

# 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  
B F Sayers  
I D Wardrop



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3<sup>rd</sup> Place Essex Village of the Year 2015  
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<b>MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY</b> <b>Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Boardroom</b>	
Item	Subject
16/001	<b>Those Present and Apologies for Absence</b> In the chair: Cllr MacGregor Present: Cllrs Bass, Bates, Johnson, Mickelsen, Nicholas, Pink and Sayers; the Clerk. Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr Wardrop. There were eight members of the public present.
16/002	<b>Declaration of Interests and Compliance with the Ethical Framework</b> Cllr MacGregor declared a Non-Pecuniary Interest in item 16/004 appeal FUL/MAL/14/01192 Land Adjacent to Crabbs Farm Back Lane.
16/003	<b>Public Forum</b> Three members of the public spoke against appeal FUL/MAL/14/01192 Land Adjacent to Crabbs Farm Back Lane. Concerns included: the accuracy of comments in the appeal; the relevance of a two-year old successful appeal nearby; highways and environmental factors; proposed housing density and sustainability credentials. The parishioners requested the Parish Council write to the Planning Inspector to express the high level of public feeling against these plans. A member of the public spoke in support of application FUL/MAL/15/00853 Orchard House Langford and suggested that it would enhance the area. A member of the public spoke about their upcoming application FUL/MAL/15/01218 Carters Station Road, explaining that removal of the condition would allow family members to sleep in the outbuilding and that there were no plans for commercial activities.
16/004	<b>Planning Applications and Decisions</b> Cllr Bass refrained from voting on the following planning applications due to the potential for him to vote at the District planning meeting. <u>Applications:</u> <b>FUL/MAL/15/00853 Orchard House Langford Road Wickham Bishops</b> No letters of objection had been received. A neighbour gave support during the public forum. The application site is a disused bottling plant which has been problematic over the years due to noise and commercial traffic. The site lies outside the development boundary, somewhat distant from village facilities and cannot be seen from the road. Councillors concluded that the site can be considered a brownfield site and that replacement of the disused facility with a dwelling had merit and would have a positive impact on the locality, unlike other, recent, refused applications outside the development boundary. <b>Resolved with one abstention:</b> The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL. Proposed Cllr Sayers, seconded Cllr Mickelsen. Cllr Nicholas requested his abstention be recorded. <b>FUL/MAL/15/01218 Carters Station Road Wickham Bishops</b> No letters of objection had been received.

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	<p>Councillors considered that removal of the part of the Condition specifically prohibiting overnight sleeping would achieve the applicant's aims whilst protecting the property from any future commercial use. Councillors could not support the application as submitted, which requested removal of the entire Condition.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> The Parish Council recommended REFUSAL. Proposed Cllr Sayers, seconded Cllr Johnson.</p> <p><u>Appeals:</u></p> <p><b>FUL/MAL/14/01192 Land Adjacent to Crabbs Farm Back Lane Wickham Bishops</b></p> <p>The Chairman of the Planning Committee, Cllr Sayers, confirmed that he will be writing to the Planning Inspector to reinforce the Parish Council's existing comments on the application and to mention the District Council's six-year land supply, the advanced stage of the LDP and comments made during the public forum.</p> <p>Cllr Bass advised that the District Council is requesting this appeal be held open to the public.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Cllr Sayers to write to the Planning Inspector.</p> <p><u>Decisions:</u></p> <p>The following decisions made by Maldon District Council were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FUL/MAL/15/00622 Fontenay Station Road– APPROVED</li> <li>- HOUSE/MAL/15/010987 Grange Road – REFUSED</li> </ul> <p>The following decisions made by the Planning Inspectorate were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FUL/MAL/14/01257 Land Adjacent to Shamrock Cottage Tiptree Road – ALLOWED</li> <li>- FUL/MAL/14/00917 Bouncers Wickham Hall Lane – ALLOWED</li> </ul>
<b>16/005</b>	<p><b>Finance</b></p> <p>The balances and list of payments were noted.</p> <p>The replacement cost of the damaged bench at Snows Corner was noted. Its replacement will be discussed when further information regarding the bus stop's possible relocation is available.</p>
<b>16/006</b>	<p><b>Dates of Next Meetings</b></p> <p>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Planning Committee Meeting at 11.30am <i>if required</i></p> <p>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016 Full Council Meeting at 7.30pm</p>
<b>16/007</b>	<p><b>Close of Meeting 8.40pm</b></p> <p>Items for February agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Policy Approval: Grant Awarding</li> <li>- Appointment of Frail Persons Register Committee</li> <li>- Review of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations</li> <li>- Planning of tree planting to mark the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday</li> <li>- Agenda items for consideration to the Chairman and Clerk by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</li> </ul> <p>Items for future agendas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review of Planning Committee Terms of Reference</li> <li>- Policy approval: Model Publication Scheme</li> <li>- Local Council Award Scheme</li> <li>- Neighbourhood Plan</li> <li>- Snows Corner bench replacement</li> </ul>

Notice is hereby given that, should there be plans to discuss, a Planning Meeting will be heard on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016** at 11.30am in the Village Hall Boardroom. The plans will be listed on the agenda and published on the Parish Council notice board (outside One Stop) at least 3 clear days prior to the meeting. Members of the press and public are welcome to attend.