

Bishop's Waltham *Matters*

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Welcome

A very warm welcome to our new-look community newsletter. This is a new initiative instigated by our previous Chairman, we hope our residents will appreciate and enjoy the new format. Any comments or feedback would be appreciated.

We aim to publish the newsletter bi-monthly and it will be delivered to every home in Bishop's Waltham.

You can also find it posted on the parish council website:

www.bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk

Terry Wilson
Chairman

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STOP PRESS: - All the latest Planning Applications are now available to view on the website:

http://www.bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk/Planning_Applications_19790.aspx

Annual Meeting of the Parish

Once again Bishop's Waltham residents will be invited to an evening celebrating Bishop's Waltham, respecting our past and shaping our future.

The event will be held in the Jubilee Hall

on Wednesday 20th March 2019,

doors open 6:30pm for a 7pm start

This newsletter is brought to you by Bishop's Waltham Parish Council

Get updates as they happen.

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How does the Parish Council spend my money?

Parishes may charge a parish precept to fund the Parish Council and activities they

We provide litter bins, seating, erect signs and notices around the town where necessary.

We manage and maintain three halls and 10 Recreation Grounds in the Parish, which include 7 play areas, an outdoor gym and football pitches.

In conjunction with Swanmore Parish Council, we manage and maintain West Hoe Cemetery .

We allocate money each year to be awarded in grants to organisations for projects or events that will be of benefit to the residents of the Parish.

We employ an Accredited Community Safety Officer, with good feedback on

We monitor the trees and footpaths in the Parish and carry out works where necessary.

How the precept is calculated:

Each Parish Council forecasts how much money it is going to need the following year.

This is then divided by the number of properties in the parish that fall into Band D Council Tax bands.

This figure is adjusted to take account of such things as exempt properties and planned new houses to determine the precept each Council Tax payer in the parish will contribute.

Remembrance Day Events

On Wednesday 7th November 2018, we attended the Dedication of the Garden of Remembrance in the grounds of St Peter's Church.

This year's Remembrance Day Parade to St Peter's Church took place on Sunday 11th November 2018. The parade marched along the High Street.

Then in the evening, to mark 100 years of remembrance following the end of WWI, we took part in the nation's 'Battle's Over' tribute, Beacons of Light event. The beacon was lit at 7pm, as the St Peter's Church bells rang out, kindly accompanied in-between by The Albion Band playing music from the period.



Speed Watch

A number of residents complain about speeding vehicles within the 30mph limits. The Parish Council has a radar operated speed watch device but needs more volunteers prepared to operate it by the road-side. If you have concerns about speeding, please contact the Parish

Jubilee Clock

In response to recent surveys of residents, the Parish Council is seeking to arrange the repair of the Jubilee Clock in St George's Square. Out of 5 businesses approached, only two were prepared to offer a quote, others refusing to take on the task. Negotiations are in hand to secure a warranty



Yellow Lining Programme

The Parish Council continues to lobby WCC Traffic Management to proceed quickly with the yellow lining programme for Free Street, Hoe Road and Shore Lane in an endeavour to solve



Bishop's Waltham Bus Services Saved

Xelabus services to Bishop's Waltham - X9, X10 and X17 are partly funded by Hampshire County Council. Without these subsidies, our town could lose these services. Over the summer, the Parish Council provided a detailed response to the Hampshire County Council consultation on the subsidies, attended the forums and met the Hampshire County Council Head of Public Transport. We are happy to report that the County





Jubilee Hall Car Park

The planning application to provide another 71 spaces in the Jubilee Hall car park has been approved by Winchester City Council. The car park will be managed by the Parish Council which is currently seeking a Project Manager who will obtain quotes and manage the contracts.



Priory Meadow

A significant area of this field that is accessed by walking past the lower football pitches at Priory Park, has now been seeded, and all members of the community will be welcome next year to view the planted wildflowers. This area is in addition to the Fruit Tree Orchard planted there by the Bishop's Waltham Gardening



Albany Farm Planning Application

The application to erect 125 dwellings at the Albany Farm site was approved by Winchester City Council, despite objections from the Parish Council. Although the Parish Council had no issue with the location, the number of dwellings or the housing mix, it objected to the layout of the site which was too urban and the design of the dwellings which were too monotonous. There are still outstanding issues for resolution over the

Community Emergency Plan

The Parish Council prepared a Community Emergency Plan 2 years ago in which the contact numbers of businesses and volunteer organisation that could assist the emergency services have all been updated. Planning has started for a table-top



Results of Forward Plan Survey

A large number of responses were received in response to the survey for the Forward Plan which demonstrated how much people cared for our town. A summary of the outcome will be presented at the Annual Meeting of the Parish

What does a Parish Councillor actually DO?

A view from one of our councillors:

As a full-time Chartered Accountant, Parish Council life is about balancing the commitments I have day to day with the involvement and time I'm able to offer Bishops Waltham. I'm a member of the Financial, Policy & Resources and Halls & Grounds committees, which enables me to utilise my professional expertise for the benefit of the town, improve my knowledge of our facilities and buildings and take an active part in how these facilities are maintained, improved and available for all to use.

In summary, councillors:

- plan ahead to enhance the town and environment of Bishop's Waltham.
- consider the best way to spend the Parish's money, to maintain all our assets and balance our resources.
- lobby district councils to help preserve and improve Bishop's Waltham, through responses to planning applications and consultations.

Bishop's Waltham Parish Council comprises of 14 Councillors who are elected every 4 years. Should a councillor resign during their 4 year term and insufficient people stand for election to fulfil the vacancy, then a process of co-option can be undertaken.

A Parish Councillor is governed by a designated Code of Conduct which includes a statutory duty to promote and maintain high standards of conduct by all. All Councillors are required to attend the monthly Parish Council Meeting.

The Parish Council currently has 2 vacancies for a Parish Councillor, if you are interested, please contact Lindsay Edge, Parish Council Clerk on:

Your Parish Councillors

Terry Wilson (Chairman)	895742	Judy Marsh	896240	Josephine Wood	895002
Robin Howe	896148	Steve Miller	891122	Robert Shields	894289
Barry Nicholson	896285	George Westcombe	893803	Stuart Jones	860695

Spotlight on:

The Jubilee Hall was recently transformed into a beautiful wedding reception venue by one of our hirers.

The Gold Room has a maximum capacity of 250 people .

All day hire, includes all ground floor rooms/kitchen from 8am to Midnight.



Jubilee Hall

What's On?

Monday

Badminton 10.00-11.00
Lunch Club 12.00-14.00
Badminton 19.30-22.00

Tuesday

Health Visitors 09.30-11.00

Wednesday

Tai Chi 09.00-11.15
Art Club 09.00-16.00
Tots Football 13.30-14.15
Martial Arts 17.15-19.15
Pilates 16.45-20.45

Lunch Club 12.00-13.30

Badminton 14.00-16.00

Friday

Yoga 09.20-10.20

Country Market 10.00-12.00

Saturday

The Jubilee Hall
Little Shore Lane
Bishop's Waltham
SO32 1ED

Please contact halls@bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk or **01489 892323** to make an enquiry

Further information on all of our halls for hire can be found at: www.bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all the staff and Councillors at Bishop's Waltham Parish Council



Contact Us

For all enquiries relating to Parish Council matters or facilities, please use the following details:-

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Little Shore Lane
Bishop's Waltham
SO32 1ED

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Email: parishclerk@bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk

Web: www.bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk

The Parish Council Office is open to the public Tuesday to

Council and Committee Meeting Dates

(7pm at The Jubilee Hall unless otherwise stated)

January 2019

8th Parish Council
14th Community Development Committee
15th Halls and Grounds Committee
22nd Planning, Environment & Highways Committee

February 2019

5th Finance, Policy and Resources Committee
12th Parish Council
19th Halls and Grounds Committee
26th Planning, Environment & Highways Committee

March 2019

5th Finance, Policy and Resources Committee