

## WICKHAM BISHOPS PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting of 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2013	
Item	Subject
13/45	<p><b>Those present.</b></p> <p>In the chair Cllr MacGregor.  Present; Cllrs Bass, Bates, Jacob, Johnson, Mickelsen, Pink, and Sayers.  Acting Clerk Mr Letch  No apologies for absence  Two members of the public</p>
13/46	<p><b>Declaration of interests and compliance with the ethical framework.</b></p> <p>Cllr Ian Wardrop signed the declaration of acceptance as a newly co-opted councillor.  There were no declarations of personal or personal and prejudicial interests relating to items on the agenda.</p>
13/47	<p><b>Approval of Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> June 2013.</b></p> <p>13/28 Membership of committees should also show</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Cllr Jacob – environment &amp; street cleaning, BSHA  Cllr Johnson – transport</p> <p>13/40 – note that the meeting was reopened following the resolution.</p> <p>13/42 The comment “At this stage the plans are subject to review and there is an intention to get the developer to have more bungalows and fewer larger properties.” should refer to the landowner, not the developer.</p> <p><b>Resolved.</b> With the above mentioned corrections, the minutes were adopted. Proposed Cllr Sayers, seconded Cllr Johnson.</p>
13/48	<p><b>Police report</b></p> <p>PC Lea Keen attended to deliver an update on reported incidents in the village; there have been three offences since the last report; on the 27<sup>th</sup> May – theft from a smallholding, on the 20<sup>th</sup> June theft from a motor vehicle, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June- theft from the Beacon Hill Sports Association.</p> <p>The Community Speed Watch is now up and running.</p> <p>There are no further reports of Anti-social behaviour involving nuisance bikes.</p> <p>Police attended a noise nuisance complaint at Wickham Hall Lane, advice was given and no further reports of problems.</p> <p>Councillors reported their concern that the police cannot be reached by telephone and incidents cannot be reported as they happen. PC Keen advised that the mobile number was not for reporting incidents that required immediate action. The national 101 number is the preferred contact for non-emergency calls, and if that service is not satisfactory then the Council should write to the police expressing their concerns.</p>

	<p>Concern was expressed about the lack of effective follow-up to an incident on the BHSA land.</p> <p>Speedwatch. The site by the Mitre was not considered to be a good site as the presence of the Speedwatch team was obstructing sightlines. The Speedwatch team would like to propose an alternative venue.</p> <p>The council can apply to the crime and disorder group for funding to purchase a speed gun.</p>
<b>13/49</b>	<p><b>Chairman's report</b></p> <p>The chairman welcomed the new member, Cllr Wardrop, who was proposed for two groups; speedwatch and finance.</p>
<b>13/50</b>	<p><b>Clerk's report</b></p> <p>Nothing to report</p>
<b>13/51</b>	<p><b>Public forum</b></p> <p>No comments made.</p>
<b>13/52</b>	<p><b>District Council report.</b></p> <p>In response to a question about the non-arrival of a dog bin, Cllr Bass reported that MDC had no record of one being ordered.</p> <p>The Planning Department is experiencing problems caused by resignations and illness, so there may be more delays in processing work.</p> <p>The M.D.C. Development plan is going ahead as programmed.</p> <p>The District Council has recently undergone a Local Government Association peer review.</p> <p>The Oval Park inquiry at Langford has been carried-out. The District Council has put a good case, but the matter is still under consideration.</p>
<b>13/53</b>	<p><b>Neighbourhood Watch Report</b></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>
<b>13/54</b>	<p><b>EALC report.</b></p> <p>The new Good Councillors guide has been circulated. Only available in e-copy now, but paper copies will be available at a cost.</p> <p>EALC hosted a Neighbourhood planning presentation.</p>
<b>13/55</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Invitation to participate in armed forces day Invitation for a go on a zipwire.</p> <p>The Clerk confirmed that electronic correspondence would be forwarded to councillors as it was received.</p>

<b>13/56</b>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p><b>Resolved.</b> Cllr Wardrop will join the finance group. Proposed Cllr Johnson seconded Cllr Pink.</p> <p><b>Resolved.</b> To accept the report on receipts and payments and approve cheques for payment. Proposed Cllr Sayers and seconded Cllr Pink.</p>
<b>13/57</b>	<p><b>To consider funding for an information panel at the trestle bridge railway viaduct</b></p> <p>Cllr. Mickelsen reported that the signs are in need of repair and no-one has come forward to fund replacement. Although the stand could be repaired locally, there is also a need to repair the interpretation boards. Concern was expressed that the owners of the bridge are not being more helpful.</p> <p>Further research is needed and the item will be carried forward to September.</p>
<b>13/58</b>	<p><b>Speed watch update.</b></p> <p><b>Resolved.</b> Cllr Wardrop to join the speedwatch team. Proposed Cllr Johnson and seconded Cllr Jacob.</p> <p>It was reported that a volunteer ran-off 50 copies of the incident form which are filled-in onsite and transcribed to the police website.</p> <p>All volunteers have their own hi-vis clothing.</p> <p>Cllr Wardrop reported that more volunteers would be needed if the current level of surveillance is to be maintained. An article would be written for the newsletter and a poster for the noticeboard.</p> <p>Possible other venues could be considered; war memorial, the green at Birch Rise, Church Green and the street.</p>
<b>13/59</b>	<p><b>Salt bag partnership</b></p> <p>The Council wish to participate in the 2013 -4 programme. The Clerk will arrange for the bags to be delivered to the village hall car park unless a better place is found.</p>
<b>13/60</b>	<p><b>Honours Board</b></p> <p>Before the Council can agree to purchase and install an honours board, permission must be obtained from the BHS to allow the board to be placed in the hall. Cllr Johnson will continue to research the previous chairmen and the matter will be reviewed in 2014.</p>
<b>13/61</b>	<p><b>Chairman's Allowance</b></p> <p>Resolved. To establish a Chairman's allowance of £250 per year. Proposed Cllr. Johnson seconded Cllr Sayer.</p>
<b>13/62</b>	<p><b>Annual report</b></p> <p>The payment for the distribution of the annual report was noted.</p>
<b>13/63</b>	<p><b>Recruitment of permanent clerk</b></p> <p>Two expressions of interest have been received and an interview panel will be arranged for the 27<sup>th</sup>. To comprise Cllrs MacGregor, Mickelsen and Wardrop.</p>

<b>13/64</b>	<p><b>Planning,</b></p> <p>No applications received this month.</p> <p>To note the weekly decision lists, and specifically the decision on LDP/MAL/13/00367 Little Hill farm – application for a stable block this was amended to holiday accommodation. Applied for LDC.</p> <p>The solar farm. Light Source company (developers) have complained that the application was not determined in time. It is understood that the matter will be referred to a public enquiry. MDC consider the application was refused on sound planning reasons. A presentation to be held at Little Totham Village Hall on 12<sup>th</sup> July 5.30 – 8.00</p> <p>The application for Fairplay House may need to go to the District Council’s Planning Committee for a decision. The Clerk was asked to clarify the Parish Council’s position on the application so that the matter could be decided under delegated powers.</p> <p>The Local Homes Exhibition will be set up at 2.15 on Friday with chairs and tables at the far end leaving room for notice boards at the front of the room. Volunteers were requested to provide tea and biscuits. A Councillor would be on hand to meet and greet, and another to host the comments box. There will be a register of people attending and a comments box. Representatives of the District Council, the developers and the parish will be available. Posters were circulated for approval.</p> <p>It was reported that a revision to the application for lighting at the tennis court has been noted by the District Council, but the council has received no formal notice of the proposed changes. It was noted that the amendments were about light levels, not timing. The Parish Council’s concern was not about light levels so there was no reason to change their decision.</p>
<b>13/65</b>	<p><b>Reports from other bodies and groups.</b></p> <p>Add speed watch to future agendas</p>
<b>13/66</b>	<p><b>General village news and matters for information.</b></p> <p>The area manager for the brewery was informed that the Mitre public house has been closed. On investigation he reported that the long term intention was to sell, but short term was to put a temporary manager in.</p> <p>A3 signs for the picnic will be prepared.</p>
<b>13/67</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>September 3<sup>rd</sup> 2013 Planning meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July</p>
<b>13/68</b>	<p><b>Close of meeting 10.40</b></p>