

Bishop's Waltham

Matters

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Welcome

We encourage, and welcome, residents who come along to Parish Council meetings and also to its various Committees, where they are able to learn how democracy works at this, the lowest level of Government, and also to discover what the Parish Council is able, or not, to do.

However, for the first time in many years, a Parish Council Meeting has had to suspend its business because of the unacceptable disruptive behaviour of a member of the public, who then refused to leave the room when requested to do so.

Despite this, since the previous newsletter, the following projects have been completed:

Installation of a new improved security CCTV system at Hoe Road Recreation Ground, provision of a pedestrian track at Priory Meadow to complete the circular walk from Station Roundabout to Priory Park along the old railway line, and replacement fencing at Victoria Road.

Projects in progress include the installation of defibrillators at the Hoe Road Pavilion, Priory Park Clubhouse and The Jubilee Hall buildings.

All the above projects have been requested by residents or hirers of our buildings.



Finally, your Councillors are now commencing the preparation of our Financial Budgets for the next 3 years, a process that will not be finally agreed until January 2020.

Councillor Terry Wilson - Chairman

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Planning Applications

Is a neighbour planning an extension to their house? Have you seen an orange notice about a planning application in your vicinity? Want to know more?



The Planning and Highways Committee review all planning applications at its regular meeting on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall. The Agenda is published on the website and Parish Council Notice boards around the town by the Wednesday of the previous week. Anyone may attend the meetings and may address the committee if they wish.

All local planning applications are on the Parish Council website.

Go to the home page of www.bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk



North Pond Conservation Group

Congratulations to the North Pond Conservation Group who have been awarded first place in the Campaign to Protect Rural England - Hampshire's Choice - Countryside Award, for their outstanding contribution in the restoration of the North Pond and their work to enhance Hampshire's Countryside

Bins Collections

When your bin has been emptied please take it in as soon as possible and store it on your property. Pavements should be kept clear.



Road/Car Park Closure

Carriageway resurfacing works will be carried out on 29th September and 6th October 2019 which will involve closure of Bank Street, Brook Street and Lower Lane Car Park - if you need more information regarding these works, please call Winchester City Council contact centre on 0300 555 1388.

Accredited Community Safety Officer

Michael Thomas, our ACSO, moved on in July and we know that many of you miss his presence in the parish. The Parish Council will be recruiting shortly for his replacement and will advise parishioners as soon as someone is appointed. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this role, details can be obtained from the Council office.



The Environment

The Parish Council has an Environmental Working Group that will be proposing projects with an achievable plan for implementation. Any ideas will be welcomed as long as they can realistically be put into effect in Bishop's Waltham by the Parish Council with the assistance of residents or traders to help. Contact the Parish Council office.

Stile Improvement

Volunteers from The Ramblers have helped Hampshire County Council in making a stile at Ashton Lane easier and safer by putting in a step and a handrail. This will improve the footpath routes for the Heritage Walk and the Bowman's Arms walk, published in the Explore Bishop's Waltham series of leaflets on the parish map notice board in the central car park.



When out walking the public footpaths, please consider taking a pair of secateurs with you to cut back brambles and overhanging undergrowth. The vegetation is currently growing too fast for the volunteer footpath wardens to cope!

Malt Lane Development Planning Refusal



The planning application for 28 apartments, 5 retail units, replacement NHS facility and replacement youth hall at Malt Lane (between Budgens and St George's Square) has been refused by the Winchester City Council Planning Committee. It concluded that the scale and mass of the proposal made it unacceptable. Also, it was not sympathetic to the character of the town, the car parking spaces were inadequate and there would be a large impact upon the neighbours. This reflected most of

the comments made on the application by the Parish Council. The Committee Chairman summarised with the comments: "This is an important gateway to Bishop's Waltham and it deserves something better". The developer should now seek formal pre-application advice.

World Car Free Day

The world and Bishop's Waltham celebrated Car Free Day on Sunday 22nd September. The rain put off the bands and much of the planned entertainment, but the effect of keeping the town centre totally free of cars for a day was achieved. A few motorists were somewhat irate but most people understood the aim of encouraging less dependence

on cars, opening up the streets for enjoyment without the noise and pollution of traffic. The many volunteer barrier marshals did a wonderful job, keeping their humour in the dreadful weather.



Climate Emergency

Winchester City Council will have a stall in Red Lion Street on Friday 4th October (10:30am – 1:30pm) as part of Winchester Green Week. This will be a chance to discuss the climate emergency and what can be done to help.



Poppy Collection Volunteers Needed

The annual poppy collection for the Royal British Legion takes place in early November. If you would like to volunteer to help with this worth-while cause, either with a one-hour shift in Budgens, or collecting around the houses in your neighbourhood, please contact Ruth Shields 01489 894289 or ruth.shields@xmoor.com



Parish Council Surgeries

In addition to the routine surgeries in the High Street on Fridays and Saturdays, the Parish Council can offer surgeries in neighbourhoods that face specific problems. A recent surgery was held in Claylands Road, and following a prior leaflet drop to residents, a large number of local people attended to discuss parking, traffic, planning applications, noise and unsocial behaviour. If any other residents would like to have a similar surgery in their area, please put the case to the Parish Council Office.



Spotlight on: Meon Valley HeartStart

Meon Valley HeartStart are a community organisation which was set up in 2001 to help save lives by training people in emergency life saving (ELS). These skills are the actions needed to keep someone alive and safe until professional help arrives. They are skills that anyone can learn.

Meon Valley HeartStart offers free life-saving training to community organisations, schools, members of the public, businesses and family groups. Affiliated to the British Heart Foundation and run by experienced volunteers. Everyone should know how to save a life.

Visit the Meon Valley HeartStart website for more information or contact them on the phone number below to find out when and where your nearest session is running.

Courses generally last around two hours and in a session you'll learn about:

- dealing with an unconscious person
- the signs and symptoms of a heart attack
- recognising a cardiac arrest and performing CPR
- dealing with choking
- dealing with serious bleeding

info@heartstartmeonvalley.co.uk

07730 148920



Would YOU be able to save a life?



Contact Us

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

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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)

October 2019

1st Finance, Policy and Resources Committee

8th Parish Council

15th Halls and Grounds Committee

21st Community Development Committee

22nd Planning and Highways Committee

November 2019

5th Finance, Policy and Resources Committee

12th Parish Council

19th Halls and Grounds Committee

25th Community Development Committee

26th Planning and Highways Committee

December 2019

3rd Finance, Policy and Resources Committee

10th Parish Council

17th Halls and Grounds Committee