

Wickham Bishops Parish Council

Parish Councillors

I S F MacGregor (Chairman)
Mrs A Mickelsen (Vice Chairman)
H M Bass
P J Bates
S J Nicholas
Mrs R M Pink CBE
B F Sayers
I D Wardrop



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3rd Place Essex Village of the Year 2015
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MINUTES OF ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE PARISH held on Tuesday 3rd May 2016 at 8.45 pm in the Village Hall Small Hall

Item	Subject
16A/01	<p>Those Present and Apologies for Absence</p> <p>In the chair: Cllr MacGregor</p> <p>Present: Cllrs Bass, Bates, Mickelsen, Nicholas, Pink, Sayers and Wardrop; the Clerk</p> <p>It was noted that Cllr Johnson had resigned from office since the previous meeting. There were no apologies for absence.</p> <p>County Councillor R Bass; District Cllr Durham; Ms Carol Love and a colleague, Waste and Recycling Officers of Maldon District Council; and three members of the public were present.</p>
16A/02	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>Resolved: that the minutes of the Annual Parish Assembly held on 12th May 2015 be approved as a true record. Proposed Cllr Pink, seconded Cllr Wardrop.</p>
16A/03	<p>Chairman's Remarks and Annual Summary</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the Councillors and Clerk for their individual and team efforts over the year, noting that all Councillors were returned unopposed in the May 2015 election.</p> <p>Thanks were also expressed to Cllr Johnson, who had recently stepped down from her role as a parish councillor, for her years of knowledgeable and energetic input. Attendees interested in filling the vacancy were asked to contact the Clerk.</p> <p>The Chairman reported that the Parish Council and parishioners were benefitting considerably from the services of Mr Chris Cooke, who during the course of the year had taken on the Parish Tree Warden role.</p> <p>The Chairman was pleased to note the parish's success in winning its class in the Best Kept Village competition and third place in the Essex Village of the Year in 2015.</p> <p>Concluding his remarks, the Chairman listed the Parish Council's current projects and the possibility of conducting a Housing Needs survey and establishing a Neighbourhood Plan.</p>
16A/04	<p>The New Maldon District Waste and Recycling Service</p> <p>Ms Carol Love, Waste and Street Scene Manager for Maldon District Council, gave a presentation of the forthcoming changes to the waste and recycling service. Examples of the wheeled bins were exhibited and the expected improvements in district-wide recycling performance were described. Savings of £0.5 Million were projected under the new arrangements with additional benefits from comingled recycling, vehicle tracking and a 4-day working pattern.</p> <p>The Chairman thanked the Officers for their interesting presentation, who then left the assembly.</p>

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16A/05	<p>A Presentation from County Councillor Mr. Rodney Bass</p> <p>County Councillor Bass began by describing the changes he had witnessed in Wickham Bishops from the time he entered public service, highlighting the growth in population, dwellings and traffic. He contrasted the offerings of the local shops then and now, and observed that despite the changes in shopping habits, the village still supports two pubs.</p> <p>The County Councillor gave a potted history of his differing roles in district and, latterly, county councils and his long-term association with Great Totham parish. His most recent appointment was to Cabinet Member for Infrastructure for Essex County Council.</p> <p>In this role, the County Councillor answered questions from the audience. He explained that, regrettably, enforcement of speed limits was a Policing issue, but he was pleased to announce to the Assembly that he would be progressing certain highways enhancements to help to calm the traffic through Wickham Bishops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three (later confirmed as four) additional poles and two moveable speed indicator signs for Wickham Bishops, in recognition of the active Speedwatch scheme; • An extension to the 30mph zone in Church Road and the possibility of further slight extensions around the village should these be requested by the community; • A provision for £10,000 for design and modelling of two gateway build-outs along The Street to slow traffic and to facilitate pedestrian crossing, possibly outside Valerie Loveland and near The Mitre. <p>A member of the public asked whether the speed limit along Witham Road could be reduced to 20mph to control speeding but the County Councillor explained that it would not have the desired outcome.</p> <p>The Chairman ended the presentation by thanking County Cllr Bass and the attendees.</p>
16A/06	<p>Questions from the Public</p> <p>There were no further questions.</p>
16A/07	<p>Close of Assembly 10.07 pm</p>