



Bishop's Waltham Parish Council
A Meeting of the Parish Council's Planning and Highways Committee will be held in
the Ruby Room in the Jubilee Hall Bishop's Waltham
on Tuesday 27th August 2024 at 7.00pm.

The meeting will be open to the public unless the Committee directs otherwise.

Agenda

All papers/reports are available from the Council office (except where classified as confidential).

1. To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance
2. To receive and accept declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests relating to items on this agenda
3. To receive and accept any personal, pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests relating to items on this agenda
4. Public Session – *for information only*
5. Parish Council's Tree Warden's Report - to consider any motion put to the meeting as a result
6. Parish Rights of Way Warden's Report - to consider any motion put to the meeting as a result
7. To approve the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee – 23rd July 2024
8. Actions Arising from the meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee – 23rd July 2024
- *for information only*
9. Financial position year to date – *to note current position*
10. Planning Applications: to ratify responses from Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk
11. Planning Applications for consideration:

24/01648/FUL

Closing Date: 30th August 2024

Removal of Condition 3 of Application Reference Number DRD.2605.2 to remove agricultural occupancy tie on dwelling house

Orchardleigh, Botley Road, Bishop's Waltham So32 1DR

23/01391/FUL

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Proposed renovation and alterations to existing outbuilding with a proposed roof extension to provide tourist accommodation (amended description)

Park House, Botley Road, Bishop's Waltham

12. Planning Applications: Decisions by WCC Delegated Officers/Committee, SDNP Planning Authority and Appeal Decisions - *for information.*
13. Letter to Planning Officials – *for approval*
14. Traffic Survey Location – *for consideration*
15. Bishop's Waltham to Swanmore Pathway – Update – *for information*
16. Chairman's report – *for information only*
17. Requests for future agenda items – *for information only*
18. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 24th September 2024

19. 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.

20. WCC and SDNPA Enforcement Lists – *for consideration*

21. Quotations for St George's Square Bus Shelter Repairs – *for ratification*

22. Quotations for Speedwatch Camera and Related Items – *for consideration*

23. Quotations for Speed Indicator Devices and Related Items – *for consideration*

EMcKenzie

Clerk to the Committee
20.8.24

Right of Way Report for August 24

Footpath 43 stiles to kissing gates: Our two kissing gates have been installed at Tangier View Farm. The ground was very dry and hard but the contractors did an excellent job! I hope that the Ramblers will be installing the third gate, at Park Lug, very soon.



The side vegetation of the whole length of Footpath 43 from Albert Road has now been cut clear using a hedge trimmer.

Volunteers Meeting: We held a very successful meeting at the end of July when we discussed issues that each volunteer had met while checking paths. We decided that, now that there is reduced support from Countryside Services through lack of funds, we should have occasional working parties to clear some of the most overgrown paths. To start this off, we successfully tackled the **Bridleways 48 and 501** which link Little Ashton Lane and the top of Beeches Hill. The new recruit, who is able to work five Volunteer Days a year through his work company, then came out with me and Robert on a separate occasion to clear **Footpath 1**, Green Lane.

Footpath 12 and 5: Concern has been raised by a member of the public about the presence of horses in the field across which these two paths pass. The person thought that the horses are a danger to dogs. However, there are notices at either end of the paths to alert the public that the horses are either pregnant or young so dog owners are asked to keep their dogs under control. On checking, I found two of the horses to be very friendly while the other four were quite disinterested. The Executive Officer has written a response to the concerned person as it would appear that the horses pose little danger. Footpath 12 is part of the Pilgrims Trail from Winchester to Porchester as well as The Alan King Way, however, so it is unfortunate if walkers are deterred from walking these paths.



Ruth Shields

August 2024

Bishop's Waltham Footpaths



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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 23rd July 2024 at 7.00pm

Present:	Cllr Conduct	Vice Chairman
	Cllr Homer	Co-opted Member for meeting
	Cllr Jones	Chairman
	Cllr Smith	
	Cllr Williams	
	Cllr Wood	Co-opted Member for meeting
Non-Committee Member:	Mr K Ford	Working Group Member
Also in attendance:	Mrs C Grover	Tree Warden
	Mrs McKenzie	Committee Clerk/Executive Officer
	Mrs Shields	Parish Rights of Way Warden
Members of public:	3	

PH47/24 To receive and accept apologies for non-attendance

Cllr Jelf – Family Commitments
Cllr Nicholson – Family Commitments
Cllr Wilson – Indisposed

Resolved: To accept apologies for non-attendance and co-opt Cllr Homer and Cllr Wood onto the Committee for this evening's meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Conduct

Seconded: Cllr Smith

All in favour.

PH48/24 To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

Cllr Williams – agenda item11 (PH57/24) as District Councillor and Deputy to the WCC Planning Committee.

PH49/24 To receive any declarations of personal, pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests on items on the agenda.

Cllr Williams – Changes in Law agenda item 13 (PH59/24 (Bin Store agenda item 14 (PH60/24, Enforcement issues in Confidential Section agenda item 20 (PH66/24).

Cllr Wood - 24/01355/TPC - agenda item11 (PH57/24)

PH50/24 Public Session

A resident raised concern over the application to divert footpath 31. The committee noted the issues and suggested a meeting to be scheduled with the Hampshire Countryside Planning team to discuss such matters. The contact details of the Planning Officer were also provided.

A member of the public spoke in support of the skate ramp planning application 24/01270/FUL.

Cllr Conduct requested the speed watch camera be available for the Parish Council stand at the Country Fayre on 21st September which the committee agreed to.

The Executive Officer informed the committee of correspondence regarding concerns over speeding traffic on the B2177. Advice on reporting such to the police was given to the resident



and the speed indicator device would be positioned at Churchill Avenue by Autumn to raise speed awareness in that area.

Cllr Williams updated the committee with news that the public toilets facility in the central car park was due to be refurbished in Autumn 2024, including liaison with the Parish Council in terms of design.

It was noted that a resident had submitted a nomination for Bishop's Waltham in the annual Best Village in Hampshire competition. Councillors and residents would be encouraged to support this nomination during the judging visit next Tuesday morning.

The Executive Officer provided an update on the Albany Wood open space works by the developer and noted concerns about the quality of soil which was being closely monitored by the Parish Council and Winchester City Council officers.

PH51/24 Parish Council's Tree Warden Report - to consider any motion put to the meeting as a result.

Mrs Grover reported on the three tree planning applications tabled (see PH57/24). She also mentioned the idea of fruit trees as an avenue along the footpath at Bishop's Meadow when the Parish Council took over this land.

PH52/24 Parish Rights of Way Warden's Report - to consider any motion put to the meeting as a result.

Footpath 43 - Onsite meeting with the contractor regarding the kissing gates with date set for installation this month.

Footpath 31 – the application for a route diversion was in progress and a site meeting considered necessary to review the proposed changes. Comments were due to be sent to the relevant authority by mid-August 2024.

ACTION: Arrange a site meeting to review footpath route changes ACTION: Executive Officer

**PH53/24 Minutes of Meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee – 25th June 2024
Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee of the 25th June**

Proposed: Cllr Smith

Seconded: Cllr Wood

All in favour who were present at the meeting on 25th June 2024

PH54/24 Actions Arising from the Minutes of the meeting of the 25th June 2024

Noted.

PH55/24 Financial Position Year to Date

Noted.

Considerable spend was planned with kissing gate installation, purchase of signs and cones as well as purchase of speed indicator device related equipment. Finances would be reviewed next month.

Cllr Williams left the room.

PH56/24 Planning Applications: to ratify the responses from the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk.

Noted.



PH57/24 Planning Applications

24/01296/HOU

Closing Date: 25 July 2024

Single storey side extension, garage conversion and new proposed timber frame porch

Crossways, Botley Road, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1DR

No objection - 5 in favour, 1 abstention

24/01308/TPO

Closing Date: 23 July 2024

T1 – Oak – remove over-extending lower limb. Reduce canopy on southeast side by up to 5m. Crown raise to 6m from ground level. Thin crown of epicormic growth & crossing branches.

T2 – Oak – remove over-extending lower limb. Reduce canopy on southeast side by up to 5m. Crown raise to 6m from ground level. Thin crown of epicormic growth & crossing branches.

10 Albany Drive, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1GE

No objection - 5 in favour, 1 abstention

24/01385/TPO

Closing Date: 23 July 2024

Tree 1 to repollard to the north east side of tree, cutting back branches and reduce height in line with other trees in row.

Tree 2 to reduce by 5 metres to bring back in line with other trees in the row and cut back overhang.

34 Edington Close, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1LX

No objection - 5 in favour, 1 abstention

24/01307/HOU

Closing Date: 24 July 2024

Partial demolition of an existing outbuildings to replace with an ancillary annexe to host dwelling (amended proposal).

1 Clifton Villa, Winchester Road, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1BW

No objection but ancillary annexe should remain domicile to main host dwelling.

SDNP/24/02631/FUL

Closing Date: 31 July 2024

Proposed Single Storey Rural Worker's Dwelling to Replace Existing Temporary Dwelling together with Replacing Existing entrance gates with Timber Gates with Brick Walls and Piers.

King George Farm, Stakes Lane, Upham, SO32 1QA

Neutral with condition to have covenant for dwelling to remain as a rural agricultural dwelling for workers directly employed by the business on site. Furthermore, the Planning Officer should be aware of current enforcement case in progress and previous application with outstanding conditions on the site: SDNP/22/00127/DCOND states that the property "shall not be occupied" until two conditions regarding water and nutrients from the site have been mitigated.

24/01279/FUL

Closing Date: 31 July 2024

Erection of 1 x Vert Skate Ramp and 1 x Mini Skate Ramp

Fencing up to 2m around the perimeter of the plot

Change of use to F2 (c) Areas of places for outdoor sport or recreation.

Land at Corner of Paradise Lane and A333 Winchester Road, Waltham Chase, Hampshire

The application was fully deliberated with concerns of countryside location and sensitivity of neighbouring livestock, the busy A333 location, poor screening and lack of appropriate parking spaces balanced with the positives of encouraging sport, teaching and good exercise in the area. The committee felt that the application would be more favourably considered if concerns with parking were addressed (cycle store provision).



The vote resulted in 2 objections and 4 abstentions noted. As no majority was carried (quorate being 3) no formal comment could be made as a response from the Parish Council at this time.

24/01355/TPC

Decision Date: 13 Aug 2024

T1 Ginko Biloba – Prune to clear BT wires and remove 1x low limb

T2 Weeping Beech – Trim to raise lower canopy over lawn and prune longer growth at top of canopy

T3 Yew – Trim all over and raise growth over wall at the rear

North House, St Peter's Street, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1AD

No objection – 4 in favour, 2 abstentions

24/01361/LDP

Decision Date: 21 Aug 2024

Loft conversion with dormer

10 Langton Road, Bishop's Waltham SO32 1GF

No objection - 5 in favour, 1 abstention

Resolved: to make the comments recorded to the relevant Planning Authority

Proposed: Cllr Jones

Seconded: Cllr Conduct

Votes as recorded individually.

PH58/24 Planning Applications. Decisions by WCC Delegated Officers/Committee, SDNP Planning Authority and Appeal Decisions.

Noted.

Cllr Williams returned to the meeting.

PH59/24 New Government Changes to Planning Law

Cllr Wood raised the need to write to the new government representatives to highlight concerns with planning laws impacting on Bishop's Waltham. Points covered included need for truly affordable starter homes, needed for this particular settlement, infrastructure support must come before or during build not afterwards, this must be planned holistically not piecemeal (look at all changes, not individually). Consideration of the impact on roads, schools and healthcare was paramount.

Cllr Williams added that, as within the current Local Plan, no further housing was planned before 2030.

Resolved: To write a letter to new government representatives regarding planning laws impacting on Bishop's Waltham

Proposed: Cllr Jones

Seconded: Cllr Homer

All in favour

ACTION: Write letter as detailed above ACTION: Cllr Wood / Executive Officer

PH60/24 Basingwell Street Car Park Bin Store Facility – Response from Winchester City Council

A long discussion was held regarding the facility. Cllr Smith explained her objection to this facility and the desire for it to be restored for car parking.

Resolved: To schedule a meeting for WCC representative to explain to traders and residents the need and aim of the facility

Proposed: Cllr Jones

Seconded: Cllr Williams

5 in favour, 1 objection.

ACTION: Schedule a meeting as detailed above

ACTION: Executive Officer



PH61/24 Correspondence – Beeches Hill

The correspondence was deliberated. Pedestrian routes were noted as available via footpaths in the area to avoid the lower Beeches Hill lane. The 20mph initiative was aimed for current 30mph areas which, if formally considered, would be through the chicane on the hill. A confirmed response from the owner of the Vineyard would be sought to ascertain whether land could be offered for a footpath or not.

Resolved: i) To write to the Vineyard owner about land alongside Beeches Hill
ii) To reply to the correspondent with responses to queries

Proposed: Cllr Conduct

Seconded: Cllr Jones

All in favour

PH62/24 Chairman's Report

Noted.

PH63/24 Requests for future agenda items

None at this time.

PH64/24 Date of next meeting Tuesday 27th August 2024.

Noted.

PH65/24 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.

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

PH66/24 WCC and SDNPA Enforcement Lists

Noted. To consider priorities for action at the next meeting to pass to WCC Enforcement Team.

PH67/24 Speed Indicator Devices

i) Quotations for and related equipment

ii) Locations check

The paper was tabled and the decision made to remove the Winter's Hill location from the set and add in Botley Road and top of Beeches Hill locations. Discussions were in progress with HCC regarding the new posts required at the locations, using the same S72 licence. The quotations tabled were considered but the total sum was beyond budget set. It was noted that additional funds would need to be requested from the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee or grant funding to be sought.

Resolved: To seek grant funding to purchase necessary equipment as per quotations tabled and/or request funding from the Finance, Policy and Resources Committee

Proposed: Cllr Jones

Seconded: Cllr Conduct

All in favour.

ACTION: To seek grant funding and refer to FP&R Committee for consideration

ACTION: Executive Officer / Working Group

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9:23pm.

Bishop's Waltham Parish Council

Actions Arising from the Planning & Highways Committee meeting 23.7.24

Minute Number	Subject	Action	Date for completion	Action by	Notes
PH080/23(iii), PH098/23, PH242/23, PH21/24	Dog bins	Sites at Botley Rd and Winchester Rd to be considered	Sep-23	EO	Agenda item Sept 23 to consider sites - Deer Walk, Shore Lane, Botley Rd. Agenda item June 24.
PH105/23, PH132/23, PH208/23	Speedwatch Camera	To charge battery and position on Cricklemede	Nov-23	BN	In progress. New battery and tripod under consideration.
PH118/23	School Crossing Patrol	To write to HCC about H&S concerns	Nov-23	EO	Matters in public domain
PH148/23	Bus Shelter Posters	To investigate posters for poster holders	Jan-24	EO	
PH167/23	Ensure Design Statement included in Local Plan updates	To monitor changes and ensure DS included	Oct-24	EO/KJ	Ongoing
PH170/23	Footpath Signage	To liaise with Bargate re footpath signage	May-24	EO/ROW	Discussed June 24.
PH178/23	St George's Square Bus Shelter	To seek costs for repairs	May-24	EO	In progress. Works due w/c 10th Sept.
PH206/23	Write letter to HCC	To send letter requesting arrows at Crown roundabout	Complete	EO	Favourable response received Aug 24.
PH208/23, PH227/23, PH06/24	Speed Indicator Devices and Speedwatch	i) To charge speedwatch camera and purchase tripod ii) To meet to install SID and plan schedule iii) Review posts and panels, seek quotes and sites approval	i) June 2024 ii) Complete iii) Complete	Working Group (EJ, TC, KF) and EO	In progress i) New charger and tripod under consideration
PH217/23	Contact with HCC	i) Liaise re High St resurfacing and lining ii) Consider suspension of traffic enforcement where lines unclear	Jun-24	EO	
PH247/23	Footpath 12 Access	To set meeting with stakeholders	May-24	EO	Discussed June 24.
PH21/24	Additional Bins	To gather suggestions from social media and cllrs surgery	Aug-24	EO	Ideas gathered at Family Fun Day and Cllr Surgeries
PH52/24	Footpath 31	To arrange meeting to review changes	Aug-24	EO	To include resident and ROWW - 12.9.24
PH59/24	Planning Laws	To write letter to new government reps	Complete	JWo	
PH60/24	Meeting re: bin store	To schedule a meeting	Sep-24	EO	In progress.
PH61/24	Beeches Hill issues	To write to correspondent	Complete	EO	
PH61/24	Beeches Hill issues	To write letter to Vineyard owner	Complete	EO	
PH67/24	SIDs	To seek grant / funding	Sep-24	EO	In progress

Detailed Income & Expenditure by Phased Budget Heading 01/08/2024

Cost Centre Report

Month No: 4

	Current Month Actual	Current Month Budget	Current Month Variance	Year To Date Actual	Year To Date Budget	Year To Date Variance	Total Annual Budget	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
<u>400 Planning & Highways</u>											
4143 Community Payback Scheme	0	0	0	0	0	0	(100)		100	0.0%	
4324 Mice - Bus Shelters	0	0	0	0	0	0	(500)		500	0.0%	
4330 Mice - Town Clock	0	0	0	0	0	0	(150)		150	0.0%	
4333 Mice - Footpaths & Cycleways	(990)	0	(990)	(990)	0	990	(1,000)		10	99.0%	
4334 Mice - Street Furniture	0	0	0	0	0	0	(300)		300	0.0%	
4335 Mice - S I D	0	0	0	0	0	0	(250)		250	0.0%	
<u>499 Capital - Planning & Highways</u>											
1302 Grant - Stiles / Kissing Gates	0	0	0	600	0	(600)	500			120.0%	
4350 Minor Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	(500)		500	0.0%	
4403 Street Furniture	0	0	0	0	0	0	(1,000)		1,000	0.0%	
4404 Stiles / Kissing Gates	0	0	0	(484)	0	484	(500)		16	96.7%	
Grand Totals:- Income	0	0	0	600	0	(600)	500			120.0%	
Expenditure	990	0	(990)	1,474	0	(1,474)	4,300	0	2,826	34.3%	
Net Income over Expenditure	(990)	0	990	(874)	0	874	(3,800)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(990)			(874)							



Bishop's Waltham Parish Council

Planning and Highways Committee

27.8.24

Agenda Item

Planning Applications: to ratify responses from Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk

24/01599/TPO

Closing Date: 16th August 2024

Holm oak - remove as causing damage to boundary wall and pillar supporting electric gate.

Oak Lodge Bank Street Bishops Waltham Southampton Hampshire SO32 1AN

Objection. Due to not providing engineering or surveyor documentation and no different possible solutions given to help save the tree. Alternative suggestions to save the tree and accommodate the wall can and should be investigated.

Report from Tree Warden: This is a substantial tree with a protection order on it. It is a beautiful, heritage tree. The house is on a large plot having a long wide driveway. With the electric gates quite some way along the drive away from the road. There is ample room to move the pillars supporting the electric gates, away from the tree. The wall alongside the tree cannot be moved as it is a boundary wall. However, it is likely that the roots have damaged the wall foundations. It is not the actual trunk causing damage as this is away from the wall. Small cracks can be seen on the pillar, but I did not observe damage to the wall.

24/01614/HOU

Closing Date: 19th August 2024

Demolition of existing rear single storey lean-to and conservatory and replace with new flat roof single storey extension in same position with extended footprint.

Rose Cottage The Avenue Bishops Waltham Southampton Hampshire SO32 1BP

No objection.

24/01418/HOU

Closing Date: 12th August 2024

Proposed 2 storey rear extension and loft conversion.

8 Princes Close Bishops Waltham Southampton Hampshire SO32 1RL

No objection. The Parish Council requests that the Case Officer be mindful of the objections and the concerns relating to lack of parking for a large four-bedroom house. We would also like the Case Officer to carefully consider the objection from 9 Princes Close

Proposal: to ratify responses from Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk, if appropriate



Bishop's Waltham Parish Council

Planning and Highways Committee

27.8.24

Agenda Item - Planning Applications - *for consideration*

24/01648/FUL

Closing Date: 30th August 2024

Removal of Condition 3 of Application Reference Number DRD.2605.2 to remove agricultural occupancy tie on dwelling house

Orchardleigh, Botley Road, Bishop's Waltham So32 1DR

23/01391/FUL

Closing Date: 5 September 2024

Proposed renovation and alterations to existing outbuilding with a proposed roof extension to provide tourist accommodation (amended description)

Park House, Botley Road, Bishop's Waltham

Proposal:

To consider the planning applications tabled above and make recommendations as a result.

Executive Officer 20.8.24



Bishop's Waltham Parish Council

Planning and Highways Committee

27.8.24

Agenda item: Decisions by Delegated Officer to Winchester City Council, WCC Planning Development Control Committee, South Downs National Park Authority and Appeals inspector up to 20.8.24

24/00624/LIS

Closing Date: 14 May 2024

Treat rotten timbers and woodworm damaged timbers and remove only where required retaining original timbers wherever possible. Installation of new softwood framing and rafters to take the loading of the roof structure whilst retaining original oak timbers where possible. Oak replacement purlin where existing oak purlin cannot be retained. Installation of steel patts plates to internal steel frame to support existing walls. Reinstatement of clay pantiles which have been removed under previous application and retained for reuse.

White Hart Stables, Bank Street, Bishops Waltham, SO32

Application Permitted.

24/01301/FUL

Date of Decision: 30 May 2024

This application is to vary condition 32. Conditions(s) Removal: To regularise proposed minor changes to external fenestration, addition of roof mounted PV and external ASHP compound to the approved Care Home scheme.

Street Record Station Road Bishops Waltham Hampshire

Application Permitted.

24/01001/HOU

Closing Date: 3 July 2024

Proposed single storey rear extension

4 The Priory, Bishop's Waltham, SO32 1GX

Application Permitted.

24/01052/LDP

Date of Decision: 2 August 2024

54m2 x 3metres high timber garage

2 Hope Cottage Winchester Road Waltham Chase Southampton Hampshire SO32 2LL

Application Permitted.

SDNP/24/00333/FUL

Date of Decision: 5 August 2024

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

Application Approved.



Bishop's Waltham Parish Council

Planning and Highways Committee

27.8.24

Agenda Item – Letter to Planning Officials – *for ratification*

The attached letter has been drafted, reviewed and sent to the relevant Planning Officials.

Proposal: to note and ratify the letters tabled regarding future Planning Developments for Bishop's Waltham that has been sent to relevant officials

Executive Officer 20.8.24



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14th August 2024

Angela Rayner - Deputy Prime Minister, and Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.
Matthew Pennycock - The Minister of State for Housing, Planning and Building Safety.

Dear Madam and Sir,

Your new Labour government have been clear that, through the implementation of the new Planning and Infrastructure Bill, they aim to be "builders not blockers", but this presents us with some concerns that are outlined below.

Bishop's Waltham is the biggest town in the Meon Valley in Southern Hampshire and is within the Winchester District Council area. We also have an active High Street which serves the surrounding area and a busy road, the B2177, which the town straddles.

A Town Design Statement was produced in 2016 and adopted by Winchester District Council as part of the Planning Policies. We are also bordered to the north by the South Downs National Park.

As a Parish Council that has been involved in the process of adding 500 new homes to our large village of approximately 7000 people, there are actions that can make additional homes a positive experience for all concerned. We would like these actions to be part of the plans for change in the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

With the need to accommodate a consistent growth year on year, this has resulted in the construction of five new developments in Bishop's Waltham in the last six years, and they have all been located on the south side of the village as we are unable to extend northwards due to the National Park boundary.

Consequently, they have all increased the traffic on our already busy and failing roads. There are actions that were taken with infrastructure which alleviated some aspects of the new housing. i.e. our infant and junior school had an extra classroom built in each year group, so there are no problems with school places for our new children.

However, other infrastructure issues have caused problems.

- Road junctions have not been well planned for some developments, and the majority have been completed with no improvement to the existing highway infrastructure, which is essential to accommodate the increased volume of traffic, as well as maintaining the safety of both drivers and pedestrians.
- The inability to build to the north of the town centre due to the South Downs restrictions on building has led to one big estate being too far from the shops to walk in 15 minutes, which has increased parking problems in the town centre and surrounding housing areas.
- The doctors' surgery building has not grown enough for the increased population so we need to have portacabins until a new appropriate building can be built.
- Also, the type of housing provided on the new developments have not always had the desired 40% of affordable housing. Some properties marketed as "2 bedroom / affordable" are attracting starting prices from £550k, which is beyond the reach of local families wishing to remain in the town.

In conclusion, while we support the need for the national additional housing targets, we urge you to please develop the infrastructure first before building and listen to the people who live in the area before imposing new housing targets. Winchester City Council have been very good at asking the residents of Bishop's Waltham what is needed, and it is important to use local knowledge to get the right type of houses, that are in-keeping with the surroundings, and in the correct locations to suit the local plan.

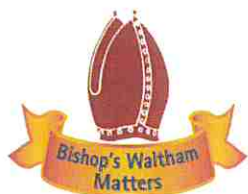
A letter has been sent to Winchester City Council requesting the Planning Team visit Bishops Waltham and review the existing infrastructure, and the new estates recently completed, with a focus on the cumulative positive and negative aspects. The points arising can then be further considered for future estates when planning applications are proposed for Bishop's Waltham.

Yours sincerely

K. A. Jones

Cllr Kevin Jones

Chair of the Planning and Highways Committee, Bishop's Waltham Parish Council



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Leader Winchester City Council
Chief Planner Winchester City Council

Dear Sir/Madam

The new Labour government have been clear that through the implementation of the new Planning and Infrastructure Bill, they aim to be "builders not blockers", but this presents us with some concerns that are outlined below.

As a Parish Council that has been involved in the process of adding 500 new homes to our town of approximately 7000 people, there are actions that can make additional homes a positive experience for all concerned. We would like these actions to be part of the plans for change in the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

With the need to accommodate a consistent growth year on year, this has resulted in the construction of five new developments in Bishop's Waltham in the last six years, and they have all been located on the south side of the town as we are unable to extend northwards due to the National Park boundary.

Consequently, they have all increased the traffic on our already busy and failing roads. There are actions that were taken with infrastructure which alleviated some aspects of the new housing. i.e. our infant and junior school had an extra classroom built in each year group, so there are no problems with school places for our new children.

However, other infrastructure issues have caused problems.

- Road junctions have not been well planned for some developments, and the majority have been completed with no improvement to the existing highway infrastructure, which is essential to accommodate the increased volume of traffic, as well as maintaining the safety of both drivers and pedestrians.
- The inability to build to the north of the town centre due to the South Downs restrictions on building has led to one big estate being too far from the shops to walk in 15 minutes, which has increased parking problems in the town centre and surrounding housing areas.
- The doctors' surgery building has not grown enough for the increased population so we need to have portacabins until a new appropriate building can be built.
- Also, the type of housing provided on the new developments have not always had the desired 40% of affordable housing. Some properties marketed as "2 bedroom / affordable" are attracting starting prices from £550k, which is beyond the reach of local families wishing to remain in the town.

In conclusion, while we support the need for the national additional housing targets, we urge you to please develop the infrastructure first before building and listen to the people who live in the area before imposing new housing targets. In the past, WCC have been very good at asking the residents of Bishop's Waltham what is needed.

A letter has also been sent to the Deputy Prime Minister and The Minister of State for Housing, Planning and Building Safety (copy attached).

We would like to invite the WCC Planning Team to visit Bishops Waltham and review the existing infrastructure, and the new estates recently completed, with a focus on the cumulative positive and negative aspects. The points arising can then be further considered for future estates when planning applications are proposed for Bishop's Waltham.

Yours sincerely

K. A. Jones

Cllr Kevin Jones
Chair of the Planning and Highways Committee, Bishop's Waltham Parish Council



Bishop's Waltham Parish Council

Planning and Highways Committee

27.8.24

Agenda Item – Traffic Survey Location – *for consideration*

From: parishclerk@bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk

Sent: Monday, July 15, 2024 12:59 PM

To: Traffic Management Team

Subject: Beeches Hill, Bishop's Waltham - speeding traffic

Residents of Beeches Hill are regularly raising concerns about speeding traffic on this roadway in Bishop's Waltham.

Please could we request a traffic survey for this site to ascertain traffic movements in this area? We could then recommend any necessary remedial measures as residents are particularly concerned for walkers in the road (as there is no pavement and the speeds some vehicles are driving at up and down the hill through this residential area seem excessive).

Any assistance would be most welcome.

BWPC Executive Officer

From: Traffic Management Team

Sent: Friday, August 2, 2024 2:14 PM

To: parishclerk@bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk

Subject: RE: Beeches Hill, Bishop's Waltham - speeding traffic

Hampshire County Council doesn't fund routine traffic surveys for individual locations that are not part of our casualty reduction led programme, but we are happy to commission a survey on your behalf if external funding is available. The cost of an automatic traffic count for a single location deployed for 1 week is £326.00.

Assistant Highway Manager

Safer Roads and Parking

Universal Services

Proposal: to consider the opportunity and costing tabled and make any recommendations as a result

Executive Officer 20.8.24



Bishop's Waltham Parish Council

Planning and Highways Committee

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Agenda Item – Bishop's Waltham to Swanmore Pathway - Update – for information

On 12th August 2024, the Executive Officer, Councillor Williams, and I met the final landowner along the BW-Swanmore route to discuss the proposals from Hampshire Countryside Services, and to confirm dedication of the footpath for the project.

The meeting went very well with the landowner being very supportive and verbally agreeing to the dedication of their section as bridleway, which is the next step required from Hampshire's perspective. There remain some technical decisions regarding placement of fences, gates, etc. but none are show-stoppers and they will be dealt with in due course.

The next steps are to collate all of the dedication agreements in writing and begin to seek funding. BWPC will also approach another landowner to ask if a portion of the path could go across the edge of their land, as this would be slightly easier than the original route for widening.

We will bring any matters for consideration to the Committee/Council as and when required.

Cllr Latham
20.8.24

(Note: Previous agenda items have provided information on the working group and a full feasibility report from Hampshire County Council Countryside Service team).

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Proposal: to note the progress made by the working group with the Bishop's Waltham to Swanmore Pathway Project

Cllr Latham 20.8.24