

ES@BG News – June 2019

June's Parish Council meeting took place at Bishops Green Village Hall on Wednesday 12th June and unfortunately, we had no-one from the local area attending so it was just us and our Borough and County councillors! We always like to hear from parishioners, so please come and join us if you have suggestions for how we improve our activity in the parish. We're also very keen to see if anyone from Bishops Green would like to join the Parish Council – we have two spare places and we'd love to have a BG resident with us to represent all the people who live locally.

You heard last month about the great work that the Bishops Green Community Association are doing to revitalise the facilities at the BG Village Hall. This is with funding and resources help from BDBC & HCC. In our meeting we got further offers of potential support from Borough Councillor John Izett which is very encouraging. Cllr Dain confirmed that the Youth Club is now up and running again with meetings being held every Wednesday evening between 6pm – 8pm.

The BG Community Association also hosted a multi-agency day at Bishops Green Village Hall on May 30th. A variety of organisations took part – Sovereign Housing, Vivid Housing, Police, Fire Service, Neighbourhood Watch, BD Youth and Children Services, Growing Together and many others. There were displays and activities throughout the day and the 175 people who were there on the day (great turnout by the way) were invited to provide feedback which is currently being analysed.

Please ensure you tell your friends that the BG Village Hall is up and running and is a great facility to make use of!

One of our projects for the forthcoming year is to establish ownership for the land within the parish that is currently maintained by the Parish Council. This isn't an easy task because much of the land around us shows as unregistered at HM Land Registry and we have to go through a rigorous process to ensure that we have the correct ownership - this is important from both an insurance and liability standpoint and we hope to have concluded the work by the end of 2019.

The Parish Council's accounts were recently audited by an external auditor and we were pleased to hear that they passed scrutiny thanks largely due the efforts of our diligent Parish Clerk – Sarah Jones. Well done to her, and the official report will be published on our website in due course.

Councillor Michael Sparrow