

Wickham Bishops Parish Council

Parish Councillors

Mrs A Mickelsen (Chairman)
I D Wardrop (Vice-Chairman)
H M Bass
P J Bates
Mrs J Elliston
I S F MacGregor
R Mundell
S J Nicholas
J Williams



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MINUTES of Additional Ordinary Parish Council Meeting held on Friday 20th July 2018 at 11.30am in the Village Hall Boardroom

Item	Subject
18/156	<p>Those Present and Apologies for Absence</p> <p>In the chair: Cllr Mickelsen</p> <p>Present: Cllrs Bass, Bates, Elliston, MacGregor, Mundell, Nicholas, Wardrop and Williams; the Clerk.</p> <p>There were four members of the public present.</p>
18/157	<p>Declaration of Interests and Compliance with the Ethical Framework</p> <p>There were no Declarations of Interests.</p>
18/158	<p>Public Forum</p> <p>A member of the public spoke on behalf of her application 18/00751/FUL - <i>Maltings Cottage Maypole Road</i>. The resident presented a 3D scale model of the site and proposals, explaining that she wished to remain in the area in a smaller property and wanted to provide additional smaller dwellings in line with local needs.</p> <p>Two members of the public, including the architect for 18/00751/FUL - <i>Maltings Cottage Maypole Road</i>, joined the meeting.</p> <p>The architect reported that the new dwellings would have a ridge height 1.1 metre higher than the existing, and the footprints would be similar, with rear garden size around 25sqm.</p> <p>A member of the public spoke against application 18/00751/FUL - <i>Maltings Cottage Maypole Road</i>, stating that the design appeared cramped and out of keeping with the location and would harm the village's rural character. The resident expressed concerns over inadequate access, the dwellings' close proximity to the road and the loss of the historic malting building.</p>
18/159	<p>Planning Applications and Decisions</p> <p>The Chairman explained that Cllr Bass would refrain from voting due to the possibility of participating in determining the applications at Maldon District Council, confirming that all applications had been circulated to Councillors for study ahead of the meeting.</p> <p><u>Applications</u></p> <p>18/00751/FUL - Maltings Cottage Maypole Road Great Totham</p> <p>One letter of objection had been received.</p> <p>Noting that the site lay just within Great Totham parish, the Chairman of the Planning Committee, Cllr MacGregor, reported that Great Totham Parish Council had recommended refusal of planning permission due to the loss of a historic building, insufficient access and a detrimental effect on the street scene.</p> <p>Councillors stated the provision of smaller, two-bedroomed units would accord with the needs identified by the Wickham Bishops Housing Needs Survey. Noting that Maypole was a busy route where traffic frequently exceeded the speed limit, Councillors were concerned about providing dwellings close to the street edge. Further concerns were expressed about the housing density being out of keeping with the large, detached dwellings within large plots that characterised Maypole Road. It was considered the loss of a notable landmark building would materially affect the rural character and individuality of the village entryway. Councillors concluded that the increase in smaller dwellings would not outweigh the larger harm caused by the proposal.</p> <p>Resolved: The Parish Council recommended REFUSAL. Proposed Cllr Wardrop, seconded Cllr Mundell.</p>

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	<p>18/00749/FUL - Village Hall Church Road Wickham Bishops No letters of representation had been received. Cllr MacGregor reported that the proposal for a small extension, to house an additional toilet suitable for the disabled, would be in keeping with the existing building by matching materials and not extending beyond the existing development line. Resolved: The Parish Council recommended APPROVAL. Proposed Cllr Williams, seconded Cllr MacGregor.</p> <p>18/00619/FUL - Land West of Abbottswood Beacon Hill Great Totham No letters of representation had been received. Cllr MacGregor advised that the site lay outside, but near to, the Wickham Bishops parish border, and outside the development boundary. Councillors noted that the supporting documents contained factual errors, claiming the existence of facilities within Wickham Bishops that did not exist. Noting the green, leafy character of the area, Councillors considered that the proposed dwelling would bring an urban feel and be overly dominant, with a harmful effect on the street scene. Resolved: The Parish Council recommended REFUSAL. Proposed Cllr Nicholas, seconded Cllr Williams.</p> <p>There were no delegated decisions made by the Parish Clerk, or decisions made by the Planning Inspectorate, to note.</p> <p>The decision made by Maldon District Council and its recent approval of <i>18/00600/FUL & 18/00601/FUL - Beacon Hill Sports Association Tennis Courts Great Totham Road</i>, were noted.</p>
18/160	<p>Dates of Next Meetings The Clerk reported receipt of an application due back by Thursday 16th August 2018. The Planning Committee meeting scheduled for Friday 17th August 2018 may be brought forward by one day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thursday 16th or Friday 17th August Planning Committee Meeting at 11.30am <i>to be confirmed</i> - Tuesday 4th September Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm
18/161	<p>Close of Meeting 12.07pm Items for future agendas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Local Council Award Scheme update (September)