

## ES&BG Parish Council News

February 2021.

The Parish Council met in remote format on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Below are a number of key points arising from the meeting:

- The local Government elections are planned to go ahead on May 6<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to register to vote, or arrange a postal vote, please go to [Information and guidance about the 2021 elections | About the Council | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#)
- The agreement between Hampshire and West Berks Councils with respect to access to the Newtown Road Household Waste Recycling Centre will continue to July this year. The County Council has yet to finalise future options for HWRC facilities for North Hampshire.
- There are currently two allotments available and anyone interested to rent one of these (£30 annual charge) should contact the clerk on [clerk@ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk)
- Parish Council representatives on the Ecchinswell and Bishops Green village hall committees were confirmed to have voting rights to help support the work of these important local facilities.
- The PC confirmed acceptance of a new Social Media Policy and also a Complaints policy. These will be shortly available to view on the PC web site [www.ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk](http://www.ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk) or our Facebook page.
- The Parish Council Annual General Meeting and the Parish Assembly are now set to be held by remote format on May 5<sup>th</sup>. Further detail will be made available in the coming months.
- The PC voted to progress the initiative to create a Neighbourhood Plan; a key first step will now be to apply to the Basingstoke & Deane Planning Dept for the Parish to become a designated area for this purpose.
- The Ecchinswell pond clearance day has been set for 17<sup>th</sup> October. Volunteers most welcome – please let the PC know if you are interested to help.
- A traffic survey for the Parish has been finalised and will now be prepared for distribution. Do watch out for your opportunity to have your say!

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Parish Councillor