

Wickham Bishops Parish Council

Parish Councillors:

I S F MacGregor (Chairman)
 Mrs A Mickelsen (Vice Chairman)
 H M Bass
 P J Bates
 Mrs R Johnson
 S J Nicholas
 Mrs R M Pink CBE
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MINUTES	
Of Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 4th November at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall Boardroom	
Item	Subject
14/203	<p>Those Present and Apologies for Absence</p> <p>In the chair: Cllr MacGregor</p> <p>Present: Cllrs Bass, Bates, Johnson, Mickelsen, Nicholas, Pink, Sayers and Wardrop; District Cllr Durham; the Clerk</p> <p>There were no Apologies for Absence. Three members of the public were present.</p>
14/204	<p>Declaration of Interests and Compliance with the Ethical Framework</p> <p>There were no Declarations of Interests</p>
14/205	<p>Approval of Minutes</p> <p>The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 7th October 2014 were approved as a true record. Proposed Cllr Wardrop, seconded Cllr Mickelsen.</p> <p>The minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 17th October 2014 were approved as a true record. Proposed Cllr Wardrop, seconded Cllr Mickelsen.</p>
14/206	<p>Reports on Progress of Previous Minutes' Items</p> <p>14/129 The salt bags had been received by the Clerk and of the 40 bags, 36 had been collected with 4 remaining for top-ups through Winter. It was noted that a review of the success of the scheme will be held in Spring 2015. Item closed.</p> <p>14/131 It was recorded that, whilst the appearance was not entirely pleasing, The Mitre's car park potholes had been addressed and the right-of-way re-opened. Item closed.</p> <p>14/184 The overgrown hedge in Kelvedon Road by the bus stop had been satisfactorily trimmed by the Highways Rangers in response to the Parish Council's request.</p> <p>14/195 The Clerk summarised the need for registration of the Parish Council with the Information Commissioner to meet Data Protection Act obligations. Item covered further under item 14/216.</p>
14/207	<p>Chairman's Report</p> <p>Due to a need for brevity to accommodate the presentation on the North Heybridge Garden Suburb, the Chairman gave a short statement that the December meeting of the Parish Council would include time for photographs of the Council and Councillors.</p>

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14/208	<p>Clerk's Report</p> <p>The Clerk reported that she had received an acknowledgement to the July 14th VAT claim by HMRC and a statement that the payment was in process but delayed due to high workloads.</p> <p>The Clerk stated that no response had been received from MDC Planning Department following her letter querying why the Parish Council's points were apparently omitted from the decision notice's Reasons for Refusal, for planning application OUT/MAL/14/00582 Land Adjacent to Malone Cottage.</p> <p>Action: <i>Cllr Bass to contact Mr. Nick Fenwick requesting a response.</i></p> <p>A letter of support for a future planning application on Mope Lane had been received by the Clerk.</p>
14/209	<p>Correspondence Requiring Decisions:</p> <p>There was no correspondence requiring a decision.</p>
14/210	<p>General Correspondence to Note:</p> <p>There was no correspondence to note.</p>
14/211	<p>Policing & Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>It was recorded that the Maldon Local Engagement meeting was scheduled for the evening prior to the Parish Council meeting, and that notice of the event had come through only one day earlier. No response had yet been received by the Clerk to her letter to CI Alan Cook, requesting details of the upcoming meetings and street meets appropriate to Wickham Bishops.</p> <p>Action: <i>Cllr Bass to request earlier notice of the engagement events and for a resolution to on-going Land Rover thefts at his next meeting with CI Cook.</i></p> <p>The Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator had nothing to report due to low crime levels locally.</p>
14/212	<p>Public Forum</p> <p>A parishioner asked the Parish Council to consider a policy to protect the grade II listed Blue Mills bridge, to ward off any future attempt to replace the bridge which due to its one-way nature and weight limit acts as a deterrent to heavy traffic and large vehicles.</p> <p>The Chairman responded that whilst no such plans exist or have been proposed, this had been considered before and the Parish Council was of the opinion that the bridge should be retained.</p> <p>A resident queried the on-going BT works in the village, which are thought to be due to the local exchange being readied for fibre broadband services.</p>
14/213	<p>Planning Applications and Decisions</p> <p>Applications:</p> <p>HOUSE/MAL/14/00927 16 Leigh Drive Wickham Bishops Resolved: that the Parish Council recommends APPROVAL.</p> <p>OUT/MAL/14/00930 Wurono Maypole Road Wickham Bishops It was noted that that the application lies distant to Wickham Bishops and therefore the Parish Council has no comment to make.</p> <p>FUL/MAL/1400953 Land East of Hornbeams Blue Mills Hill Wickham Bishops The Planning Committee Chairman stated that this application had been received too late for consideration at the Full Council meeting and due to MDC timescales would need to be discussed</p>

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	<p>prior to the next full council meeting. The application is for a new build house which is beyond the Planning Committee's normal Terms of Reference.</p> <p>Resolved: determination of the Parish Council's comments on this application will be delegated to the Planning Committee at its upcoming meeting. Proposed Cllr Sayers, seconded Cllr Mickelsen.</p> <p>The weekly decision lists were noted.</p>
14/214	<p>District Council Report</p> <p>District Councillor Durham gave a short report on the status of Maldon District's leisure contract and explained how £2M of the District's reserves were to be invested in upgraded leisure facilities.</p> <p>District Councillor Bass described how MDC was focusing on tourism, leisure and wellness.</p>
14/215	<p>EALC Report</p> <p>Cllr Pink gave details on her new appointments to the EALC's Finance and Personnel committees.</p>
14/216	<p>Finance</p> <p>The balances were noted and the list of payments agreed.</p> <p>Resolved. The Parish Council would spend £35 to register as a data controller with the Information Commissioner. Proposed Cllr Nicholas, seconded Cllr Sayers.</p> <p>Action: <i>The Clerk to register the Parish Council and arrange payment.</i></p> <p>Resolved. The Parish Council would make a grant of £1000 towards maintenance of the playpark equipment. Proposed Cllr Johnson, seconded Cllr Wardrop. Trustees of the BHSA abstained.</p> <p>Resolved. The Parish Council would cover the cost up to £100 for refreshments at Great Totham Primary School's Remembrance exhibition. Proposed Cllr Johnson, seconded Cllr Wardrop.</p> <p>A Finance Committee meeting is required to consider the 2015-2016 Budget and Precept.</p>
14/217	<p>Monthly Councillor Surgeries</p> <p>No parishioners attended the October 18th surgery.</p> <p>Supporting the surgery on Saturday 15th November will be Cllrs MacGregor and Johnson. Due to low turn-out at recent surgeries the next surgery will be scheduled for Spring 2015.</p>
14/218	<p>Progress Reports from Committees and Councillors</p> <p>Cllr Pink gave an update on the Crime Reduction meetings that she attends.</p> <p>Cllr Wardrop reported that the LHP had advised that Speedwatch signs are not standard signs and are therefore more difficult to provide. The request for these signs will therefore be put on hold to focus on the provision of coloured road surfaces on The Street by The Mitre.</p> <p>Following a report of a complaint about the recycling collection District Cllr Bass recommended residents report the time, date and location of any such incident to MDC without delay.</p> <p>Cllr Sayers reported that the BHSA / Parish Council jointly-funded defibrillator has been installed and is awaiting registration by the East of England Ambulance Trust.</p>

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	<p>The request to renovate and peppercorn-rent the air raid shelter as a salt store and building of historical interest is with ECC for a decision. A formal funding request to cover the legal work is due to be determined in November.</p> <p>Cllr Bass reported that works had been completed in Mope Lane to rectify the drainage issues caused by blocked ditches and unauthorised building.</p>
14/219	<p>General Village News</p> <p>GTPS in conjunction with the Parish Council will be holding a Remembrance Exhibition on 7th November, 2pm to 5pm.</p> <p>The biennial village picnic will be held in 2015. Action: <i>The Clerk to include in 2015 budget planning.</i></p> <p>St. Bartholomew's church is developing a project to teach parents and children about online safety.</p>
14/220	<p>Dates of Next Meetings</p> <p>Friday 14th November 2014 Finance Committee Meeting at 10.00am Friday 14th November 2014 Planning Committee Meeting at 11.30am Tuesday 2nd December 2014 Full Council Meeting at 7.30pm</p>
14/221	<p>Close of Meeting 8.33pm</p> <p>Items for December agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Publication of photographs policy - 2015-16 budget approval - Any further agenda items for consideration to the Chairman and Clerk by Friday 21st November <p>Items for future agendas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Emergency Planning and Support Register - Salt bag partnership review

North Heybridge Garden Suburb Presentation

Following the meeting the Parish Council and public moved to the Small Hall for a presentation on the planned North Heybridge Garden Suburb by HardHat and Countryside Properties. Approximately 30 members of the public were present.

The presentation covered: design & planning policies; flooding aversion & rainfall management; relief road & public transportation and status of planning applications.

Questions from the public mainly covered concerns over the potential for increased traffic up Maypole Road and through Wickham Bishops along The Street. The planned new rail station in NE Chelmsford, the staggered junction at the new relief road and the future possible closure to northbound traffic of the bottom of Maypole Road, were given as reasons to be hopeful that excessive traffic will be avoided. The Chairman concluded the presentation by thanking the presenters.

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