

Bishop's Waltham *Matters*

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Welcome

I am pleased and honoured to have been voted in as Chair of Bishop's Waltham Parish Council and this is my first report. I would like to thank all councillors and staff for their support and enthusiasm as we start a new chapter for the Council.

The summer started with a busy calendar of events. Firstly, The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations - the Beacon lighting then the Street Party. We hope all attending residents thoroughly enjoyed themselves, it was lovely to see so many people! Our gazebo and popular skittles alley at the Carnival and Village Show at Hoe Road Recreation Ground had a lot of visitors, who also took part in our quest to find things our Parishioners would like to keep our community thriving whilst helping our environment too.

The Parish Council have lots of projects that the committees are working on as we go forward after the pandemic.

Councillor Judy Marsh - Chairman



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For your 2022 Diary



Clean-up Bishop's

Waltham Litter Pick

Saturday 8th October

10am - 12pm

Meet at The Jubilee

Hall

Green Fair

Saturday 8th October

12pm - 4pm

The Jubilee Hall

Dedication of the Garden of

Remembrance

Wednesday 9th November

St Peter's Churchyard

3pm - 3.20pm

Remembrance Events

Two minutes silence - Friday 11th

November - 11am

Remembrance Day Parade and

Church Service - Sunday 13th

November - 10.30am to 12pm

Both in the High Street

Community Organisations and Parish Council Representatives

To assist our involvement in the community, representatives for their associated committees of the Parish Council meet with community organisations, such as The Chamber of Trade, The Museum Trust, The North Pond Conservation Group, Swanmore College Community Management Group, and The Town Team. These meetings provide an opportunity to share information, to work together and to keep in touch with what is happening in our community.

Jubilee Bench

The Parish Council have received a grant from Hampshire County Council for the purchase of a Platinum Jubilee commemorative bench. We are looking to position it on the Jubilee Hall grounds.



Community Support Officer

If you would like to contact Ben Partridge, the Parish Council Community Support Officer, please call 07484 085850 or email cso@bishops-waltham-pc.gov.uk



Parish Council Surgeries

Parish Council Surgeries are held once a month in the High Street and although we use tried and tested methods of communication, we are also open to new and innovative ways to reach our community. If you wish to discuss concerns about the area where you live, and would like to have a neighbourhood surgery in your street or locations, please contact the Parish Council Office.



Household Bin 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.



Bus Services

Following comments received from residents and intervention by the Parish Council, the Xelabus X9 service was re-routed to cover Free Street.

Parish Council Committees

Finance, Policy & Resources Committee - I am delighted and honoured to be the Chairman of the Finance, Policy & Resources committee. This committee has the primary responsibility for the management of the financial, buildings, land, policies and employment aspects of the Parish Council, so naturally, it is the engine room of the council. As we are a public funded organisation, funded largely by you, through your council tax, we will be taking steps to ensure that you are even more aware of our financial activities, and facts and figures are communicated and presented in a simple way - Cllr Don Iro (Committee Chairman)

Halls & Grounds Committee - The Committee is responsible for the management and maintenance of all Parish owned buildings, their access roads and associated car parking facilities and managing sports and recreation grounds, public open space, allotments, amenity land and connected uses. Our priority this year is to review all Parish Council facilities and looking at the energy efficiency of our buildings. Plans for new play parks are well underway and the maintenance and upgrades to current play parks are ongoing - Cllr Barry Nicholson (Committee Chairman)

Community & Environment Committee - Some of the Committee's main goals are to communicate effectively with our community, deal with environmental issues and take the lead in organising the events that are held by BWPC. With that in mind, I wanted to let you know of a few things that are happening over the course of the next year; Councillor surgery locations will be varied to ensure we reach out to a wider part of the parish; regularly reviewing how we use social media to communicate; a Green Fair environmental event to see how the Parish Council and residents can have a positive effect on the environment; plans for a 'Party in the Park' at Priory Park next summer are under discussion; and as Village of the Year holders (2019), we will be hosting the 2022 awards event in September - Cllr Ed Jelf (Committee Chairman)

Planning & Highways Committee - The Planning and Highways committee look after all the issues related to the built environment in Bishop's Waltham. With the help of staff and volunteers, we review the Rights of Way around the parish to ensure any problem areas are addressed. We also consider the implications of any planning application on trees in the parish. We have a hard working member of staff who looks after our paths, ditches and drains and reports any problems to the relevant authorities. We review all planning applications in the parish and give our opinion based on planning policies to Winchester City Council and the South Downs National Park. The Planning and Highways Committee are considering how the new Local Plan is going to be developed by Winchester City Council, attending many meetings with interested parties. Currently our main concerns are related to the increasing traffic issues, including parking, speed and traffic conditions and liaising with and supporting Bishop's Waltham Surgery in their quest to improve their premises. It is a very interesting and busy time in Planning and Highways - Cllr Josephine Wood (Committee Chairman)

Protecting our Environment

The Parish Council are striving to play our part in helping to create a sustainable community and we will achieve this together by thinking "Green first". The fight against climate change is one we all need to play our part in. We can make our environment greener by reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions, striving to introduce cleaner oxygen and considering our fuel sources.

What have we done?

- Planted a wild flower meadow at Priory Park
- Planted new trees throughout Bishop's Waltham as part of The Queen's Green Canopy.
- Changing older less energy efficient lighting to LED in our buildings.
- With energy efficiency in mind, we have replaced the windows in The Jubilee Hall building.
- Installed electric charging points in the Jubilee Hall Car Park.
- Working closely with WinACC (Winchester Action on Climate Change).
- Regular litter pick events.

What we will do?

- Hold Environmental events for the community to raise awareness and encourage ecologically responsible behaviour.
- We are considering the installation of Solar Panels on our buildings.
- We will consider purchasing all electric or hybrid vehicles and machinery when it's time for them to be replaced.

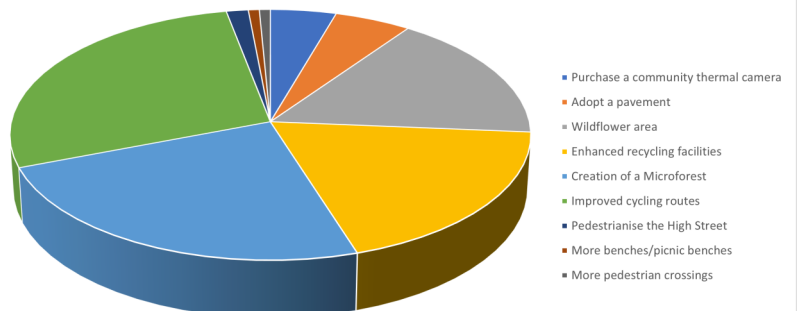


What can you do?

- Reduce waste - Recycling, composting, and saying no to disposables.
- Save energy - Turn off appliances when not in use, switch to energy saving bulbs and consider your homes energy efficiency.
- Conserve water - Turn off taps when not being used, take shorter showers and drink tap water in a reusable bottle.
- Use renewable - Use solar powered objects and chargers for digital devices.
- Travel green - Walking or cycling is beneficial to our well-being and health, less use of the car has benefited the climate too.
- Get planting - Gardening for the environment. As gardeners we can all help tackle both the causes and effects of climate change, right on our doorsteps.

At the carnival the Parish Council asked the community to share their views by participating in a voting exercise to find out which environmental initiatives the community would like the Parish Council to focus on. Here are the results:-

Purchase a community thermal camera	6
Adopt a pavement	7
Wildflower area	22
Enhanced recycling facilities	25
Creation of a Microforest	32
Improved cycling routes	37
Pedestrianise the High Street	2 (resident suggestion)
More benches/picnic benches	1 (resident suggestion)
More pedestrian crossings	1 (resident suggestion)



Spotlight on: The Parish Council Lengthsman

On being asked to write a brief description of my duties as a Parish Lengthsman, I looked up the definition. Most of the accounts had the spelling as 'Lengthman' not 'Lengthsman'. It was used in the 1700's to describe a person who looked after a length of road between mile stones. Then with the introduction of canals and railways a Lengthman was employed. Their basic job was to do minor repairs and to maintain drainage, hedges and attend to the wild flowers.

Today's portrayal would be quite a shock to my predecessors employed in this role. The post itself consists of litter picking, cleaning signage (but not illuminated signs), maintaining street furniture, the upkeep of bus shelters, reporting any defects in road surfaces, blocked drains, abandoned vehicles (including caravans) and fly-tipping. This is just a small portion of what my job entails. I also work one day a week at West Hoe Cemetery to manage and maintain the grounds.

My definition of this role would be a caretaker of the community, so my thanks go out to those who support and guide me.

Peter Wall



Thank you Peter for all your hard work, especially so during this years storms and the wonderful job you have done to ensure ditches and drains throughout the town are cleared.

Cllr Judy Marsh - Parish Council Chairman



Look out for our Winter edition of

Bishop's Waltham Matters in early November 2022

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Council and Committee Meeting Dates

August 2022

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

September 2022

6th Finance, Policy & Resources Committee
13th Parish Council
20th Halls & Grounds Committee
26th Community & Environment Committee
27th Planning & Highways Committee

October 2022

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

All meetings are at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall unless otherwise stated and are open to the public. However, places are limited and should be booked in advance, to reserve your space please contact the Parish Council Office.