



**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 26<sup>th</sup> November 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 & 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. Request for Purchase of Two Kissing Gates for Footpath 12 – *for consideration*
8. To approve the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024
9. Actions Arising from the meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee – 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024  
- *for information only*
10. Financial position year to date – *to note current position*
11. Draft Budget Setting and Precept 2025/26 – Update - *for consideration*
12. Planning Applications: to ratify responses from Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk
13. Planning Applications for consideration:

**24/02228/LIS**

**Closing Date: 13 November 2024**

1) Replace the rear elevation windows; 2) Replace the ground-floor front elevation sash windows; 3) Relocate the boiler flue; 4) Reconfiguration of internal layout; 5) Adding additional exterior wall lights; 6) 2x new extractor fan openings (amended proposal)

**2 The Stables, Northbrook House, Free Street, Bishops Waltham, Hampshire SO32 1NP**

**24/02316/HOU**

**Closing Date: 20 November 2024**

Relocate the existing wood-burning stove with installation of new flue; to construct faux chimney breasts in the sitting room and upstairs bedroom to conceal the flue

**2 The Stables, Northbrook House, Free Street, Bishops Waltham, Hampshire SO32 1NP**

**24/02317/LIS**

**Closing Date: 20 November 2024**

Relocate the existing wood-burning stove with installation of new flue; to construct faux chimney breasts in the sitting room and upstairs bedroom to conceal the flue

**2 The Stables, Northbrook House, Free Street, Bishops Waltham, Hampshire SO32 1NP**

**SDNP/24/04475/HOUS**

**Closing Date: 25 November 2024**

Extension and refurbishment work, including a two-storey rear extension, two and single storey side extension and ground floor bay window to front elevation. Removal of two storey front projection. Retained external walls refaced in brickwork and flint. Alterations to fenestration. A separate concurrent application has been submitted by the same applicant for identical works at 2 Stakes Farm Cottages.

**1 Stakes Farm Cottages, Cross Lane, Bishops Waltham, Hampshire, SO32 1FL**

**SDNP/24/04476/HOUS****Closing Date: 25 November 2024**

Extension and refurbishment work, including a two-storey rear extension, two and single storey side extension and ground floor bay window to front elevation. Removal of two storey front projection. Retained external walls refaced in brickwork and flint. Alterations to fenestration. A separate concurrent application has been submitted by the same applicant for identical works at 1 Stakes Farm Cottages.

**2 Stakes Farm Cottages , Cross Lane, Bishops Waltham, Hampshire, SO32 1FL**

**SDNP/24/04452/FUL****Closing Date: 2 December 2024**

A single house for tourism/holiday let. This application is to replace previously granted proposal SDNP/21/03396/FUL. The redesign now incorporates a ground floor suite, with full disabled access and wet room. Potential for a lift has been designed in also, with the aim of making the whole house accessible. The house will be powered mainly by the granted solar panels, SDNP/24/00333/FUL.

**Ivy Cottage , Vernon Hill, Bishops Waltham, Hampshire, SO32 1FH**

**24/02354/HOU****Closing Date: 5 December 2024**

Demolish existing flat roof & garage, replace with new garage with first floor bedroom over. Demolish rear conservatory, replace with new flat roof extension to kitchen/family space.

**4 Ashton Close Bishops Waltham Southampton Hampshire SO32 1FP**

**24/01779/FUL****Closing Date: 12 December 2024**

A (S73) Vary Condition 11 (drawings) of 23/00447/FUL: - minor floor plan reduction and reconfiguration, amendments to external design/fenestration, increase built distance from listed wall (north) (amended plans and proposal)

**The Old Forge, Brook Street, Bishops Waltham**

**24/01956/FUL****Closing Date: 13 December 2024**

A (S19) Vary Condition 2 (drawings) of 23/00448/LIS: - minor floor plan reduction and reconfiguration, amendments to external design/fenestration, increase built distance from listed wall (north) (amended plans and proposal)

**The Old Forge, Brook Street, Bishops Waltham**

14. Planning Applications: Decisions by WCC Delegated Officers/Committee, SDNP Planning Authority and Appeal Decisions - *for information.*
15. Correspondence – Beeches Hill – *for consideration*
16. Costs for Posts and Installation for Speed Indicator Devices – *for consideration*
17. Speedwatch Update – *for information*
18. Accessibility Project Update – *for information*
19. Improvements at the B2177/ The Avenue Junction – *for information*
20. Chairman's report – *for information only*
21. Requests for future agenda items – *for information only*
22. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025
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.**
24. WCC and SDNPA Enforcement Lists – *for consideration*

*EMcKenzie* Clerk to the Committee 19.11.24

## Right of Way Report for November 24

**Kissing gate:** The kissing gate installation on Footpath 44 was delayed until November 11<sup>th</sup> due to the fencers being sick. Unfortunately, the fencers misinterpreted the What3Words position for siting the gate and they installed it in the wrong place. They had to return later in the day to move it but this meant that they did the work in the dark (!). I am not satisfied that the gate has been installed properly and it will need to be monitored over the next two years.



**Footpath 31:** Councillors will know that the vote at the full Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November was in favour of accepting the application for the diversion of the Right of Way to exit down the steps at the side of the newly erected haybarn. Safety issues were of particular concern to members of the public but the majority view was that Dean Lane is a relatively quiet road.

**Footpath 42A, Pilgrims' trail at Woodlea Nurseries:** The landowner has already carried out work to terrace the ground for planting trees although the planning application has not yet been approved by Winchester City Council. The secretary of the Ramblers, Andy Hayes, and HCC Countryside team have objected to the application as no consideration has been made to accommodate the Right of Way which is a very important one. The signs erected by the landowner to point walkers away from the correct line of the path have not been removed.

**Footpath 12:** Following further concerns raised by a member of the public about the horses that are kept in the field across which this Right of Way passes (again part of the Pilgrims' Trail), I had a site meeting with the landowners who wish to make improvements for the safety of walkers. See attached proposal. I will be placing more waymarker discs to show both Footpath 12 and Footpath 5 which goes across the field to the Winchester Road opposite Paradise Lane. Walkers appear to go round the field rather than cross it.

**Training for Volunteers:** Four of our volunteer wardens and I attended the training day on 29<sup>th</sup> October given by Kate Martin, our Engagement Officer. It was very informative and included going out to walk local Rights of Way to highlight issues that volunteers could resolve such as improving signage with waymarkers.

**Power tool training:** The deadline for applying for grants from HCC for training and purchase of power tools that could be used by footpath volunteers was on November 12<sup>th</sup>. In view of this, Emma has already submitted an application to Kate Martin following advice as to which tools would be best from one of our volunteers, Paul Davidson, who already works with power tools for HCC volunteering:

Project costs:

- Spear & Jackson Razorsharp Advance Telescopic Ratchet Anvil Loppers 40" ( ) - Screwfix £44.99 including VAT
- DeWalt DCM563P1-GB 55cm 18V 1 x 5.0Ah Li-Ion XR Cordless Hedge Trimmer - Screwfix £209.99 including VAT
- DeWalt DCM561P1S-GB 18V 1 x 5.0Ah Li-Ion XR Brushless Cordless Outdoor Trimmer - Screwfix £219.99 including VAT
- DeWalt DCB184-XJ 18V 5.0Ah Li-Ion XR Slide Pack Battery - Screwfix £79.99 including VAT

Total - £554.96 including VAT

There will be additional costs for training.

Ruth Shields

November 2024



# Bishop's Waltham Footpaths



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**Bishop's Waltham Parish Council**

**Planning and Highways Committee**

**26.11.24**

**Agenda Item 7 – Request for Purchase of Two Kissing Gates for Footpath 12**

*- for consideration*

See paper attached.

**Proposal:**

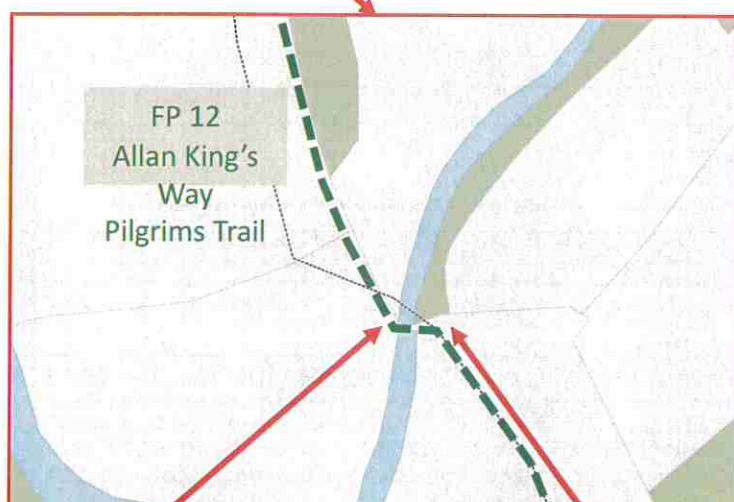
To consider the attached proposal by the Rights of Way Warden and agree whether or not to purchase kissing gates for footpath 12

**Executive Officer 20.11.24**

## Footpath 12 The Allan King Way The Pilgrims' Trail



The section of the footpath between the Botley Road and the Winchester Road towards Swanmore crosses a small foot bridge (originally erected by The Ramblers) over a tributary of the River Hamble that rises at The Moors. The owner of the land on both sides of the bridge now grazes horses there which can cross the river. There is a danger to the structure of the bridge if the horses venture on to it. The landowner will renovate the bridge and its approaches.



The provision of a self-closing galvanized steel gate at each end of the foot bridge would ensure the safety of walkers on this important Right of Way. The price of two gates would be in the order of £380 (ex VAT). The landowner would be prepared to contribute 50% of the cost. The installation has yet to be arranged.



## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 Houshin Street to inform them of this.





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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Resolved: to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee of the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**Proposed: Cllr Nicholson**

**Seconded: Cllr Homer**

**All in favour who were present at the meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

**PH118/24 Actions Arising from the Minutes of the meeting of the 24<sup>th</sup> 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.





**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: 12<sup>th</sup> 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: 13<sup>th</sup> 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**



**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 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Bishop's Waltham Parish Council

## Actions Arising from the Planning & Highways Committee meeting 22.10.24

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.
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) Abandoned ii) Complete iii) Complete	Working Group (EJ, TC, KF) and EO	In progress i) New charger and tripod under consideration - decision made to buy new updated model
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	Complete	EO	Discussed June 24. Agenda Item Nov 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 & PH116/24	Footpath 31	i) To arrange meeting to review changes ii) To seek response from HDMT and review at PC meeting 12.11.24	Complete	EO	Meeting included residents and ROWW - 12.9.24 Matter discussed at PC 12.11.24 and closed
PH81/24	Traffic Survey	To schedule survey with HCC	Complete	EO	Confirmed with HCC
PH87/24	Enforcement Priorities	To meet to set priorities	Sep-24	EO	3.9.24 5:30pm KJ,BN, JW, MH
PH89/24	Speedwatch Camera	To recommend spend to FP&R	Complete	EO	
PH96/24	Kissing Gate	To transfer gate location to Ftp43	Dec-24	EO/ROWW	Gate installed but queried
PH104/24	Local Plan	To write letter to WCC	Complete	WG	WG = KJ, Jwo, Jwi
PH104/24	WCC Planning Visit	To invite WCC to visit BW to view estates	Nov-24	EO	
PH124/24	Roadside Signs	To purchase signs	Nov-24	EO	







**Bishop's Waltham Parish Council**  
**Planning and Highways Committee**

**26.11.24**

**Agenda Item 11 – Budget Setting 2025/26 - Draft - *for consideration***

See paper attached.

**Proposal:**

**To note the final draft committee budget sheet tabled and make any final recommendations for update as a result.**

**Executive Officer 20.11.24**

Planning & Highways Committee

Code	Description	2024-25		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28
		Budget	Actual/Pre															
CC400 Planning and Highways		Total Year	Total Year	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	Total Year	Total Year	Total Year
Income		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Expenditure																		
4143	Community Payback Scheme	£100	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
4324	Mtce - Bus Shelters	£500	£850	£0	£0	£0	£0	£1,000	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
4330	Mtce - Town Clock	£150	£150	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£150	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£150	£150	£150
4333	Mtce - Footpaths & Cycleways	£1,000	£990	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£1,500	£1,500	£1,500	£1,500
4334	Mtce - Street Furniture	£300	£300	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£300	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£300	£300	£300
4335	Mtce - S I D	£250	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£500	£500	£500	£500
Total Expenditure		£2,300	£2,290	£0	£0	£0	£0	£1,000	£0	£450	£0	£0	£0	£0	£2,000	£3,450	£3,450	£3,450
Total Net Expenditure over Income		£2,300	£2,290	£0	£0	£0	£0	£1,000	£0	£450	£0	£0	£0	£0	£2,000	£3,450	£3,450	£3,450
CC499 Capital Spend - Planning & Highways																		
Income																		
1302	Grant - Stiles / Kissing Gates	£500	£600	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
1331	Grant - HCC SID	£0	£5,000	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
NEW	Grant - 20 is Plenty	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£40,000	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£40,000	£0	£0
Total Capital Income		£500	£5,600	£0	£0	£0	£40,000	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£40,000	£0	£0
Expenditure																		
4350	Minor Assets	£500	£500	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£250	£250	£250	£250
B W to Botley Bridleway		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
4375	Speed Indicator Device	£0	£7,500	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
4403	Street Furniture	£1,000	£1,000	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£1,000	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£1,000	£1,000	£1,000
4404	Stiles / Kissing Gates	£500	£484	£0	£0	£0	£0	£800	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£800	£800	£800
4407	Replace Bus Shelters	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
NEW	20 is Plenty	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£40,000	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£40,000	£0	£0
Total Capital Expenditure		£2,000	£9,484	£0	£0	£0	£40,000	£800	£0	£1,000	£0	£0	£0	£0	£250	£42,050	£2,050	£2,050
Total Net Capital Expenditure over Income		£1,500	£3,884	£0	£0	£0	£0	£800	£0	£1,000	£0	£0	£0	£0	£250	£2,050	£2,050	£2,050
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Total Income		£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0
Total Expenditure		£2,300	£2,290	£0	£0	£0	£0	£1,000	£0	£450	£0	£0	£0	£0	£2,000	£3,450	£3,450	£3,450
Total Net Revenue Expenditure		£2,300	£2,290	£0	£0	£0	£0	£1,000	£0	£450	£0	£0	£0	£0	£2,000	£3,450	£3,450	£3,450
Total Capital Income		£500	£5,600	£0	£0	£0	£40,000	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	£40,000	£0	£0
Total Capital Expenditure		£2,000	£9,484	£0	£0	£0	£40,000	£800	£0	£1,000	£0	£0	£0	£0	£250	£42,050	£2,050	£2,050
Total Net Capital Expenditure		£1,500	£3,884	£0	£0	£0	£0	£800	£0	£1,000	£0	£0	£0	£0	£250	£2,050	£2,050	£2,050
Total Net Committee Expenditure		£3,800	£6,174	£0	£0	£0	£0	£1,800	£0	£1,450	£0	£0	£0	£0	£2,250	£5,500	£5,500	£5,500
Total Net Committee Expenditure (Check)		£3,800	£6,174	£0	£0	£0	£0	£1,800	£0	£1,450	£0	£0	£0	£0	£2,250	£5,500	£5,500	£5,500

Summary of Budget Setting Decisions

1. 4324/400 Mice - Bus Shelters - Increase for repairs required after audit

2. 4333/400 Mice - Footpaths & Cycleways - Increase due to additional footpaths

3. 4335/400 Mice - S I D - Increase as now have 2 x S I D

4. New income code - Grant - 20 is Plenty

5. 4363/499 B W to Bolley Bridleway - Remove

6. 4375/499 Speed Indicator Device - Remove

7. 4404/499 Siles / Kissing Gates - 1 x new gate and installation costs

8. New expenditure code - 20 is Plenty





**Bishop's Waltham Parish Council**  
**Planning and Highways Committee**

**22.10.24**

**Agenda Item 12**

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

No delegated decisions and responses made between October meeting and this November meeting.

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

**Executive Officer**  
**20.11.24**



## **Bishop's Waltham Parish Council**

### **Planning and Highways Committee**

**26.11.24**

#### **Agenda Item 13 - Planning Applications - for consideration**

**24/02228/LIS**

**Closing Date: 13 November 2024**

1) Replace the rear elevation windows; 2) Replace the ground-floor front elevation sash windows; 3) Relocate the boiler flue; 4) Reconfiguration of internal layout; 5) Adding additional exterior wall lights; 6) 2x new extractor fan openings (amended proposal)

**2 The Stables, Northbrook House, Free Street, Bishops Waltham, Hampshire SO32 1NP**

**24/02316/HOU**

**Closing Date: 20 November 2024**

Relocate the existing wood-burning stove with installation of new flue; to construct faux chimney breasts in the sitting room and upstairs bedroom to conceal the flue

**2 The Stables, Northbrook House, Free Street, Bishops Waltham, Hampshire SO32 1NP**

**24/02317/LIS**

**Closing Date: 20 November 2024**

Relocate the existing wood-burning stove with installation of new flue; to construct faux chimney breasts in the sitting room and upstairs bedroom to conceal the flue

**2 The Stables, Northbrook House, Free Street, Bishops Waltham, Hampshire SO32 1NP**

**SDNP/24/04475/HOUS**

**Closing Date: 25 November 2024**

Extension and refurbishment work, including a two-storey rear extension, two and single storey side extension and ground floor bay window to front elevation. Removal of two storey front projection. Retained external walls refaced in brickwork and flint. Alterations to fenestration. A separate concurrent application has been submitted by the same applicant for identical works at 2 Stakes Farm Cottages.

**1 Stakes Farm Cottages , Cross Lane, Bishops Waltham, Hampshire, SO32 1FL**

**SDNP/24/04476/HOUS**

**Closing Date: 25 November 2024**

Extension and refurbishment work, including a two-storey rear extension, two and single storey side extension and ground floor bay window to front elevation. Removal of two storey front projection. Retained external walls refaced in brickwork and flint. Alterations to fenestration. A separate concurrent application has been submitted by the same applicant for identical works at 1 Stakes Farm Cottages.

**2 Stakes Farm Cottages , Cross Lane, Bishops Waltham, Hampshire, SO32 1FL**

**SDNP/24/04452/FUL**

**Closing Date: 2 December 2024**

A single house for tourism/holiday let. This application is to replace previously granted proposal SDNP/21/03396/FUL. The redesign now incorporates a ground floor suite, with full disabled access and wet room. Potential for a lift has been designed in also, with the aim of making the whole house accessible. The house will be powered mainly by the granted solar panels, SDNP/24/00333/FUL.

**Ivy Cottage , Vernon Hill, Bishops Waltham, Hampshire, SO32 1FH**

**24/02354/HOU**

**Closing Date: 5 December 2024**

Demolish existing flat roof & garage, replace with new garage with first floor bedroom over. Demolish rear conservatory, replace with new flat roof extension to kitchen/family space.

**4 Ashton Close Bishops Waltham Southampton Hampshire SO32 1FP**

**24/01779/FUL**

**Closing Date: 12 December 2024**

A (S73) Vary Condition 11 (drawings) of 23/00447/FUL: - minor floor plan reduction and reconfiguration, amendments to external design/fenestration, increase built distance from listed wall (north)

(amended plans and proposal)

**The Old Forge, Brook Street, Bishops Waltham**

**24/01956/FUL**

**Closing Date: 13 December 2024**

A (S19) Vary Condition 2 (drawings) of 23/00448/LIS: - minor floor plan reduction and reconfiguration, amendments to external design/fenestration, increase built distance from listed wall (north)

(amended plans and proposal)

**The Old Forge, Brook Street, Bishops Waltham**

**Proposal:**

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

**Executive Officer 19.11.24**





## Bishop's Waltham Parish Council

### Planning and Highways Committee

26.11.24

**Agenda item 14: Decisions by Delegated Officer to Winchester City Council, WCC Planning Development Control Committee, South Downs National Park Authority and Appeals inspector up to 21.11.24**

Bishops Waltham Parish Council		Ward	BISHOPS WALTHAM
Case No:	23/01391/FUL	Ref No:	WPP-11624168
Date Valid:	18 September 2023	Case Officer:	Cameron Finch
Conservation Area:			
Proposal:	Proposed renovation and alterations to existing outbuilding with a proposed roof extension to provide tourist accommodation (Amended Description)		
Location:	Park House Botley Road Bishops Waltham Southampton Hampshire SO32 1DR		
Grid Ref:	454676 116551		
Decision:	Application Permitted		

**Some TPC cases to note**  
**(we don't comment on them so will pass to WCC/SDNP Officers.**

Bishops Waltham Parish Council		Ward	BISHOPS WALTHAM
Case No:	24/02204/TPC	Press advert date:	
		Comments by:	
Date Valid:	14 October 2024	Decision due:	25 November 2024
		Case Officer:	John Bartlett
Proposal:	T1 Beech - Raise to 4m above ground level over car parking area. G1 Mixed - Prune/trim back and overhang encroaching onto the parking area from neighbouring vegetation growing over wall to a height of 4m from ground level. Reason - To provide sufficient clearance over parking areas		
Location:	13 Brook Street Bishops Waltham Southampton Hampshire SO32 1AX		
Grid Ref:	455349 117482		

Bishops Waltham Parish Council		Ward	BISHOPS WALTHAM
Case No:	24/02268/TPC	Press advert date:	
		Comments by:	
Date Valid:	21 October 2024	Decision due:	2 December 2024
		Case Officer:	John Bartlett
Proposal:	T1 maple (stem dia. 100mm) ? fell T2 birch (100mm) - fell T3 birch (150mm) - fell T4 birch (100mm) - fell T5 birch (150mm) - fell T6 magnolia (2x150mm, 1 x 100mm) - fell T7 birch ? fell  Reason ? the site is surrounded by mature trees and is considered overstocked with new planting. Proposed tree removal seeks to either (i) remove small trees unlikely to reach full potential given proximity to larger mature specimens (T1), (ii) poorly formed trees or those with stem defects or significant dieback (T2, T3), (iii) removal to reduce tree numbers in overstocked garden (T4, T5) or those likely to outgrow position/cause future issues with daylighting (T6, T7).		
Location:	North Winds Lower Lane Bishops Waltham Southampton Hampshire SO32 1AS		
Grid Ref:	455512 117743		

Bishops Waltham Parish Council		Ward	BISHOPS WALTHAM
Case No:	24/02350/TPC	Press advert date:	
		Comments by:	
Date Valid:	30 October 2024	Decision due:	11 December 2024
		Case Officer:	John Bartlett
Proposal:	T3 - Rowan - Section fell in parts to ground level or as close as practically possible - Crown showing signs of decline T6 - European Lime - Crown lift to 3.5m all round - Routine maintenance of urban tree		
Location:	The Crown Inn The Square Bishops Waltham Southampton Hampshire SO32 1AF		
Grid Ref:	455374 117378		



**Bishop's Waltham Parish Council**

**Planning and Highways Committee**

**26.11.24**

**Agenda Item 15 – Correspondence – Beeches Hill - *for consideration***

See attached correspondence from a resident of Beeches Hill.

**Proposal: To consider the attached correspondence and make any recommendations for action**

**Executive Officer 20.11.24**



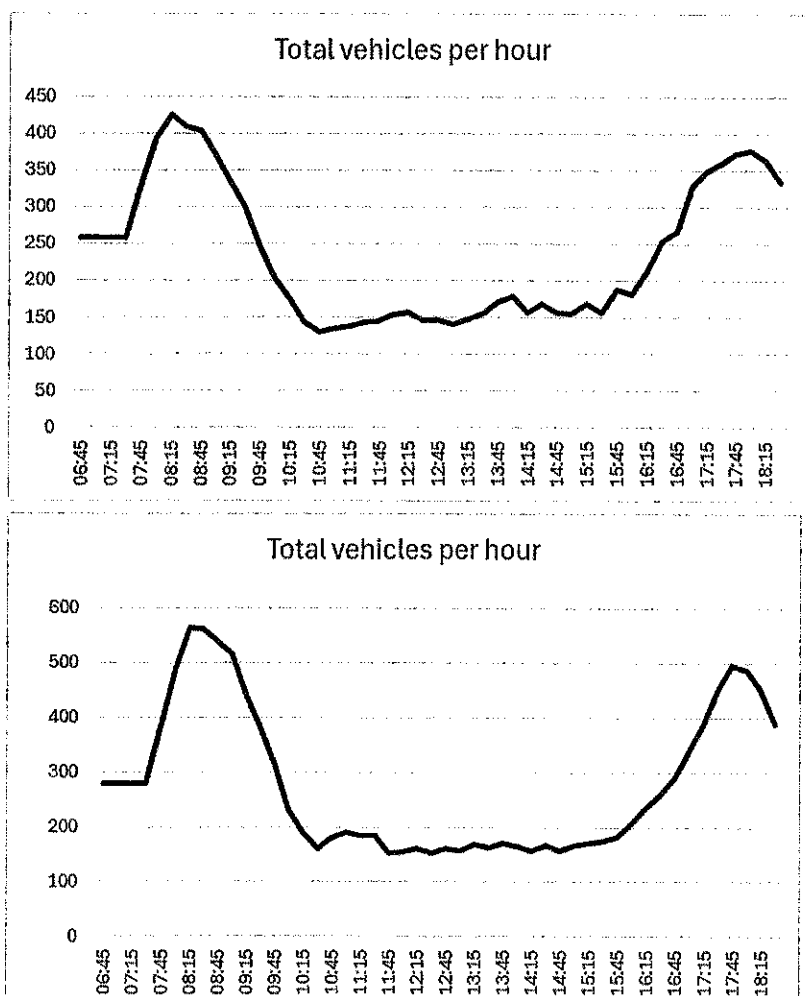
**From:** Beeches Hill Pedestrian Safety <[beeches.hill.pedestrians@gmail.com](mailto:beeches.hill.pedestrians@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** 07 October 2024 18:30

**To:** Emma McKenzie <[parishclerk@bishopsvaltham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@bishopsvaltham-pc.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Re: Pedestrian Safety on Beeches Hill, Bishops Waltham

As forewarned, we conducted another full-day (0630-1830) count of traffic on Tuesday 24th September. The number of vehicles per hour on that day peaked at **564** between 0715 and 0815, and at **494** between 1645 and 1745. This compares with **425** between 0715 and 0815, and **377** between 1700 and 1800 on 10th September, a considerable increase! Monitoring the busy hours only on 9th July showed a maximum of **425** between 0730 and 0830, and **390** between 1645 and 1745. The data we collected throughout the two full-day events is shown graphically here:



The first graph on the left is for 10th September and the second on the right for the 24th (but scaled differently). Other than at the peak times, from these you can see that more than 150 vehicles pass up or down the road every hour, many at speed.

Our three **Community Speedwatch** volunteers, having all attended the online introduction, have still not heard any more from the local coordinator. It would seem simple courtesy for them to have been contacted by now, even if the coordinator is busy training other people.

We have noted **SIDs** in operation at other locations around Bishops Waltham and are still wondering when it will be our turn, accepting that the poles to carry them need to be erected or modified.

I do hope **my letter of 18th September** (at the very bottom of this email stream), which provides a pretty thorough review of pertinent HCC policies - many of which are being ignored - and demonstrates the true status of Beeches Hill and what residents must endure. **I would hope that the Parish Council feels it can write to HCC as requested, voicing its support.**

Kind regards,

Malcolm

Sent on behalf of

**The Beeches Hill Pedestrian Safety Group**



**Our objectives** are to:

Reduce the speed of traffic  
Reduce the number of HGVs  
Improve the condition of the road

On Fri, 20 Sept 2024 at 11:43, Beeches Hill Pedestrian Safety  
<[beeches.hill.pedestrians@gmail.com](mailto:beeches.hill.pedestrians@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Emma,

Having received the 'dockyard runaround' between HCC councillors - see the long email stream below - I have written again, rather more formally, to Cllr Lulu Bowerman who is the Executive Member for Highways and Waste. You will find my letter and separate appendix attached which I'd be grateful if you could bring to the attention of the BWPC's P&H Cttee.

My belief is that HCC, as the Highways Authority, is ultimately responsible for the safety of all road users, especially pedestrians. Accordingly, HCC should have dealt with the matter years ago and before responsibility for the SIDs and '20's Plenty' was passed to the Parish Council. Nonetheless, these two items are key to getting the speeds of traffic reduced down Beeches Hill and we are grateful for the PC's support on these two issues. As HCC has to approve and implement all measures, I want to keep the pressure on the County Council, especially because it is they who have to deal with the HGV problem and general state of the road.

Like the P&H Cttee did for Gillian Goodwin back in 2016, would it be possible for the PC to follow up my letter, forwarding it and attaching a note of agreement or support to the Traffic Safety Team in HCC? I have concentrated on the Councillors - our representatives! - and this second line of attack to the functionaries might help, coming from a different direction.

New subject. I have received no follow-up at all to my volunteering for the Community Speedwatch scheme and attendance at the online introduction. You were also going to see why the names of the three new Beeches Hill volunteers were not on your list. In my research, I have already told you about HCC's "relaxation of the current requirement to move SLR and SID signs every 2-3 weeks" (my email of 3rd September). But I also came across an interesting use of SIDs of which I was not aware. HCC's Traffic Management Policy & Guidance (bottom of page 39):

*(iii) Speed Indicator Devices*

*These temporary signs are used to display various messages or images, reminding drivers of their speed. The use and deployment of these signs shall be the same as for Speed Limit Reminder signs, although they may also be used as part of Community SpeedWatch schemes to enable volunteers to record vehicle speeds.*

On horrid wet days, perhaps it isn't always necessary to get out the full roadside kit. A normally-constituted team could simply linger by a SID. Could you also clarify how many SIDs the PC has in its armoury and available to deploy?

Finally - this time! - have you received any notification when the traffic survey might take place? We're undertaking another full-day count next Tuesday (24th Sep). The results of the second one we completed on Tuesday 10th Sep are included in my letter, showing totally consistent results with the first rush-hour-only survey on 7th July.

Kind regards,

Malcolm

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Beeches Hill Pedestrian Safety** <[beeches.hill.pedestrians@gmail.com](mailto:beeches.hill.pedestrians@gmail.com)>

Date: Wed, 18 Sept 2024 at 17:56

Subject: Case 7140111 - Pedestrian Safety on Beeches Hill, Bishops Waltham

To: <[Lulu.Bowerman@hants.gov.uk](mailto:Lulu.Bowerman@hants.gov.uk)>

Cc: <[Rob.Humby@hants.gov.uk](mailto:Rob.Humby@hants.gov.uk)>, <[Nick.Adams-King@hants.gov.uk](mailto:Nick.Adams-King@hants.gov.uk)>

Dear Cllr Bowerman,

Please find the attached letter and its separate appendix in response to your email below.

I have copied this to Councillors Humby and Adams-King because they were involved earlier, and the former is the County Council's representative for Bishops Waltham.

Kind regards,

Malcolm Avery



On Mon, 10 Jun 2024 at 12:19, Bowerman, Cllr L <[Lulu.Bowerman@hants.gov.uk](mailto:Lulu.Bowerman@hants.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear Mr Avery

Thank you for your email regarding Beeches Hill, I reply in my capacity as Executive Member for Highways and Waste.

Changes have been introduced to the Highway Code to provide guidance to drivers on passing pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians which have been widely publicised. It is the responsibility of the driver to follow this guidance and drive in accordance with the Highway Code, and pass pedestrians in a safe and considerate manner.

I will respond to each of your suggestions in turn as follows:

20mph speed limit – Further information and explanation is available on our website. [20mph-speed-limit | Transport and roads | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)

Unsuitable for HGV signing – I note that Beeches Hill already benefits from these signs to discourage through HGV use. Width restrictions can help to reduce through HGV traffic on routes with little access need, in some circumstances. However, this is often flouted and often does not meet expectations in terms of reducing HGV numbers on Beeches Hill and the surrounding area wider vehicles require regular and legitimate access for a variety of reasons such as deliveries, collections and works. Enforcement of width restrictions can be complex and time consuming as to confirm that a contravention has taken place an over width vehicle must be observed both entering and exiting a restriction without stopping for a legitimate purpose. The County Council's current policy is to support traffic regulation changes where evidence clearly indicates that direct benefits to road casualty reduction will be achieved, focussing on sites where there is a related and recurring road casualty collision history as the highest priority. The policy can be viewed via the following link: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadsafety/makingroadssafer>, but I'm afraid Beeches Hill is a low priority for the consideration of a width restriction.

White edge line – The edge of carriageway on Beeches Hill is already marked through the traffic calmed, and residential section. There is no scope to widen the edge of carriageway area as it will simply cause drivers to consistently travel within this space and offer no benefit to pedestrians.

Bank Street – The signing that you mention is not an authorised traffic sign. I will ensure the placing of this sign is investigated further. All traffic signing on the public highway is governed by the Traffic Signs Regulation and General Directions and therefore must accord with these requirements. There are already authorised pedestrian in road warning signs covering the traffic calmed and residential section of Beeches Hill, but an additional sign could be considered on Beeches Hill near to the junction with B3055. There appears to be sufficient highway verge space at this location to accommodate a sign with no need to utilise private land. I'm afraid the residents are not permitted to carry out works on the public highway themselves.

All schools in Hampshire are encouraged to carry out school travel planning as it is a good way of identifying where children and parents experience the most difficulty on their journey to and from school with the aim of improving road safety, encouraging walking, cycling, and exploring sustainable travel options to reduce school gate congestion. In working with our School Travel Planning Team schools can participate in initiatives such as Walk to School Week, as well as

consider wider school travel through their travel plan. The team have confirmed they will investigate the status of the local school travel plan with our School Travel Planning Team.

I hope this information is useful.

Kind regards

Cllr Lulu Bowerman

Executive Member for Highways and Waste

Hampshire County Council

**From:** Beeches Hill Pedestrian Safety <[beeches.hill.pedestrians@gmail.com](mailto:beeches.hill.pedestrians@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, May 24, 2024 2:15 PM

**To:** Adams-King, Cllr N <[Nick.Adams-King@hants.gov.uk](mailto:Nick.Adams-King@hants.gov.uk)>

**Cc:** Humby, Cllr R <[Rob.Humby@hants.gov.uk](mailto:Rob.Humby@hants.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Case 7140111 RE: Pedestrian Safety on Beeches Hill, Bishops Waltham

Dear Councillor Adams-King,

Thank you for your message and for the time you have spent looking at the problems we have raised for HCC's attention. We are truly grateful for your engagement.

Nevertheless, you and the Traffic Safety Team seem not to appreciate the critical point we are making, and that is that Beeches Hill residents have no option other than to walk in this narrow busy road, not even to the local postbox, let alone into the village. Not one of the observations in my letter of 1st February about the recent Highway Code revisions has been addressed, specifically that pedestrians should be afforded the greatest priority, that a two metre separation should be kept between pedestrians and vehicles, and that a pedestrian is likely to die should they be hit by a vehicle at 40 mph which is the current speed limit on the lower part of Beeches Hill (even assuming that the speed limit is respected). You give all the reasons why this is a complex situation but then imply you can do nothing, offering no mitigating measures at all. As the Highway Authority, I would remind you that responsibility lies with HCC for the safety of all road users, whilst you seem always to defer to the traffic's requirements.

In the absence of any of your own suggestions, here are some practical measures by which the Council and the 'Safety' Team could improve the situation:

- The physical space is not available to separate pedestrians by the recommended two metres from all traffic - accepted - therefore a problem exists. An obvious improvement in safety would be to bring the speed limit down to 20 mph between the traffic-calming chicanes and down to 30 mph to the junction with Lower Lane. 20 mph is increasingly becoming the norm in busy town centres - with pavements - so why not here in a much more dangerous situation? Why is HCC so adverse to this reduction in the speed limit and why not support this? Although you have now passed responsibility for the creation of 20 mph zones to BWPC, HCC have been aware of these problems for years and the reports from SIDs show that the speed limit is being frequently exceeded to a dangerous degree. If BWPC decides to introduce such a scheme for Beeches Hill, my understanding is that you will charge it for a 'consultation', whilst HCC could approve it instantly on the grounds of pedestrian safety.

- The physical space is not available to separate pedestrians from HGVs - accepted. Nonetheless, improved advanced warning of the current 'advisory' notices of HGV unsuitability would be a start in order to reduce the number of lorries. A better long term solution would be to apply a mandatory width restriction. With the common "Except for Access" caveat applied, this would have no effect on deliveries to residents or on access for emergency vehicles. Why not do this when a suitable alternative route exists via The Hangers, Corhampton Lane and Stakes Lane?
- There is not sufficient width for a footway for pedestrians - again accepted - but a simple white line could be painted on the road surface to mark a path - like a cycle track - to reinforce the notion to vehicles that they are sharing the highway with pedestrians.
- I spotted this sign at the bottom of Banks Street in Bishops Waltham and, as you can see, this has been erected by HCC despite an available pedestrian footway. Cannot HCC offer the same service for Beeches Hill which is much more dangerous? More signs like this along the road from Lower Lane to Ashton Lane should serve to remind drivers of the danger. This whole section of the road should be subject to the formal 'Pedestrians in the Road' traffic signs and not just between the traffic-calming chicanes as now. If you could provide these additional signs, the residents will arrange erection in consultation with the respective land owners.



- If these are simple ideas that laymen can propose, I'm sure the traffic experts could come up with more if the critical nature of the situation on Beeches Hill is accepted.

Are you aware that we are coming to the end of 'Walk to School Week', an initiative supported by HCC? Does the Council really think this is safe for the children of Beeches Hill residents, despite the local primary school being less than a mile away? Shouldn't the Council similarly be encouraging them to walk the short mile to their village, providing them with a safe route to do so?





I have inserted comments in your email below. In addition to everything above, these should explain why I have trouble following your logic in relevant matters. As a first step, **the residents of Beeches Hill need HCC to acknowledge the dangers that pedestrians face**, something which has been completely absent so far. This is the reality for your constituents, even if incorrectly not assessed as such by HCC's staff. If it is the lack of funding as to why you cannot address the situation, then you should simply say so; but there are no high-priced items in any of the above. The traffic-calming scheme exists and all that is necessary for implementation of the suggestions above is Council staff effort and replacement signage.

Kind regards,

Malcolm Avery

----- Forwarded message -----

From: "Adams-King, Cllr N" <[Nick.Adams-King@hants.gov.uk](mailto:Nick.Adams-King@hants.gov.uk)>

Date: 17 May 2024 13:58

Subject: RE: 7140111 RE: Pedestrian Safety on Beeches Hill, Bishops Waltham

To: 'Malcolm Avery'

Cc: "Humby, Cllr R" <[Rob.Humby@hants.gov.uk](mailto:Rob.Humby@hants.gov.uk)>

Dear Mr Avery

Thank you for your further correspondence and for your patience whilst this was investigated further.

Our Traffic and Safety Team have looked at Beeches Hill in depth over the past few months following your recent enquiry and have visited the location on several occasions. **[If they have visited, why have missing and broken road signs not been replaced, nor the gutters around the traffic chicanes been cleared of mud and detritus that obscures the road marking of these areas? They should have spotted the absurdity that the warning of the presence of pedestrians in the road extends only to the section between the chicanes: are we restricted to only visiting neighbours? Pedestrians need to walk in the road from Lower Lane and all the way up Beeches Hill to the junction with Ashton Lane, and the signage should reflect this. Potholes in critical areas of the road should have also been reported.]** There are traffic calming measures at the location, which have reduced traffic speeds **[Where is the evidence for this - the reports from SIDs continue to show traffic at excessive speeds?]** and reduced collisions over the residential area of the hill, but the highway

extent on Beeches Hill does not include enough space to provide a dedicated footway for pedestrians. **[So, there is a problem and how should pedestrian safety be improved?]**

Options to reduce through traffic on Beeches Hill may cause different local safety concerns **[how?]**, have a detrimental impact on surrounding routes that are unsuitable for the level of traffic **[Does this mean that Beeches Hill is suitable for current levels of traffic despite its narrowness and it being the only route for pedestrians?]**, impact the current access to properties that residents on Beeches Hill currently enjoy **[what does this even mean?]**, and may cause access issues to surrounding farms. Investigations into these impacts is a complex and lengthy process requiring significant funding and as explained, there is currently no capital funding for measures on Beeches Hill **[HCC has known of these problems for years but have made no allowance in successive budgets. But is this the real issue? HCC has no money therefore it cannot acknowledge any safety issues, no matter how obvious?]** Please see the link below, this takes you to our Strategic Transport, plans, and policies, where you can find out more about the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for the wider Winchester District, along with other local strategies, which will identify priorities for future funding opportunities and inform the prioritisation process. **[Local cycling and walking is of course to be encouraged, but how can these initiatives be supported whilst no funding is available to correct dangerous situations for pedestrians elsewhere?]**

[Strategic transport - plans and policies | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/plans-and-policies)

Regarding the condition of the road, Highway Authorities have a legal duty under the Highways Act to maintain the public highway for all users. In common with most other authorities, the County Council discharges this duty, in part, by categorising any highway defect as either a safety defect or non-safety defect. This is generally based on the dimensions of a defect or the degree of impact/risk. All safety defects will have a repair ordered automatically with the priority determined based on a severity v likelihood risk matrix. This is an established and robust process and is recommended by the Code of Good Practice 'Well Managed Highway Infrastructure' (CoGP). The approach Hampshire takes has yielded good levels of highway safety. **[Photographs to follow, showing deep potholes right next to the traffic-calming chicanes.]**

All adopted roads within Hampshire, including Beeches Hill, are subject to scheduled safety inspections at frequencies ranging from monthly to once every two years in accordance with the CoGP. Alongside this, all reports received by members of the public are investigated to ascertain the category of defect which has been reported. To supplement our scheduled highway safety inspections we positively encourage the reporting of new defects through our online reporting tool at <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance>. This is the most efficient and effective method of letting us know about highway issues and means reports are logged automatically and assigned to the correct team with the minimum of delay. Reporting also assists with building a picture of the general condition of our road network and this data is taken into consideration when annual planned maintenance programmes are formulated.

There is no doubt that roads within Hampshire, and in fact across a large part of the UK have deteriorated significantly over recent winter periods due to heavy rain and a high-water table combined with sub-zero road surface temperatures. The other contributing factor to the increased number of defects is the reduced resilience of the network following more than a decade of reduced Government funding for the maintenance of local roads.

The pressures on the highway service within Hampshire have been extremely high and will likely have an impact for many months to come – even if no further significant periods of rainfall are experienced. We are utilising a combination of repair techniques and have deployed additional resources but ultimately the rate at which defects have been forming has been a struggle to keep up with, and workloads remain at an unprecedented level. I can confirm however that work has been ordered to clear the drainage at Beeches Hill which will be undertaken as soon as our resources allow. **[At last! I was in a Zoom call in October 2021 when I raised this problem directly with the HCC drains representative. The wet road resulting from no surface water drainage exacerbates the dangerous situation for both vehicles and pedestrians.]**

Best wishes

**Nick Adams-King**

**Lead Cabinet Member for Universal Services (Highways, Transport, Environment, Countryside and Communities)**

**From:** Malcolm Avery

**Sent:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024 5:11 PM

**To:** Adams-King, Cllr N <[Nick.Adams-King@hants.gov.uk](mailto:Nick.Adams-King@hants.gov.uk)>

**Cc:** Humby, Cllr R <[Rob.Humby@hants.gov.uk](mailto:Rob.Humby@hants.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Re: 7140111 RE: Pedestrian Safety on Beeches Hill, Bishops Waltham

Dear Councillor Adams-King,

Thank you for your response, but I'm afraid that this served only to annoy rather than appease.

Although you itemise correctly three of the safety problems I reported, you disregard the rest, for example, the fact that the road is in poor repair and there is no surface water drainage. You refer to the reply from Traffic Management, which you appear to have read, but I would invite you to read it again.

I find the message they sent was trite, officious and callous regarding the safety of pedestrians, including an increasing proportion of children. In particular, the 40-mph section of Beeches Hill to the junction with Lower Lane is the main pedestrian access to Bishops Waltham village serving about 130 properties. This problem has been known to HCC, WCC and BWPC for more than two years since I wrote to them in July 2021, and well before that. So, to be informed that HCC is planning to spend a lot of money on cycle tracks and improved pathways around Winchester city centre, whilst Beeches Hill residents are left to brave the traffic at 40 mph, even assuming vehicles keep to the speed limit, is galling. I quote the appropriate sentence from Highways Management's reply to my letter, "*The 40mph section of carriageway between Lower Lane and Dean Lane is set correctly for the road geometry, low quantity of driveways and active frontages.*" There is no mention of pedestrians walking in the road or that the Highway Code states clearly that if a person is struck by a car at that speed they are likely to be killed.

Again, you quote that the existing policy - to which I refer in my letter - depends on data concerning previous collisions. This is contrary to all risk management practices. Although without specific qualifications, as someone involved in policies concerning nuclear operations, I am not an untrained observer. This road is dangerous, and it is bordering on the criminal to rely on a policy that depends on a serious accident before action is taken. The policy is based only



on available funding and not on the safety of constituents. Has anyone asked whether the policy might be wrong and requires review?

In my letter, I pose the simple question, "Would a councillor or council official consider it safe for their children or grandchildren to walk down Beeches Hill?" From the replies I have received, it appears that no one has made any effort to investigate the locale and make a proper assessment of the road, regarding its material status or up-to-date traffic use. The impression I am left with is that the information I have provided has been totally disregarded by functionaries. They offer no advice or suggestions for improving the situation, or for surveying current use by HGVs and speeding traffic. An example I offer is that the SID (incorrectly and infrequently) positioned at the bottom of the hill, shows approximately 250 vehicles per hour at peak times, and all residents report increased traffic levels, which is unsurprising given the building programmes to the south of the village.

Your statement, *"your request has been added onto our list for investigation should funding become available in the future"* offers no hope at all. The Council have been made aware of constituents' concerns repeatedly over many years, but no action has been forthcoming. We depend on our elected representatives to take action. I would invite you and any of the other councillors to visit me, take a cup of tea, and experience what it's really like to walk on Beeches Hill.

For your information, I am blind copying this email to 48 other residents who have expressed similar concerns to my own.

Kind regards, Malcolm Avery

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**From:** Baker, Sarah <Sarah.Baker2@hants.gov.uk> on behalf of Adams-King, Cllr N <Nick.Adams-King@hants.gov.uk>

**Sent:** 11 April 2024 15:39

**To:** Malcolm Avery

**Cc:** Humby, Cllr R <Rob.Humby@hants.gov.uk>

**Subject:** 7140111 RE: Pedestrian Safety on Beeches Hill, Bishops Waltham

Dear Mr Avery

Thank you for your letter. Please accept my apologies for this delayed response.

Whilst discussing the matters which have been brought to my attention, I understand my colleagues in Traffic Management sent you a note on 25 February 2024 to address the majority of the proposals which you have made.

Subsequently, you raise concerns with pedestrians having no option other than to walk in the road and, in addition to the recklessness shown by some drivers and cyclists, that their plight is exacerbated by:

- The lack of pavement except for a short distance at the bottom of the hill
- The narrowness of the road results in unsafe clearance between pedestrians and passing vehicles
- Effectively no street lighting to support pedestrians in the road

Unfortunately, funding for pedestrian infrastructure improvements is extremely limited across Hampshire, and no capital funding is currently available for road widening or footway construction along Beeches Hill. However, your request has been added onto our list for investigation should funding become available in the future.

Hampshire County Council, in partnership with Winchester City Council is developing a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for the Winchester District area. A public engagement consultation exercise was introduced at the beginning of April. A link to the consultation can be found below:

[Winchester Movement Strategy | Transport and roads | Hampshire County Council](https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/transport-and-roads)  
([hants.gov.uk](https://www.hants.gov.uk))

There is an opportunity to provide comments via the above link to the consultation, through the feedback form, about this section of road. The Plan will identify priorities to bid for future funding opportunities and the public response will help to inform the prioritisation process.

With respect to your request for additional streetlighting, Hampshire County Council is not seeking to install additional lighting columns along Beeches Hill at the present time, given that there is no observed pattern of road casualties that could only be addressed by the provision of additional street lighting.

I hope this answers your concerns and thank you once again for getting in touch.

Best wishes

**Nick Adams-King**

**Lead Cabinet Member for Universal Services (Highways, Transport, Environment, Countryside and Communities)**

**TVBC Councillor for Blackwater (Wellow, Awbridge, Michelmersh & Timsbury, Sherfield**

**From:** Malcolm Avery

**Sent:** Thursday, February 1, 2024 1:09 PM

**To:** Humby, Cllr R

**Subject:** Fw: Pedestrian Safety on Beeches Hill, Bishops Waltham

Dear Councillor Humby,

You will see that I have sent these two attachments to HCC, WCC, BWPC, OPCC and the local MP, and you will doubtless receive them via the official channel, particularly with you being Leader of the Council. Nonetheless, being responsible for the Bishop Waltham division, I thought I'd give you advanced warning, also in the hope that you might get the wheels turning early.

Kind regards,

Malcolm Avery

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**From:** Malcolm Avery

**Sent:** 01 February 2024 10:37

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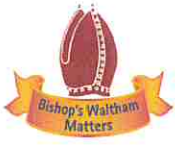
**Subject:** Pedestrian Safety on Beeches Hill, Bishops Waltham

Please see the attachments requiring urgent action to be taken by all addressees to improve safety on this busy road.

There is no pavement and pedestrians must walk on the road, past speeding traffic on a major route that is never swept, is without drainage, and with no enforcement.

Kind regards,

Malcolm Avery



## **Bishop's Waltham Parish Council**

### **Planning and Highways Committee**

**26.11.24**

#### **Agenda Item 16 – Costs for Posts and Installation for Speed Indicator Devices**

*- for consideration*

The sites have been approved by Hampshire County Council for positioning of the associated poles.

It is advised that the poles should be installed by HCC to ensure adherence to regulations on the highways verges but an offer could be made for the Parish Council to purchase and install them.

#### **Proposal:**

**To liaise with HCC to ask whether they will purchase and install the SID poles or otherwise to permit the Parish Council to undertake this project using allocated funds for the SID project.**

**Executive Officer 20.11.24**





**Bishop's Waltham Parish Council**  
**Planning and Highways Committee**

**26.11.24**

**Agenda Item 17 – Speedwatch Update - *for information***

The three initial sites have been approved by the Traffic Management Office and Hampshire Police.

The equipment has been delivered and the Police Co-ordinator is checking it for readiness.

The local co-ordinator is ready to set a date for the first session and will be in contact with the registered and trained volunteers in due course.

**Executive Officer 20.11.24**



## Bishop's Waltham Parish Council

### Planning and Highways Committee

**26.11.24**

#### **Agenda Item 18 – Accessibility Project Update - *for information***

Report from Hampshire County Council representative on 18.11.24:-

The Lower Basingwell Street section of the scheme is currently going through approvals and is due out to tender in December, which will allow for a start of works date of early next year.

We have managed to undertake some of the surveys for the other two roads, however, we are still experiencing access issues for two properties, we are hoping a return visit tomorrow will solve these, if not we will need to risk assess the designs. A report from these surveys will then take two weeks to be handed over to us, after which we can complete the other two designs. We therefore hope to tender these two early next year with a start of works date some time around February/March.

Kind regards,

#### **Senior Project Officer**

Highways Engineering and Transport  
Universal Services Directorate  
Hampshire County Council  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport>

**Executive Officer 20.11.24**



## Bishop's Waltham Parish Council

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#### Agenda Item 19 – Improvements at the B2177/The Avenue Junction

- for information

From Hampshire County Council:-

We don't have any records on the bus shelter agreements and would have to do a land registry search to get the landowner's address. The shop manager has told us who the owner is, and that we can contact him via the shop.

We would suggest a letter such as this is sent:-

Dear

*As you're probably aware there was a fatal accident adjacent to your premises, at the junction of the Avenue Bishops Waltham in Dec 2023. As a result of this we are looking to redesign the junction to improve the sightlines.*

*As part of the work at the junction we may replace the bus shelter, which is partly located on the corner of your property under an agreement with Bishops Waltham Parish Council. Please can you confirm if you would be happy for a replacement bus shelter to be in the same location. The size of the replacement bus shelter would be very similar but may vary slightly, it would be a more modern design.*

Please can you let me know if you get any response.

#### Principal Engineer

Traffic Team (East Hampshire & Winchester)  
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Executive Officer 20.11.24