

Bishop's Waltham Matters

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Welcome

As usual at this time of the year, your Councillors have been busy in setting their financial budgets for 2020-21.

The Parish Council has agreed the figures as set out in the table below.

The net increase in revenue and capital costs is 3.5% offset by a 1.1% reduction, that results in a net increase of 2.8%.

However the additional housing developments that have taken place in the past year provides a larger base to spread this cost over, and this results in the net increase to average 1.7%.

I emphasise that these figures relate to the Bishop's Waltham portion of your Council Tax charge only, and will be added to the Hampshire County and Winchester Council's element when calculating the total charge.

Precept Comparisons (£'s)	2020-21	2019-20	Change
Revenue Expenditure	510,163	487,230	4.7%
Revenue Income	114,184	104,611	9.2%
Net Revenue Costs	<u>395,979</u>	<u>382,619</u>	<u>3.5%</u>
Net Capital Expenditures	311,923	63,856	
C I L Funding	248,731	0	
Net Capital Costs	<u>63,192</u>	<u>63,856</u>	<u>(1.1%)</u>
Total Net Expenditures	<u>459,171</u>	<u>446,475</u>	<u>2.8%</u>
Effect of Additional Developments			(1.1%)

Terry Wilson
Chairman



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Bishop's Waltham Parish Council - Environmental Policy

In December we adopted an Environmental Policy which outlines our aims in managing the environmental impact upon our town.

Parish Council Aims:

- Protect and enhance the character, identity and rural setting of the Parish.
- Raise the profile of environmental and climate change issues within the Parish.
- Engage with environment agencies, councils, planning authorities and developers to reduce air, water, soil, light and noise pollution.
- Encourage residents to report environmental concerns.
- Protect and enhance green spaces, opportunities for recreation, sports and children's play areas.
- Promote walking, cycling and the use of public transport in order to reduce pollution.

During the year the Parish Council will initiate projects to meet these aims.



What is an Environmental Policy?

Environmental policy is defined as "any action deliberately taken to manage human activities with a view to prevent, reduce, or mitigate harmful effects on nature and natural resources, and ensuring that man-made changes to the environment do not have harmful effects on humans or the environment"

Hampshire Library Service - Consultation

Hampshire County Council are asking people who live, work and study in Hampshire to have their say on proposed changes to libraries in order for them to make savings.

Have your say - Consultation forms can be collected from the library or accessed online: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/aboutthecouncil/haveyoursay/consultations/library-consultation>

Closing date: 18th March 2020



Jubilee Hall Car Park - Update

Work has now begun to extend the Jubilee Hall Car Park in response to public demand. At least half the current car park will still be open while the works are carried out. Completion is expected in March 2020 and will provide an extra 71 spaces. The car park will be run by the Parish Council with 2 hours free car parking. Season tickets will be available for allocated parking spaces.

Dog Fouling

Despite providing dog waste bags on Station Roundabout, Priory Park and North Pond Bridge we have noticed an increase in dog fouling in these areas. Please pick up after your dog and dispose of dog waste bags in the nearest bin, not on the ground.

Hampshire Waste Recycling Centres - Vehicle Registration

Hampshire County Council has announced that it will introduce a resident permit system at its household waste and recycling centres. Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras will check the registration of vehicles. Hampshire residents who have pre-registered up to 3 cars or 4x4s will be able to enter the sites freely without any delays or further checks being required.

To register your vehicles, please go to:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/wasteandrecycling/recyclingcentres/vehicle-registration>

If you are unable to access the form online, please call HantsDirect on 0300 555 1389 to register.





Montague Road/Pondside Development

The Council has accepted the offer of the Open Space Land at Pondside from Linden Homes (subject to legal agreement). Funding is now in place for two new play areas on this land and we are consulting with play equipment companies to plan the two playgrounds. One area will be aimed at toddlers, the other aimed at junior age children.



Clean Up Bishop's Waltham

Calling all volunteers to help at our Clean Up Bishop's Waltham event on Saturday 28th March 2020, 10am to 12pm. Bring gloves, a mobile phone and friends. Everything else is provided.

Meet at the Jubilee Hall.

Projects for Consideration 2020-2022

Five projects will be considered over the next two years; the replacement of the Jubilee Hall main entrance doors; replacement of the Jubilee Hall windows; an extension to the Estates Shed; purchase of a new tractor; and improvements to Priory Park Clubhouse.

Bishop's Waltham's Annual Meeting of the Parish

Shaping Our Future - The New Decade

Wednesday 1st April 2020 - Doors open at 6.30pm - The Jubilee Hall, Little Shore Lane

Free event for local residents and businesses - Presentations, displays, and a glass of wine

Priory Park Skate Park - Closure

Unfortunately, we had to close Priory Park Skate Park with immediate effect due to health and safety reasons.

We will be seeking quotations for a new upgraded facility.

Jubilee Hall Play Park Extension

With the Jubilee Hall Car Park extension going ahead at the rear of the building, we have made plans to extend the play park, providing a larger play space at the front of the building. The fence line will be extended to be parallel with the roadway, both gates will be replaced, and new play equipment items installed.

- LOOKING AHEAD -

The Parish Council are planning an event to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day (Victory in Europe), Friday 8th May (BH) - Sunday 10th May

If residents would like to hold street parties, you can apply online:

<https://www.winchester.gov.uk/organising-an-event-in-winchester/street-party-special-event-road-closures>

Councillors Surgery Summary

The matter of The Southern Footpath/Cycleway

The Winchester City Council Local Plan (2017-31) contained the policies for the Bishop's Waltham housing development sites; Albany Farm, Tangier Lane, Martin Street. Each site included a requirement to provide a new improved footpath/cycleway through the sites. These were to provide the appropriate sections of the complete route from the Tollgate Sawmill site to the railway footpath, south of station roundabout. Each developer has planned to include the footpath/cycleway within their designs, some of which follow the internal road layout.

There are two sections of Parish Council land to be crossed:

- The Allotments - 100 m currently grassed
- Priory Park - 400m currently grassed

We will be working with the developers to progress and manage the provision of the Southern Footpath/Cycleway on Parish Council land to completion of the project.

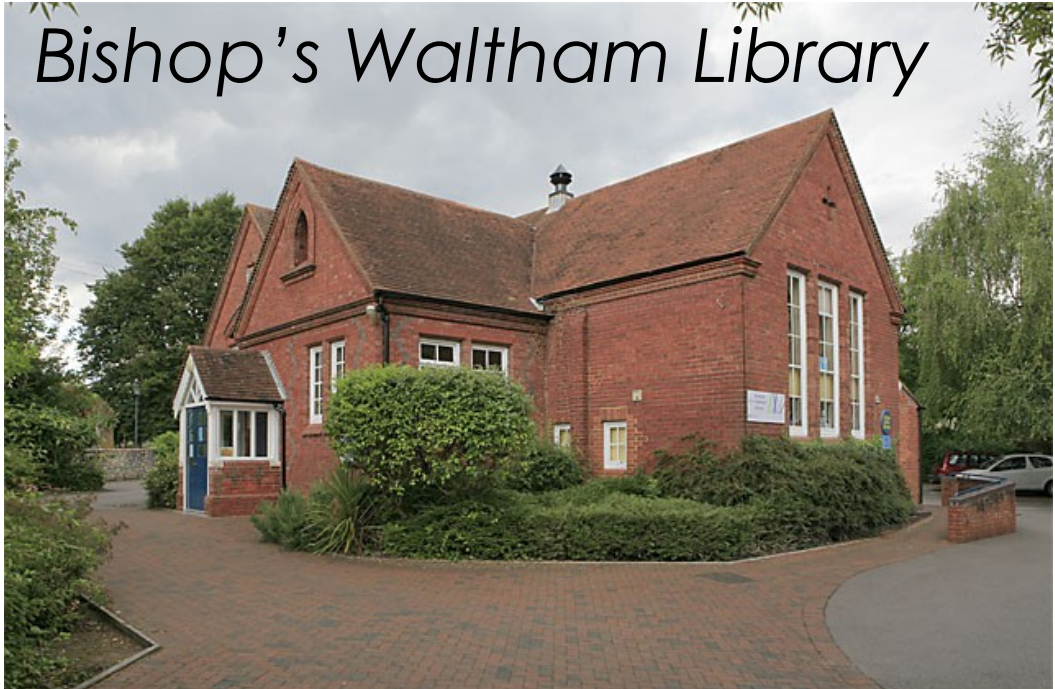
Spotlight on:

Bishop's Waltham Library

Opening Times:

Mon - Closed
Tue - 2pm to 7pm
Wed - 10am to 5pm
Thu - Closed
Fri - 10am to 5pm
Sat - 9.30am to 1pm
Sun - Closed

Facilities: Photocopier / laptop area with power points / printing / scanner



What's On:

- Toddler Time - every Wednesday, 10:30am to 11am - Books and crafts for pre-schoolers
- Construction Club—every Saturday, 10am to 12pm - Lego construction fun
- Knit & Natter
- Summer and Winter reading challenges
- Author talks and events
- Other themed events throughout the year

If you are unable to access the Library for any reason, there is a Home Library Service. Contact Jackie Morrison on 07961 782292 or email jackie.morrison@hants.gov.uk for more details.

Have you heard of Borrowbox? Borrowbox is the new app for free ebook and e-audiobook downloads from Hampshire Library Service. <https://www.borrowbox.com/>

Bishop's Waltham Library hold regular book sales - be sure to check their Facebook page for updates: <https://www.facebook.com/bishopswalthamlibrary/>

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Hampshire Library Service: 0300 555 1387

Contact Us

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The Parish Council Office is open to the public Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 2pm (at any other time by appointment only).

Council and Committee Meeting Dates

(7pm at The Jubilee Hall unless otherwise stated)

February 2020

4th	Finance, Policy & Resources Committee
11th	Parish Council
18th	Halls and Grounds Committee
24th	Community Development Committee
25th	Planning & Highways Committee

March 2020

3rd	Finance, Policy & Resources Committee
10th	Parish Council
17th	Halls and Grounds Committee
23rd	Community Development Committee
24th	Planning & Highways Committee

April 2020

7th	Finance, Policy & Resources Committee
14th	Parish Council
21st	Halls and Grounds Committee
27th	Community Development Committee
28th	Planning & Highways Committee

The Public are welcome to attend. All meetings include a section for public comment.