

ES&BG News – October 2019

The October meeting of the Parish Council took place at Ecchinswell Village Hall on Wednesday 9th October. There were no members of the public present.

County Councillor, Tom Thacker, provided advance warning that the A34 is due to be closed from 12th November for four days between Tot Hill and Bullington Cross. At the time of the meeting he was unable to provide closure times but this information will be made available at a later date and we will make this available on the website or email residents when we hear more. Cllr Thacker had no other news or updates regarding County matters to report.

Further to the report in last month's magazine the raised flower beds have arrived on the site opposite Ecchinswell School thanks to the Village Volunteer Group. The plan is to plant one bed with roses and lavender to encourage the bee population. The other is to be a herb garden for the community. Everyone will be able to make use of the plants. A local resident has again generously donated sacks of daffodils - some of which will be used in the beds. The remainder will be planted around the pond area to further enhance those that were put in last year. If anyone would like to gift plants to help complete the garden please either contact the clerk on clerk@ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk or one of the councillors. On behalf of the Parish we would like to thank the Volunteer group for their hard work and also the Royal Oak May Fayre Committee whose generous donation made the whole project possible. .



Our annual pond clearance day took place on Sunday 13th October and, despite the pouring rain, we had a good band of helpers and we managed to get the worst of the reeds clogging the middle of the pond cleared. Our thanks to the Basingstoke Volunteers for their assistance. A big thank you also to Mrs and Mrs Orme from Palmers Yard who very kindly fed and watered us with sausage rolls, soup and coffee. It was very welcome after the soaking we all had from the persistent rain!

Finally, the monthly Ecchinswell and Bishops Green coffee mornings are proving a great success. The former is on the second Tuesday of the month with the latter on the fourth Tuesday. If you have some spare time please come along to enjoy a chat and a nice slice of cake.

Our next meeting is at Bishops Green Village Hall on 13th November. Members of the public are very welcome to attend.

Cllr Jackie Bayliss