

Bishop's Waltham Matters

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Welcome

Welcome to the summer edition of Bishop's Waltham Matters, our first newsletter since the Parish Council elections that took place in May. In this newsletter you will find a list of your 14 newly-elected Councillors.

We are pleased to be able to update you regarding the progress of several long-standing projects, it is an exciting time with the construction of a new play area having commenced, and the planning application for the refurbished skatepark having been submitted. We have also received planning permission for the much-needed extension to the overflow car park at Priory Park and we will be inviting tenders in the coming weeks.

In addition, in recent months we have been working to retain a valued community asset, the St John's Ambulance Hall, the location of the Montessori preschool. We have also listed the Parish Council-owned Well House for sale with the Citizens Advice continuing as a sitting tenant to balance the Council's property portfolio.

The Parish Council is beginning the process of looking forward to 2024-2028 to produce a new Forward Plan. We will be considering what we are going to continue to work on and what we hope to build on in the future for the benefit of our residents. Keep an eye out for more information about the Forward Plan in future editions!

Councillor Judy Marsh - Chair of Council



In memory of James Rushton, much-missed Parish Council Groundsman who sadly passed away in May of this year.

Red Lion Street Information Kiosk

On Tuesday 8th July the Information Kiosk was officially opened by Cllr Judy Marsh. The refurbished telephone box, that had previously been located on Hoe Road, is the culmination of a project originally conceived when the telephone box was offered for sale to the Parish Council for £1.

We would like to thank the Men's Shed for their wonderful refurbishment work and previous councillor George Westcombe for his hard work in bringing about the transformation and relocation. Our thanks also go to Elliotts for doing the heavy lifting!

The contents of the kiosk will be overseen by the Parish Council and will be used to promote news and events from Bishop's Waltham's not-for-profit community organisations.



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For your 2023 Diary



Clean-up Bishop's Waltham Litter Pick

Saturday 7th October
10am - 12pm
Meet at The Jubilee Hall

Eco Event

Saturday 7th October
11.30am - 4pm The Jubilee Hall
Free event.
This year's event themes are Home Energy and Sustainable Food.

Remembrance Events

Dedication of the Garden of Remembrance-
Wednesday 8th November
St Peter's Churchyard
3pm - 3.20pm

Two minutes silence -
Saturday 11th November 11am

Remembrance Day Parade and Church Service - Sunday
12th November - 10.30am to 12pm, both in the High Street

New street names

Bishop's Meadow Estate (off Winchester Road)

Clover Way, Buttercup Road
Bellflower Drive

Albany Wood Estate (off Albany Road)

Bilson Road, Hammerton Road
Colt View, Field Close

Tangier Gardens Estate (off Tangier Lane)

Abbey Drive, Abbots Road
Waltham Road

Deer Walk Estate (off Coppice Hill)

Charles Hemming Drive, Weatherall close
Bluebell Way, Foxglove Road, Campion Drive



Community Support Officer

The Parish Council welcomed Richard Stoop as our new, Community Support Officer, earlier this year. Richard is here to be a visible patrolling presence in your parish, listen to your concerns on safety or issues affecting quality of life. Richard works alongside the police and other agencies to help reduce anti-social behaviour. Please call 07484 085850 or email cso@bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk, if you require his assistance.



Parish Council grants awarded

The Parish Council is pleased to report that we have approved the following grant applications for 2023/24 thus far.

Beneficiary	Purpose	Amount
Bishop's Waltham Community Swimming	Training for volunteers	£600
Bishop's Waltham Festival Ltd	Hire of Palace Ruins for additional days for this year's event	£600
Bishop's Waltham In Bloom	Van costs and watering	£1,500
Home Start Hampshire	Supporting local families	£1,300
Meon Valley Heartstart	Production of updated instructional videos	£500
Parochial Church Council of St Peter's	Maintenance of churchyard	£1,500
	TOTAL THUS FAR	£6,000

Community Organisations - If your community organisation needs help to finance a project, grants are available from the Parish Council. All you need is some time to look at the policy and complete the application form and the money could be yours! Winchester City Council and other organisations also have a variety of grant schemes, if you would like more information, ask the Parish Council Office for a summary of funding that might help you.

Parish Council Committees

Finance, Policy & Resources Committee - This Committee works closely with the Council's Finance Manager, providing monthly monitoring of budgets and ensuring that spending is in accordance with financial regulations. Our current areas of focus are completing the purchase of the much-valued community asset (St Johns Ambulance Hall) and the sale of our Well House asset. The Committee also conducts ongoing reviews of the policies that guide the Council's activities. - Cllr Don Iro (Committee Chairman)

Halls & Grounds Committee - This Committee is responsible for the management and maintenance of all Parish Council owned buildings, their carparks, sports and recreation grounds and open spaces. We have several projects well under way such as the Montague Road play area and Skatepark refurbishment covered in this newsletter. Projects currently in the planning stages include renovating and extending the overflow carpark at Priory Park, the installation of an equipped play area at Albany Road and the installation of solar panels at the Jubilee Hall. The Facilities Review will also continue, with the added support of our Project Manager as we consider the sustainability of all our buildings, amenities and sports facilities and how these can be updated and improved for the decades ahead - Cllr Barry Nicholson (Committee Chairman)

Community & Environment Committee - What a great year it has been for community events! We hope to continue these next year by organising further PC events and supporting other community groups wherever possible. Our environmental working group has been meeting regularly and is implementing an action plan to help tackle climate change. We have expanded our communications by starting up an e-Newsletter - please subscribe to ensure you keep up to date. Our grant applications were very well received and we have currently awarded £6,000 to well-deserving community groups. - Cllr Ed Jelf (Committee Chairman)

Planning & Highways Committee - Planning is always an emotive subject, and we ensure that ALL applications are well researched before the meeting and that any members of the public are given the opportunity to explain what and why they need it! We always make sure that ALL applications comply with our Bishop's Waltham statement. Of course, Winchester City Council has the final say on all planning, applications, but hopefully, comments are considered. The public is always welcome to visit our meetings, please check the website for dates and times. - Cllr Kevin Jones (Committee Chairman)

News and Updates

Working to create a cleaner environment on our High Street

The removal of weeds in the town centre is the responsibility of the City Council who remove weeds once annually. However, in response to residents' frustrations with the number of weeds, the Parish Council decided to step in and tidy up our much-loved High Street. The group of Parish Councillors were delighted to be joined by a Winchester City Councillor, an ex-Bishops Waltham Councillor and shopkeepers. We would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who helped out!



Montague Road Play Park Update

Following the transferral of the green space at Montague Road to the Parish Council's ownership in 2022, we have been working on the planning and installation of the play areas that were included in the original planning permission for the Montague Road estate.

The Halls and Grounds Committee is delighted to report that in July, work on the site commenced. The first phase involved groundwork to install a drainage system since the ground in this area has historically been very wet during the winter months. Following this preliminary work, the play equipment will then be installed. We hope the children of our community enjoy this wonderful new facility!



Skatepark Refurbishment Update

In spring of this year, public consultation took place regarding the planned skatepark refurbishment. The new designs we received were displayed at the Jubilee Hall and on our website.

A big thank you to everyone who took the time to look at the designs and submit comments.

We are pleased to announce that the design that proved most popular during the consultation was then selected by the Council.

Due to the selected design having a slightly increased footprint to the old facility, a planning application has been submitted to Winchester City Council. We hope to report back on the result soon.



Spotlight on: The Parish Council Councillors

Meet your Councillors

We are pleased to inform you that your Parish Council now has a fully elected complement of Councillors following the elections held in May. This was a contested election where we sadly said goodbye to Mrs Josie Wood. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Wood for all her hard work and commitment that she has dedicated to our wonderful town. We would like to welcome the return of Mr Terry Wilson and we are looking forward to his contribution to our Parish Council.



Cllr Judy Marsh
Chair of Council



Cllr Don Iro
Vice Chairman



Cllr Tracy Conduct



Cllr Kris Ford



Cllr Ed Jelf



Cllr Kevin Jones



Cllr Ritchie Latham



Cllr Barry Nicholson



Cllr Micky Pavey



Cllr Rowan Stallard



Cllr Andy Webb



Cllr Jonathan Williams



Cllr Patricia Wilson



Cllr Terry Wilson

Standing Committees for 2023/24

Finance, Policy and Resources Committee

Don Iro - Kevin Jones - Judy Marsh - Barry Nicholson
Micky Pavey - Rowan Stallard - Jonathan Williams

Community and Environment Committee

Ed Jelf - Ritchie Latham - Tracy Conduct - Don Iro
Judy Marsh - Patricia Wilson - Terry Wilson

West Hoe Cemetery Management


Kris Ford - Judy Marsh - Andy Webb

Halls and Grounds Committee

Barry Nicholson - Andy Webb - Richard Latham - Judy Marsh
Micky Pavey - Rowan Stallard - Terry Wilson

Planning and Highways Committee

Kevin Jones - Kris Ford - Tracy Conduct - Ed Jelf
Barry Nicholson - Jonathan Williams - Patricia Wilson

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Council and Committee Meeting Dates

August 2023

1st Finance, Policy & Resources Committee
8th Parish Council
15th Halls & Grounds Committee
21st Community & Environment Committee
22nd Planning & Highways Committee

September 2023

5th Finance, Policy & Resources Committee
12th Parish Council
19th Halls & Grounds Committee
25th Community & Environment Committee
26th Planning & Highways Committee

October 2023

3rd Finance, Policy & Resources Committee
10th Parish Council
17th Halls & Grounds Committee
23rd Community & Environment Committee
24th Planning & Highways Committee

All meetings are at 7.00pm in the Jubilee Hall unless otherwise stated and are open to the public.