr Wood

5 in favour, 2 abstentions

PH126/24 Highways Licence Renewal

The planter was not in a good condition and it was decided not to renew the highways licence.

Resolved: To not renew the highways licence for the planter at St Bonnet Drive.

Proposed: Cllr Conduct

Seconded: Cllr Homer

All in favour

PH127/24 Feedback from Councillors' Surgery 21.9.24

The feedback as tabled was noted by the Committee with acknowledgement that residents saw a clear demand for a larger GP surgery site and the possible use of the Tollgate site was positively received.

Resolved: To note the feedback from Councillors' Surgery 21.9.24 regarding the need for a larger or relocated GP Surgery, with reference to the Tollgate Site

Proposed: Cllr Conduct

Seconded: Cllr Jelf

All in favour

PH128/24 Chairman's Report

The Chairman noted that he had attended the gathering at the Allotments Shed hosted by Bishop's Waltham Gardening Club on 30.9.24 and the Bin Store meeting in liaison with the WCC representative on 1.10.24. He was also organising the Twenty's Plenty consultation for November Councillors' Surgeries.

PH129/24 Requests for future agenda items

- The Southern Footpath with specific regard to Crest Nicholson's sections.
- Concerns regarding the perceived increase in fly tipping in the parish.
- SDNP CIL funds – to consider spending plans

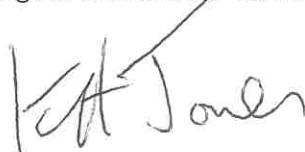
PH130/24 Date of next meeting Tuesday 26th November 2024 - Noted.

PH131/24 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.

PH132/24 WCC and SDNPA Enforcement Lists

The report was noted as not being updated as some cases have been addressed now. Others are still not being progressed. The use of for sale signs as advertising boards was noted.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8:52pm.


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