

WICKHAM BISHOPS PARISH COUNCIL

| MINUTES FROM 3 RD DECEMBER 2013 | |
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| Item | Subject |
| 13/136 | <p>Those present and apologies for absence In the chair Cllr MacGregor. Present; Cllrs Bates, Johnson, Mickelsen, Pink,Sayers, Jacob and Wardrop. Cllr Bass joined the meeting at 8.30.</p> <p>7 Members of the public were present</p> |
| 13/137 | <p>Declaration of interests and compliance with the ethical framework. 13/147 – Cllr MacGregor declared a Non-Pecuniary interest in Planning application HOUSE/MAL/13/00986</p> <p>Cllr Mickelsen declared a Non-Pecuniary interest in planning application FUL/MAL/13/01024</p> <p>Cllr Wardrop declared a Non-Pecuniary interest in planning application WTPO/MAL/13/01115 PP-03054551</p> |
| 13/138 | <p>Approval of Minutes. Minutes from the 5th November2013 approved</p> |
| 13/139 | <p>Chairman's report Cllr MacGregor has continued to work with Essex Highways on drainage issues. Received a report back from Jackie Gilbert, Tree Officer regarding the Oak Tree in Wickham Hall Lane that is being damaged by traffic. Jackie visited the village and reported that the tree is not in immediate danger but logged damage with ECC.</p> |
| 13/140 | <p>Neighbourhood Watch Report</p> <p>Chris Hudson Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator reported. 38 crimes were reported in the area since January 2013, 20 of those were anti-social crimes.</p> <p>There are 40 co-ordinators for the village. 10 of these do not have email. Cllrs discussed issues of communication. Many residents don't know who the co-ordinator for their road is. Co-ordinators contact details are not all available and some co-ordinators do not want their information on public notice boards.</p> <p>Due to this Chris is sending emailed information to the Parish Council asking us to display information on the Village notice board and on our website. Cllr Bates to contact the editor to see if something can run each week.</p> <p>Chris also encouraged residents to contact police number 101 for any non-emergency concerns.</p> |
| 13/141 | <p>Police report No police representation available at the meeting</p> |
| 13/142 | <p>Public Speaking A maximum of 15 minutes with no more than 3 minutes per person</p> <p>5 member of the public spoke at the meeting on a variety of issues.</p> <p>Langford Road – Electrical cable hanging down in the Road.</p> |

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| | <p>Parking at Snows Corner is becoming very dangerous. Coming out of the junction you have no line of sight. Cllr MacGregor reported that there is a grant for improvements to be made to the junction but we have no knowledge of when work will be done by Essex Highways.</p> <p>HOUSE/MAL/13/00986 – The developer gave a brief presentation of his planning application to be discussed later in the meeting. Anticipating some objections the developer spoke about the reduction of glass overlooking the neighbouring property compared to the existing conservatory in the place of the proposed extension.</p> <p>FUL/MAL/13/01024 – A local resident spoke in objection to the planning proposal citing the following objections. The front gable will be dominating in the area Particularly the building will be overbearing to number 14. It would be detrimental to the character of the area; many of the existing buildings are bungalows. Finally the building is too large for the plot.</p> |
| 13/143 | <p>District Council report. MDC are reviewing Senior management structure. MDC need to make financial reductions and are considering becoming paperless.</p> |
| 13/144 | <p>Gemma Fraser Discussed a need for funding to support an existing Youth group in the village. 33 young people currently attend the group that is organised by the Church but it is not a religious group. They provide a service for 10-15 year olds. It is necessary for the Church to employ a qualified youth worker to take over from Gemma. Without a qualified youth worker employed the group will have to close when Gemma leaves. Gemma is fundraising from a number of sources and is looking for a total of £2000 for all sources. Cllr Wardrop asked if we are allowed to fund a Youth Group. The Clerk informed the Council that they do have the power to make donations for this as it is benefitting the community and not an individual. Cllrs agreed to consider the request and inform Gemma of any decision.</p> |
| 13/145 | <p>Clerk's report No report</p> |
| 13/146 | <p>EALC report – any urgent information Cllr Pink reported that a Finance Officer has now been appointed. Cllr Pink reported a very interesting meeting with Rodney Bass talking about Highways.</p> |
| 13/147 | <p>Planning.</p> <p>FUL/MAL/13/01024 Detached dwelling and car port Site Adjacent 16 School Road Wickham Bishops Essex CM8 3NU REFUSAL WITH ONE ABSTENTION FROM CLLR MICKELSEN 8 Letters of objection received. Overdevelopment of the site and overbearing to neighbouring properties. Proposed Garden also smaller than neighbouring properties, out of keeping with the village design statement.</p> <p>HOUSE/MAL/13/00986 Proposal: Removal of existing conservatory and replace with single storey sitting room/kitchen extension Location: Glenridge Witham Road Wickham Bishops Essex REFUSAL WITH ONE ABSTENTION FROM CLLR MACGREGOR The elevated position of the property to be developed compared to neighbours make the proposal dominant in the neighbouring garden.</p> <p>HOUSE/MAL/13/01059 PP-02998585 Demolish existing conservatory and erect orangery to rear and side of</p> |

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| | <p>existing property 6 Wooldridge Place Wickham Bishops Essex CM8 3LW</p> <p style="text-align: right;">APPROVED</p> <p>HOUSE/MAL/13/01074 PP-03018625 Store room on the side of the house Location: Campions, 16 Heathgate, Wickham Bishops, Essex APPROVED WITH ONE ABSTENTION FROM CLLR WARDROP</p> <p>Village Homes Update– The highways specialist has produced an 88 page document to James Taylor. It includes a plan for an adopted highway and verge.</p> |
| | <p>Speed watch update.</p> <p>9 checks completed. 108 vehicles recorded which is an increase. 3 of these checks took place in Witham Road and another is planned due to this being a continued hotspot for drivers speeding.</p> |
| 13/149 | <p>The Library To discuss the process of declaring interest in buildings under the Localism Act. Cllr Mickelsen discussed declaring the Library as a Community Asset. This act would give the council time to consider if this building were to be sold off. By declaring a building the council would be first to hear about future plans giving the council time to act. The Clerk to investigate the process.</p> |
| 13/150 | <p>Finance Report received and payments agreed. Discussed banking issues with Barclays. Unity Bank suggested as an alternative option and consideration. Clerk to investigate Unity Bank</p> |
| 13/151 | <p>Precept Budget proposal discussed. Finance committee meeting arranged for 13th December to finalise proposal.</p> |
| 13/152 | <p>Correspondence To receive and discuss correspondence.</p> |
| 13/153 | <p>Committee reports: - No reports</p> |
| 13/154 | <p>General Village News Beacon Hill Garage – No record of planning including a limit to numbers of vehicles on the forecourt. Cllrs reported that cars seemed to be reduced for a week or two but numbers have since increased.</p> <p>Cllr MacGregor thanked Mrs Mooney for her work on the village notice board that is now looking improved. Cllrs MacGregor and Sayers still to renovate the board itself.</p> <p>James Taylor of English Rural Housing Association to be asked to attend annual assembly.</p> <p>Street Cleaning – Wickham Hall Lane, Highway rangers will cut back hedges on both sides of the road at the end of the month. They have already completed the bench at the Vicarage.</p> |
| 13/155 | <p>Date of next meeting 7th January 2013</p> |
| 13/156 | <p>Close of meeting 9.06</p> |

