

WETHERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL
REPRESENTING WETHERSFIELD, BLACKMORE END & BEAZLEY END



MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held at Wethersfield Village Hall on Wednesday, 17th July 2019 commencing at 7.30pm.

Present: Cllr N Godley (Chairman)
Cllr Mrs S Booth (Vice Chairman)
Cllr J Barker
Cllr Mrs A Phillips
Cllr Mrs S Short
Cllr D Wilson
Cllr J Pearce
Cllr M Stuckey
Cllr A Varney
Cllr V Santomauro (District Councillor)
Mrs M Baker (Clerk and RFO)

In Attendance: Members of the Public: 119

68/19-20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

69/19-20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

None.

70/19-20 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 18th OF JUNE AND 9TH OF JULY 2019

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 18th June and 9th of July 2019, copies of which had been previously circulated to Members, were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

71/19-20 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION

- A resident asked for an update on making Dog Chase a Cul-de-Sac
- The Chair of the Wethersfield Village Hall CIO highlighted the website issues

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- A resident raised the issue of the outdated councillor details on the website.

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REPORT FROM THE CLERK

The following update on matters arising, together with correspondence received was approved:

Parking at Svers Field, Blackmore End

Documents have been passed onto residents.

Tree Planting to Combat Carbon Emissions

The national trust were contacted regarding a tree gifting scheme they are currently running.

The outcome will be known in September 2019

Planters for Beazley End

The forms have been requested from Braintree District Council.

DFPA Sports Equipment Grant

Mr Pitt has applied for the grant and will return to the council before the next meeting with an update.

Smartening Up the Parish

An email was sent to the resident thanking him for his input. A tidy up plan will be considered at the September meeting.

Compliance with Making Tax Digital and Intergrating Accounting

An account has been created and data is being uploaded.

Update on Planning Applications Listed in the Minutes dated 19th of June 2019:

1. 18/02075/FUL: Codham Park Equestrian, Codham Little Park Drive, Wethersfield, CM7 5JQ

Retention of warm-up area and additional land for car parking in connection with the use of land for equestrian competitions. Erection of new kiosk for the sale of food and drink.

STATUS: PENDING CONSIDERATION

2. 19/00302/FUL: Land at 22 West Drive, Wethersfield, CM7 4BT

Detached two storey 2 bedroom dwelling.

STATUS: PENDING CONSIDERATION

3. 19/00735/FUL: Land South Of Silver Street, Wethersfield, Essex

Erection of 1 No. two storey detached dwelling, detached double garage, access and associated works.

STATUS: PENDING CONSIDERATION

4. 19/00763/FUL: 39 Saffron Gardens, Wethersfield, CM7 4BL

Proposed two bedroom dwelling.

STATUS: PENDING CONSIDERATION

5. 19/00136FUL: The Old Brewery, Braintree Road, Wethersfield, CM7 4BU
Notice of intent to carry out works to trees in a conservation area.
STATUS: PENDING CONSIDERATION

Correspondence Received:

- (i) A letter from B.E.A.R.S requesting funding assistance for 2019.
- (ii) ICO Commissioners office certificate of compliancy.

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**PRESENTATION BY BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL REGARDING
THE DRAFT WETHERSFIELD CONSERVATION AREA
APPRAISAL AND MANAGEMENT PLAN**

3 Representatives from the council addressed the public giving a brief outline of the reasons for the revaluation of the Wethersfield conservation area.

Members of the public and the Parish council raised the following issues:

- Several flaws in the document relating to reporting inaccuracies
- The deadline of 12th of August is too soon considering the lack of public notification from BDC - A request for an extension was proposed by the Parish council and supported by Cllr Butland.
- There was a lack of justification in the report for the changes.
- Concerns were raised that if the conservation area was reduced the impact it would have on the surrounding areas especially concerning tree preservation.
- Concerns were raised concerning increased developments within the area.
- The lack of future management plans actually included in the document.

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REPORT FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCILLOR

None.

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PLANNING

RESOLVED that Braintree District Council be informed of the comments as set out below for the following application:

Application No: 18/02057/FUL
Location: Codham Park Equestrian, Codham Park Drive, Wethersfield.
Proposal: To permit competitive events (being a competition advertised and operated as a single event) to take place for the period of 1 March to 30th November, the competitive events being restricted to 0900 hours to 1800 hours
NO FURTHER COMMENT

Application No: 19/00167/TPO
Location: The Mews Saffron Close Wethersfield
Proposal: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees with a Tree Preservation Order 3/19 - (T1) - Reduce 2 overhanging limbs from a Horse Chestnut
NO COMMENT

Application No: 19/01134/LBC
Location: Hyde Farm Hyde Lane Blackmore End Wethersfield
Proposal: Thatched roof to a plain clay tiled roof and the Corten steel flat roof of the link building to a pitched zinc roof
NO OBJECTION

Application No: 19/01155/FUL
Location: Brook Cottage, Blackmore End, Wethersfield
Proposal: Proposed detached dwelling and associated cart lodges
NO OBJECTION

Application No: 02/00423/TPO
Location: 21 Saffron Gardens, Wethersfield
Proposal: Notice of intent to carry out works to trees protected by Tree Preservation Order No. 2/92 - 15% crown reduction and thinning to one oak tree
NO COMMENT

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MAINTENANCE OF TREES ON WETHERSFIELD GREEN

RESOLVED It was agreed to proceed with the quote of £450. Proposed by Cllr Pearce and Seconded By Cllr Short.

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WETHERSFIELD COMMUNITY WEBSITE

- (i) Due to the recent removal of ECC website support it was agreed to continue researching a valid alternative.
- (ii) **RESOLVED** It was agreed to set up a Wethersfield Parish Council Facebook Page. Proposed by Cllr Wilson and Seconded by Cllr Pearce.

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VE DAY 2020

- (i) **RESOLVED** Cllr Godley agreed to attend the meeting
- (ii) A donation towards the cost of a Band for the dance on Saturday the 9th of May 2020. A cap was suggested of £1000 to be proposed at the next meeting.

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THE PROPOSED VILLAGE SHOP

Concerns were expressed about the proposed frontage design as it was not in-keeping with the village and current structure. As an asset of the Parish Council it was agreed that an objection should be considered, after the meeting

is conducted by CROWS on the 24th of July ascertaining the community opinion regarding the validity of a village shop.
The issue was also raised whether the new frontage was consistent with the current objection to the reduced conservation area.

80/19-20 **FINANCE**

(i) The list of payments due were received.

RESOLVED that the following payments be made:

Item No.	Cheque No.	Cheque Date	Payee	Description	Column1
1	102192	17/07/2019	Braintree District Council	Grounds Maintenance for 2019/20	£3,048.00
2	102195	17/07/2019	Mr E Butcher	Litter picking for June 2019	£95.00
3		17/07/2019	Mrs M Baker	Postage Costs	£2.80
3	102196	17/07/2019	Mrs M Baker	Salary for incoming Clerk & RFO (14 hrs @ £10.37 per hour)	
4	102197	17/07/2019	Mrs A Lucas	Outgoing Clerk : Time apportioned use of home as office for 2019	£208.00
5	102197	17/07/2019	E.O.N	Street Lighting	£210.91
TOTAL					£3,564.71

81/19-20 **ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS TO BE ADDED TO THE NEXT AGENDA**

- New regulations coming into effect 01/20 regarding septic tanks.
- Parish Questionnaire
- Defibrillator for Beazley End
- Syers Field Parking Arrangements
- Dog Chase – Highways response
- Village Clean Up

Councillors are asked to inform the clerk of any items by 10th September 2019.

82/19-20 **NEXT MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL:** The next meeting of Wethersfield Parish Council will take place at Wethersfield Village Hall on Wednesday, 18th September 2019 commencing at 7.30pm.

The Chairman thanked everybody for attending and declared the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.

Signed:
Chairman



Date: 18.09.19