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Welcome

I am pleased to inform you that your Council now has a full complement of Councillors following the election in May. This was an 'uncontested' election as there were 14 candidates for the 14 vacancies. It's always a shame when not enough people come forward to require an election, but I am delighted to welcome two new councillors.

Before the election the Council said goodbye to Stephen Miller who did not stand again as his Winchester City Councillor role now takes up a great deal of his time. Councillors thanked Mr Miller for his many years' service as a Parish Councillor.

Standing Committees are now commencing their programmes to implement the individual projects identified within our 2019-23 Forward Plan.

Parish Council Surgeries continue to be held monthly in the High Street, usually on a Saturday morning, so please speak to the Parish Councillors present if you have any concerns, questions, and hopefully compliments, about our actions.

Priory Meadow

Have you visited the recently planted wildflower area in Priory Meadow yet? Currently it is a sea of blue cornflowers, interspersed with white daisies and yellow buttercups. To access the meadow, park your car at the Priory Park Clubhouse, walk past the football fields and then, either along the path or over the bridge. In addition to the wildflower area, there is an orchard of various fruit trees recently planted by the Bishop's Waltham Gardening Club, also a ring of tree trunks so that you can sit and rest

Jubilee Hall car park extension - Season Tickets

As you may be aware works to extend the car park at the Jubilee Hall will commence later this year. The plan is to provide a public pay and display car park with an additional 71 spaces.

The Parish Council is proposing to offer some 12-month season tickets that will provide an allocated and guaranteed space for the sole use of the season ticket holder within the site.

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Speeding Traffic and Speed Watch



COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH Are you concerned enough about speeding traffic to do something about it?

Speed Watch trains volunteers to use speed indicator devices. The registered owner of any vehicle seen exceeding the speed limit is sent an advisory letter by the Constabulary, explaining that speeding is unacceptable to the local community and asking them to be more considerate. If you would like to help re-establish the local scheme, please contact the Parish Council Executive Officer (892323)



Jubilee Hall Car Park - Progress Report

Designs are now complete and contractor requirements are being finalised. Parking meters and vehicle charging points have been agreed and expressions of interest for season tickets are being sought. The full programme of works has been finalised with completion expected in

Nature Reserves of Bishop's Waltham

Bishop's Waltham has a remarkable geological and ecological diversity in a very small area due to its location on a spring line where the chalk downlands meet the clay lowlands of mixed farmland and woodlands.

There are 4 Local Nature Reserves, each within 500 metres of the town centre and each with its distinctive character.



Bishop's Waltham Town Trail



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The Electronic Town Trail

Have you ever seen these small white plaques around the town? There are 11 of them and they form a historical town trail. To read the information you need a smart phone with a QR Code reader. If you haven't got one on your phone, download one of the many Apps available. They are free.



You can start the trail at the entrance gate to the Bishop's Palace, or you can join it at any spot where you see the plaque. There is one on the side of Barclays Bank and one at the back of Lloyds Bank. The information you download at each stop will tell you how to get to the next. Next time you

are in town, click on the codes and learn about the rope makers, the black boy and the Bishop's Waltham riots.

"Someone should do something about it"



Have you noticed a pot hole in the road, a trip hazard on the pavement, or a faulty street light?



Don't walk by – you can do something about it yourself! Take a photo. Then, when you get home, enter "HCC Reporting" into your browser and click on "Report a problem – Hantsweb".



Follow the simple process of reporting the problem, clicking the map for the location and attaching the photo.

This is by far the best and quickest way of having "someone do something about it".

Water Bottle Filling

The Parish Council's Planning Committee has recently considered the installation of a public fountain in Bishop's Waltham to allow residents and visitors to drink or refill bottles whilst in the town. The purpose was to reduce the amount of single use plastic and the resulting litter it often creates.

However, investigations into the feasibility of this proposal have revealed that it is very expensive, there are no suitable designs that would be appropriate for the town and installation would be very complicated.

The Committee decided instead to encourage food and drink premises to allow members of the public to refill their water bottles.

Sunday Bus Service

Stagecoach have just introduced a new No.69 service between Bishop's Waltham and Winchester on Sundays. Departures from St George's Square are 0840, 1008, 1138, 1308, 1558 and 1728. Returns from Winchester Bus Station are 0925, 1055, 1225, 1515, 1545 and 1818. Journey times are approximately 40 minutes.



ACSO Michael Thomas receives an award for his work

On Wednesday 27th March 2019, our Accredited Community Safety Officer -Michael Thomas attended the Mayor of Winchester's Community Awards at the Winchester Science Centre. Michael received an award for his service to Bishop's Waltham, with special mention of his work with young people which has made a real difference in the community.

Michael has been a very valued member of the Parish Council team for 3 years, helping to reduce crime and antisocial behaviour.

Michael's presence offers residents reassurance, assistance and help, making Bishop's Waltham a safe and pleasant place to live.





Spotlight on: Bishop's Waltham Play Parks

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No.	Park Name	Road Name	Targeted Age Range
1	Hermitage Heights	Churchill Avenue	Up to 8 years
2	Priory Park	Elizabeth Way	Up to 15 years
3	Claylands Road	Claylands Road	Up to 15 years
4	Blanchard Road	Blanchard Road	Up to 8 years
5	Jubilee Hall	Little Shore Lane	Up to 8 years
6	Oak Road	Oak Road	Up to 8 years
7	Hoe Road	Hoe Road Recreation	Up to 15 years

Contact Us

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Council and Committee Meeting Dates

(7pm at The Jubilee Hall unless otherwise stated)

June 2019

- 4th Finance, Policy and Resources Committee
- 11th Parish Council
- 17th Community Development Committee
- 18th Halls and Grounds Committee
- 25th Planning and Highways Committee

July 2019

- 2nd Finance, Policy and Resources Committee
- 9th Parish Council
- 16th Halls and Grounds Committee
- 22nd Community Development Committee
- 23rd Planning and Highways Committee

August 2019 There are no meetings in August