

## **ES&BG News – April 2019**

We were pleased to be back at the Bishops Green Village Hall for the second time to hold our April Parish Council meeting on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. We will continue to alternate our meetings between the village halls in Bishops Green and Ecchinswell.

Two members of the public attended to raise their concerns regarding the speed of the traffic on the residential roads of Bishops Green. This is an ongoing problem throughout the parish and the best course of action is for residents to note down dates, times and vehicle registration numbers when you witness drivers speeding, and pass the information to the Police. Without this evidence, it is difficult for the Police to take any action – if you're uncomfortable reporting it yourself, please let the clerk know and we will do it on your behalf.

County Councillor, Derek Mellor, reported that further funding is being made available from Central Government for pothole repair. Much work has been undertaken but there are still areas that require attention. He also delivered an update regarding the problems with the volume of traffic and congestion along the A339 which is getting steadily worse. Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council are consulting with West Berkshire and are currently awaiting further information from them. Long term solutions are being sought to ease issues but unfortunately there is no easy resolution. The Parish Council will continue to provide regular updates.

The project to replace wooden stiles with kissing gates in the parish is progressing well. There is a correction following last month's report regarding the funding. This has been provided from a donation from the Ecchinswell Amateur Dramatics Group following their very successful production of *Cinders* at the Ecchinswell Village Hall and not from the Parish Council. Apologies for getting that wrong and our grateful thanks go to all who took part in the panto for their hard work and generosity.

As spring has progressed we have all been able to enjoy the daffodils that have been planted around the War Memorial and pond. Wild flower seeds have also been sown in these areas and we plan to expand the bulb planting programme in the autumn.

Our Parish Council Annual Assembly is taking place on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm at Ecchinswell Village Hall – please pop it in your diaries because we'd love to see you there to hear your views and update you on what's been happening over the past year. Sandwiches and drinks are provided!

Finally, the annual May Fayre is being held at the Royal Oak on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May. Do come along for lots of family fun and the live band playing in the evening.

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