

BISHOP'S WALTHAM MATTERS



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Welcome to the twenty ninth issue of 'Bishop's Waltham Matters'.

This newsletter is brought to you by Bishop's Waltham Parish Council as part of its communication with the community initiative. If you have any comments or would like a particular topic to be discussed or explained in the next issue, please contact the Parish Council office.

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Council 2015/16

Despite a vigorous campaign to publicise the Parish Council election there were not enough candidates to force an election this time.

5 Councillors stood down in May— Cllr Bill Gilling, Cllr Pat Lambert, Cllr Martin Livermore, Cllr May Martin and Cllr Peter Stokes and the remaining Councillors and the staff passed on their grateful thanks for all their work for the community. 8 Councillors stood again — Cllr Tracy Conduct, Cllr Sandi Anning, Cllr Judy Marsh, Cllr Steve Miller, Cllr Barry Nicholson, Cllr Robert Shields, Cllr Pat Wilson and Cllr Terry Wilson.

The Council welcomes 3 new Councillors – Cllr Robin Howe, Cllr Bruce Taylor and Cllr George Westcombe.

The Council now has 11 Councillors and 3 vacancies. The Council is looking to co-opt to fill these seats.

Why become a Parish Councillor?

As a Parish Councillor you represent your community, so people will look to you for advice and support. You will influence decisions for the benefit of Bishop's Waltham and its residents. You will get a sense of achievement and pride in seeing things change for the better.

How much time does this take up?

A Full Parish Council meeting is held every month in the evening of the second Tuesday. Councillors are expected also to be members of at least two committees, held on other Tuesday evenings. Meetings generally last 2 hours. There are many opportunities to contribute to projects in working groups if that is of interest.

Interested? Contact the Parish Council Clerk at the above address for more information.

Volunteer Community Street Agents.

At the Parish Council meeting in June it was resolved to revert to using the postman to deliver the June newsletters. The decision was taken because, although the trials were very successful, some Community Street Agents and Councillors who did not stand again decided not to continue with the scheme.

The Parish Councillors believe that there is a need for an assured system and will revisit the issue when the council is at full strength.

The Council would like to pass on its thanks to all the volunteer street agents for their time in helping the Parish Council with this scheme; their efforts have been very much appreciated.

Hampshire Cycling Strategy Consultation

The County Council has prepared a draft document setting out its cycling strategy which aims to provide a clear statement on the County Council's overall aspirations for cycling. It covers a wide range of topics, including tourism, health and wellbeing, recreation, sport and infrastructure. The County Council would like to hear the views of everyone who uses the roads, including cyclists, drivers, pedestrians and public transport passengers.

To see the strategy and to complete an on-line survey, go to

http://www3.hants.gov.uk/transport-schemes-index/cycling-strategy.htm or search for Hampshire cycling strategy. NB: Check the date is 6 May 2015.

Bishop's Waltham Design Statement

What do you think of the Bishop's Waltham buildings?
Is there a character that should be retained?
How should developers be guided in planning the new homes?

YOU CAN HELP TO PROVIDE THE FRAMEWORK OF GUIDANCE FOR DEVELOPERS

Bishop's Waltham is producing a Design Statement to guide all future developments in the town. When it is adopted by Winchester City Council early in 2016 it will inform all future planning applications.

The Statement will cover such matters as the approaches, road layouts, house styles, residential car parking and landscaping.

Community Consultation will be held at exhibitions in the High Street as follows:

1 st July Wednesday	10am – 1pm	6pm – 9pm	
2 nd July Thursday	uly Thursday 2pm – 5pm		King's Church
3 rd July Friday	10am – 1pm		
5 th July Sunday	9am – 3pm		Street Market

All residents of Bishop's Waltham are invited to one of these exhibitions and then to participate in a short survey of opinions on proposed Local Planning Policies for Bishop's Waltham.

The survey will be at www.bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk. Click in the left hand column under BW Design Statement.

Please put a suitable date and time in your diary now.

Help to secure the future of Bishop's Waltham - a town designed by its residents!



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Tracy Conduct	895184	Steve Miller	891122
Barry Nicholson	896285	Robert Shields	894289
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893189		George Westcombe	893803
896148		Pat Wilson	895742
896240		Terry Wilson	895742
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Council and Committee Meeting Dates

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<u>July</u>		4th	Planning, Environment and Highways
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7th	Finance, Policy and Resources Committee	11th	Parish Council
14th	Parish Council	18th	Halls and Grounds Committee
21st	Halls and Grounds Committee	25th	Community Development Committee
28th	Community Development Committee		

September

August

There are no scheduled Council or Committee meetings in September.

All members of the Bishop's Waltham community are welcome at any Parish Council or Committee meeting. The first 30 minutes are always reserved for questions and comments from members of the public.

All meetings are held in the Jubilee Hall, commencing at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.