

## **Ecchinswell, Sydmonton & Bishops Green Parish Council.**

Parish Council meeting report for July 12, 2023

### **Changing times.**

We are sad to report that Jackie Bayliss has now stepped down from being an excellent and long-standing member of the Parish Council. After 12 years Jackie feels it is time for pastures new and we wish her the very best of times. Her role as deputy chair will now be held by Mark Stamp.

We are fortunate to welcome Kathy Sadler from Bishops Green onto the Parish Council. However that still means we are two persons short of our working complement and we again encourage anyone in the parish who would like to learn more of what is involved to please either contact Marian Dain the Chair ([cllrdain.esbg@outlook.com](mailto:cllrdain.esbg@outlook.com)) or Sarah Jones the Clerk( [clerk@ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk) ), or just come along and listen in at the next meeting on 13th September at 7.30pm in Bishops Green Village Hall.

### **Borough Councillors support roof!**

We are pleased to note that our borough councillors John Izett and Sam Carr have both agreed to provide £1500 from their personal councillor grant funds towards the repair costs of the failing changing room roof at the Ecchinswell Village Hall complex.

### **Government legislation will help support our Neighbourhood Plan**

Current legislation going through Parliament, the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill, should extend the protection provided by our Neighbourhood Plan against aggressive housing estate development. Presently we have two years protection, but if the legislation gets through, this will be extended to 5 years. Fingers crossed. At that point we will need to update our Plan to reflect local needs. This is important as rules requiring a favourable approach to 'sustainable' development continue to be in play because the Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is apparently some way off meeting its housing targets, as well as its Local Plan still being some way off completion.

### **Keep an eye out for electric scooters.**

Riders of electric scooters have been seen locally on our roads and on footpaths. These are illegal actions and should be reported to the Police if you see this happening.

### **Our Speed Indicator Device moves around!**

Hopefully all of you car drivers will have noted the SID is turning up at different locations across our parish roads. This is intended to help us recognise the speed limit along all parts of our rural roads. The data obtained will be compiled to put together a picture of the volume of traffic and its speed across the parish. Please look out for any suspicious activity around the device as there have been a number of attempts to tamper with it. Please report anything you notice to the Parish Council ([clerk@ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk) ).

### **Bishops Green seeking a Centre Co-ordinator and a youth provider for its village hall activities.**

The Bishops Green Community Association now has funding to employ a part-time centre co-ordinator. BGCA also has funding for a youth provision at the hall. The Youth Club is presently not running and cannot open until a new youth provider is in place. If you are interested in either the Centre Co-ordinator role, or know of a youth provider who is interested in working in Bishops Green, please contact Ronnie Slatter at [BGCA.Chair@outlook.com](mailto:BGCA.Chair@outlook.com)

**Ecchinswell Pond clearance advance notice!**

Put 10am on the 15<sup>th</sup> October in your diary. All volunteers welcome!

**Next Meeting**

The Parish Council will next meet at 7.30pm on 13<sup>th</sup> September in the Bishops Green Village Hall.

Cllr Paul Debenham