

WICKHAM BISHOPS PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of Meeting Held on 1 st October 2013	
Item	Subject
13/92	<p>Those present and apologies for absence</p> <p>In the chair Cllr MacGregor. Present; Cllrs Bass, Bates, Johnson, Mickelsen, Pink, Sayers, Jacob and Wardrop.</p> <p>5 members of the public were present</p>
13/93	<p>Declaration of interests and compliance with the ethical framework.</p> <p>No declarations of interest were made.</p>
13/94	<p>Approval of Minutes.</p> <p>Minutes for 3rd September were approved with the following amendments: 13/82 – Mandy Mickelsen name incorrectly spelt Ian Wardrop name incorrectly spelt 13/84 – Cllrs. Agreed at the meeting to discuss the possibility of purchasing a speed gun at the next meeting on 1st October 2013.</p>
13/95	<p>Police report</p> <p>No report</p>
13/96	<p>Chairman's report</p> <p>Cllr MacGregor gave thanks to Cllr Mickelsen for contacting Barclays Bank and arranged for prompt delivery of the cheque book. He thanked Cllr. Bass for sorting out the problems with post from Maldon District Council.</p> <p>Last week he had a meeting with the Chairman of Great Totham Parish Council to discuss joint working on issues that affect both communities.</p> <p>Complaints have been received regarding the numbers of cars parked at Beacon Hill Garage causing the view from the junction to be obstructed. It was recalled that there was a maximum number of vehicles the garage was allowed to display on the forecourt and therefore the original planning permission should be checked by the clerk who will then write to the garage owner to clarify.</p>
13/97	<p>Clerk's report</p> <p>No Report</p>
13/98	<p>Public Speaking</p> <p>5 members of the public were present during the meeting.</p> <p>Issues that arose were:</p> <p>The report in the parish magazine regarding the proposed development of snows corner did not accurately reflect the views of the public in attendance at the last parish meeting. Many more of those in attendance at the meeting were in opposition to the proposal however that magazine gave a heavier weight in its article to those in the minority favour.</p> <p>This was considered to add weight to the feeling that the council are supporting and pushing through the development.</p> <p>Concerns were raised regarding infrastructure, the increase in Lorries coming through the village already without the planned expansion of Heybridge, Great Totham and Witham and no bypass in place to help cope with this.</p>

	<p>Requested that the council take into account all of this and research thoroughly before making a decision on supporting the development of Snows Corner.</p> <p>Flooding in Wickham Hall Lane – Request that the kerb be raised to prevent flooding into properties, how has progress with this request been met by Essex Highways. Cllr. MacGregor to chase.</p>
13/99	<p>District Council report. An Improvement plan has been developed out of the Planning and Licencing meeting which has been delayed but is now ready and waiting for Maldon District Council to adopt.</p>
13/100	<p>Neighbourhood Watch Report No report received</p>
13/101	<p>EALC report – any urgent information Cllr Pink reported on the EALC Conference held in September with a number of Local Parishes doing well at the awards ceremony. There is no increase to EALC fees for this year. Next year’s Conference is booked for Tuesday 13th September 2014. The 9th Edition of Charles Arnold-Baker is available to purchase for £60. Clerk requested permission to order a copy. Proposed Cllr. Pink. Seconded Cllr. Wardrop</p>
13/102	<p>Presentation from Mrs Jarvis of Wickham Hall Lane for a Wellness Centre. Mrs Jarvis did not attend the meeting</p>
13/103	<p>Planning.</p> <p>WTPO/MAL/13/00826 PP-02869266 TPO 3/09 W1 – Ringwood – Re-coppice area of Sweet Chestnut and Hornbeam that is becoming neglected.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Approved</p> <p>To note the weekly decision lists.</p>
13/104	<p>Local Development Plan Please find attached the Parish Council Joint Response to the Draft Local Development Plan Public Consultation as requested by Maldon District Council. For the purpose of the joint response a majority vote has been taken for the final answers. Differences of opinion were noted on the following questions: Q1, Majority agreed 1 cllr. voted no opinion Q5, Majority agreed no opinion 2 cllrs. Voted agree.</p>
13/105	<p>Speed watch update. Speed watch has continued to go well but more volunteers are required. Anybody interested in volunteering needs to contact Cllr. Wardrop. The purchase of speed guns were discussed two options presented by Cllr Wardrop. Radar Gun - £860 Laser Gun - £2100 These need to be recalibrated annually at a cost of £110 Funding for the Gun could come from the PCSO Project which is now inactive. Cllr Jacob Proposed the purchase of the Laser Gun. Seconded Cllr. Sayers. Approved Unanimously.</p>
13/106	<p>Finance Discussed invoices received and signed cheques.</p>
13/107	<p>Audit Report</p>

	<p>The clerk reported that the annual return had been approved by the external auditor with an unqualified acceptance.</p> <p>Resolved. The report is noted and no further action is required after the notice of conclusion is published.PIM SMM</p>
13/108	<p>Salt bag partnership No Salt received. Clerk to contact the Salt Partnership to confirm delivery information.</p>
13/109	<p>Honours Board Update No Update.</p>
13/110	<p>Youth Council The Clerk to meet with an interested young person on the 3rd October. Cllrs asked the Clerk to find out from a selection of young people what they would want from a Youth Council and to set up a steering group. Clerk to write a short article for the newsletter.</p>
13/111	<p>Railway Viaduct Update No Update</p>
13/112	<p>Correspondence No correspondence to discuss.</p>
13/113	<p>Committee reports: -</p> <p>BHSA, Environment/street cleaning, Public Rights of Way, Amenities, Highways, Transport Emergency Planning, Parish Plan, Crime Reduction, Finance Committee, Website – progress on PC user addresses</p>
13/114	<p>General village news and matters for information. Request received for funding support for the Local Youth Group ran by Gemma Fraser. Cllrs. Extended an invite to Gemma to attend the November meeting. Clerk to put on agenda for November.</p> <p>Cllr Wardrop asked about overgrown hedges in the village obscuring the view from junctions. Specifically at the Junction of Kelvedon Road with Tiptree Road. Cllr MacGregor to look into.</p> <p>Cllr Jacob gave an update on recycling. We are currently number 7 in the league tables. To encourage more recycling Cllr Jacob would like to put an interesting fact in the Newsletter. Cllr Jacob to send interesting fact each month to Cllr Bates to include in the newsletter.</p> <p>Cllr Bass discussed the issue of Fly posting in the village and encourage Cllrs to take down out of date signs left by others.</p> <p>Pot holes in Mitre Car Park. Clerk to write to the Brewers to request they fix the pot holes.</p> <p>A Gift of a poppy wreath for the war memorial in November. Cllr MacGregor to contact Peter Chapman in School Road.</p> <p>Council Photo date has been set as the December meeting</p>
13/115	<p>Date of next meeting 5th November 2013</p>
13/116	<p>Close of meeting</p>

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