

Bishop's Waltham Matters

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Welcome

As we move to a more normal existence with fewer Covid 19 regulations, your Parish Councillors are currently looking to action many of the projects that were originally planned for implementation during the past 18 months. During this period, they have been meeting online, the majority of our staff have been working from home, and our buildings and grounds have generally been closed. I thank them all for their commitment to you, the Bishop's Waltham community, during this period, as demonstrated by the emergency system they organised in the early stages of the pandemic.

In addition to the existing project list, recently, a Working Group has been created to undertake a major review of the requirements we anticipate for the future development of our buildings and grounds facilities. This will take into account the additional 500 dwellings that will have been constructed during the last 10 years, together with a population increase of approximately 1,500.

The results of this review could involve improving the existing facilities, or the purchase of new.

Terry Wilson

Chairman



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Speeding Traffic and 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)



Parish Council Grants

Subject to funding being available, the Parish Council is committed to providing assistance and support to local community groups which are set up to promote community life for Bishop's Waltham residents. In May, the council awarded grants to Bishop's Waltham Vision, Bishop's Waltham Fishing Club, PCC of St Peter's, Victim Support, Bishop's Waltham in Bloom, Home Start Hampshire, and Bishop's Waltham Country Market. For more information on how to apply, please contact the Parish Council or take a look at the information on our website:



Parish Council Surgeries

Parish Council Surgeries are to restart on Wednesday 30th July, 10am to 12pm in the High Street. These Surgeries allow residents the opportunity to talk directly to Parish Councillors about any issues or concerns they may have, so please do stop for a chat.

Montague Road Play Parks

The estate developer has responded and deemed the land fit for purpose and advised that no further work would be undertaken by them. The council are requesting the playground supplier to review the plan for the social area in the lower section of the site. A visit to the upper site will be arranged to consider the land condition.

Priory Park Skate Park

The Council are currently waiting for a reply from Winchester City Council in response to a bid for funding for the Skate Park upgrade. Other funding sources are being investigated, such as the National Lottery and Sport England grants. Three companies have produced draft outline designs but funding is needed to progress this project. We do hope to have a new site in place in due course, but these large projects do take time to organise. The old Skate Park site is now open as an informal play space.

Bishop's Waltham Jumble Trail

A community Jumble Trail will take place on Saturday 17th July 2021, organised by residents and supported by Bishop's Waltham Town Team.

For more information please contact: bishopswalthamtownteam@gmail.com

Hire a Facility

To find out more about the facilities available and the cost to hire, all information is available on our website <http://www.bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk>.

Did you know we hire a portable skittle alley and our table tennis tables are available at no extra cost when hiring one of our halls?



To make an enquiry about availability or for any further information, please contact Alison - Halls Administrator, on 01489 892323 or email halls@bishopswaltham-pc.gov.uk

“Someone should do something about it”



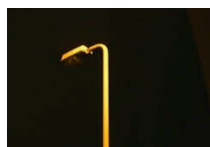
Have you noticed a pot hole in the road, a trip hazard on the pavement, or a faulty street light?

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”.



Overgrown Shrubbery/Hedges and Overhanging Trees

To report tree or hedge problems, please report to Hampshire County Council via their website: www.hants.gov.uk or by calling: 0300 555 1388 (8:30am to 5pm, Monday to Friday). Hampshire County Council will cut back shrubbery/hedges and trees on public land but are unable to cut those on privately owned land. However, they will contact the land owner to request removal of the obstruction.

If you have overgrown shrubbery/hedges or overhanging trees on your land which is blocking access on pathways or blocking views into traffic, please ensure these are cut back before you are contacted.



Idling Engines

The Parish Council's Planning & Highways Committee recently considered correspondence about the effects of idling engines in and around the town centre.

Idling results in unpleasant exhaust fumes polluting the area and can cause serious health implications for all and especially children.

Please, whether you are dropping children off at the schools, nipping into the shop or visiting the bank – switch off your engine and help keep the air around us safe - Thank you!



Are you thinking about the environment?

We are always investigating ways in which we can reduce our impact on the environment. Recently we have been looking at the installation of solar panels on the Jubilee Hall building and have changed to LED low energy lighting in our buildings.

What can you do manage your environmental impact?:

Reduce waste - Recycling, composting, and saying no to disposables.

Save energy - Turn off appliances when not in use and switch to energy saving bulbs.

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 - We have all found walking or cycling during lockdown has been beneficial to our well-being and health, less use of the car has benefited the climate too.



Let's all work together to make a difference!

Spotlight on:

CSO Ben Partridge

My name is Ben Partridge, I was recently appointed to the role of Community Support Officer for Bishop's Waltham. I have lived in Bishop's Waltham for 15 years and I have enjoyed every minute of it.



My previous employments have been: 12 years in the Armed Forces, and a Prison Officer for 14 years.

I have a real passion to make Bishop's Waltham a safe and friendly place to visit and live for everyone.

Please feel free to contact me on: cso@bishopsaltham-pc.gov.uk or on 07484 085850.

I also have a dedicated Facebook group page: Bishop's Waltham CSO. This allows the Bishops Waltham community to share information and I use this group as a way to get information out quickly to the local residents.

You can also message me via the Facebook page, I will do my best to get back to you as soon as possible.



Contact Us

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

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Council and Committee Meeting Dates (7pm at The Jubilee Hall unless otherwise stated)

July 2021

6th Finance, Policy and Resources Committee (Priory Park Clubhouse - 7.30pm)
13th Parish Council (Priory Park Clubhouse - 7.30pm)
20th Halls and Grounds Committee
26th Community Development Committee
27th Planning and Highways Committee

August 2021

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

September 2021

7th Finance, Policy and Resources Committee
14th Parish Council
21th Halls and Grounds Committee
27th Community Development Committee
28th Planning and Highways Committee

From the 19th July 2021, the Parish Council Office is open to the public, Tuesday to Friday, from 10am to 2pm