



Wickham Bishops Parish Council

The Public and Press are invited, and all Councillors are summoned, to attend the forthcoming meeting of Wickham Bishops Parish Council to be held on **Tuesday 3rd March 2026 at 7.30pm** in the Village Hall Boardroom where the under-mentioned business is proposed to be transacted.

Lorraine A Bailey,
Clerk to the Parish Council

26th February 2026

AGENDA

26/046 Those Present and Apologies for Absence

26/047 Declaration of Interests and Compliance with the Ethical Framework

26/048 Approval of Minutes

To approve Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 3rd February 2026

26/049 Chairman's Report

26/050 Clerk's Report

26/051 Public Forum – a maximum of 15 minutes with no more than 3 mins per person

Chairman to suspend the meeting to allow the public to make representations on agenda items

26/052 Planning Applications and Decisions

To agree a response to the following Applications:

[26/00068/WTPO 21 Wellands](#) TPO 4/91 Oak – Crown lift over the road by 5m, prune back from cables by 1m and from house by 3m. Crown thinning of epicormic growth in the dense areas by 50%

[26/00043/HOUSE Belvedere, 30 Witham Road](#) Alterations to existing garage and outbuilding to create habitable rooms, including raise roof ridge height over garage, and roof extension over outbuilding

[26/00114/HOUSE 10 Blacksmiths Lane](#) First floor side extension over existing garage with rear dormer, roof lights and changes to fenestration

[26/00123/WTPO Oakwood 11 School Road](#) T1, T2, Quercus Robur, height and lateral reduction by 1.5m. Removal of deadwood and basal epicormic growth

[26/00046/OUT Crossways, Kelvedon Road, Great Totham](#) Outline application with all matters reserved with the exception of access and layout, for the erection of 2 self build bungalows with garages

[26/00024/SCR Land adj Pump House, Catchpole Road, Great Totham](#)
EIA screening opinion request for up to 150 dwellings

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[26/00084/FUL Little Oaks Residential Home Braxted Road Little Braxted](#)

1.5 storey side extension and single storey rear extension to provide 10. No additional bedrooms and shared living space.

To note the following Appeals and consider whether to submit further comments:

[25/00616/OUT Land adjacent Crispins, Roots Lane](#) Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for 5 no. 3-bed bungalows with detached garage and access road including turning head off existing drive

[25/00817/FUL Land at Five Corners, Maypole Road, Great Totham](#) Conversion of outbuilding into an annexe ancillary to main dwelling

To note the following decisions made by MDC:

25/01054/HOUSE Ravello, Maypole Road, Great Totham. Single storey side extension. **APPROVED**

25/00852/LBC Carters, Station Road. Internal alterations to improve thermal efficiency. Replacement of external windows and doors. **LB CONSENT GRANTED**

25/00966/FUL & 25/00967/LBC The Chequers Inn, 32 The Street. Erection of detached single storey cold store on side of main building, replacement of existing fence and pedestrian gate with new gate. **APPROVED**

25/00967/LBC The Chequers Inn, 32 The Street. Retrospective listed building consent for replacement beam and remodelling of toilets including open up ceiling and restoring fireplace in female facilities. **LB CONSENT GRANTED**

25/01103/WTPO 23 Heathgate.(G1 on TPO 05/76) T1, T2 - Oak trees, height reduction by 4m and lateral reduction by 3m. **APPROVED**



26/053 Land rear of 9 Church Road – to note further developments, if any



26/054 Traffic Calming & Highway Matters

- Speedwatch - Update following meeting with Dame Priti Patel MP and MDC Crime and Disorder Committee
- Parking problems at The Mitre junction – discuss and agree possible solutions
- Recent accidents at war memorial junction – discuss and agree possible solutions

26/055 Essex & Suffolk Water Masts Proposals, update

26/056 District Councillor Report To receive a report from District Councillor Morgan

26/057 County Councillor Report To receive a report from County Councillor Durham



26/058 War Memorial/Remembrance Day arrangements update



26/059 Parish Councillor Vacancy – consider and agree recruitment approach



26/060 Annual Parish Assembly – Tuesday 5th May 8pm, Church Hall

Confirm arrangements, agree speakers and invite list

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26/061 Finance To note bank balances and agree payments for the month



26/062 Governance – to review and formally re-adopt the following
Standing Orders and Health & Safety Policy

26/063 Progress Reports from Councillors – no decisions required



26/064 Correspondence

- [Government consultation on reducing the prevalence of private Estate Management in new rural developments](#) (deadline 12th March)
- [ECC new Climate Action Plan 2025-28](#)
- Local Nature Recovery & Biodiversity Net Gain – RCCE webinar 17th March 7pm
- [Parish Elections & Local Govt Reorganisation – Consultation Survey](#)
- Letter from resident concerned about Church Green

26/065 Parish Council Monthly Surgery

Note February surgery requests (if any) and consider action if required
Agree Saturday 21st March attendance

26/066 General Village News and Events to Note

Give consideration to and agree date for Annual Litter Pick

26/067 Date of Next Meetings:

Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday 7th April 2026, 7.30pm, Village Hall Boardroom
Annual Parish Council Meeting, Tuesday 5th May 2026, 7pm Church Hall
Annual Parish Assembly, Tuesday 5th May 2026, 8pm Church Hall

26/068 Close of Meeting

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