

Wickham Bishops Parish Council

Parish Councillors

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



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MINUTES of Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Friday 11th November 2016 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall Small Hall	
Item	Subject
16/176	Introduction and Chairman's Remarks The Chairman welcomed the attendance of a large number of parishioners
16/177	Those Present and Apologies for Absence In the chair: Cllr MacGregor Present: Cllrs Bass, Bates, Mundell, Nicholas, Pink, Sayers and Wardrop; the Clerk. Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Mickelsen and District Cllr Durham. Four members of the public also offered apologies for being unable to attend and sent letters of support to the Parish Council. There were approximately forty members of the public present including Planning Consultant Mr Paul Munson.
16/178	Declaration of Interests and Compliance with the Ethical Framework There were no Declarations of Interest.
16/179	Planning Appeal APP/X1545/W/16/3152640, by the Chairman of the Planning Committee The Chairman of the Planning Committee, Cllr Sayers, gave a summary of the application and actions taken by the Parish Council and explained the appeal process. Cllr Sayers noted that opposition to the application was due to practical considerations and pointed out that the Parish Council was not against development having initiated the community-led development at Snows Corner. The Chairman of the Parish Council described a letter, received from Witham MP Priti Patel, promising a meeting with the Planning Inspectorate, District and Parish Councils regarding the shared concerns about appeal decision inconsistencies. The Chairman then introduced Mr Paul Munson, a Planning Consultant engaged by the Parish Council for this appeal.
16/180	Appeal Analysis and Action Plan, by Consultant Mr Paul Munson B.Sc., Dip. TP, MRTPI Mr Munson detailed his qualifications and experience to the meeting, then presented his analysis of the application and its key points that would be addressed during the appeal. It was explained that Planning Inspectors often allow representations from residents but repetition was to be avoided and best practice is to select a single parishioner as spokesperson.
16/181	Public Forum District Cllr Bass advised that the Rural Allocation of housing development was to be complete by January and with the district's five-year land supply for housing resolved, the arguments employed by speculative developers were diminishing. Cllr Bass pointed out that with the Snows Corner, Maypole Road and Kelvedon Road developments, 47 new dwellings have been approved recently and this would be a strong argument against further incremental building.

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	<p>Members of the public asked questions about the appeal process and the District Council's progress with the Local Development Plan, and raised further points of objection, which were noted. It was explained that where an issue could be mitigated, whether financially or by design, Planning Inspectors would tend to impose a Condition to ensure mitigation; the principle of development of the site would therefore be a key factor in the appeal decision.</p> <p>The Chairman of the Parish Council introduced Cllr Mundell, who is leading the parish Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) Steering Group. Cllr Mundell highlighted the aims of the NHP and the group's progress. The draft Vision and Objectives will be available at the Christmas Bazaar on 19th November, where members of the Steering Group will also be present. Parishioners were invited to offer feedback on the draft and to join the NHP Steering Group.</p>
16/182	<p>Dates of Next Meetings</p> <p>Friday 18th November 2016 Finance Committee Meeting at 10.30am</p> <p>Friday 18th November 2016 Planning Committee Meeting at 11.30am <i>if required</i></p> <p>Tuesday 29th November 2016 NHP Steering Group meeting at 7.30pm</p> <p>Tuesday 6th December 2016 Full Council Meeting at 7.30pm</p>
16/183	<p>Close of Meeting 9.15pm</p> <p>Items for futures agendas (additional items to Chairman and Clerk by Friday 25th November):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Precept (December) - Local Council Award Scheme (January)