

Ecchinswell, Sydmonton & Bishops Green Parish Council – Newsletter from April PC meeting.

The April ESGB Parish Council meeting took place on the 10th at Bishops Green Village Hall.

There was a full agenda to get through. County Cllr Derek Mellor, and 3 members of the public attended the meeting.

Cllr Mellor's time was largely taken up by talking about traffic throughout the parish, and the request from ESGB PC to reduce the 40mph zone in Bishops Green to 30mph. This has been declined by HCC. Cllr Mellor advised he has appealed this decision. As agreed last month, a letter was sent from the PC to our MP, Kit Malthouse, requesting any assistance he may be able to provide in this attempt to make the road through Bishops Green safer for residents. We await the outcome of Cllr Mellor's appeal and our MP's input.

Potholes continue to be a menace and whilst Cllr Mellor pointed out most of the 'A' and main roads in the county are now in good repair, the PC responded that it is often the smaller roads through rural areas which are left and at times are quite unpassable.

Cllr Mellor also talked about the budget consultation and the county council's expenses, which have resulted in the need for cuts. ESGB PC advised they felt the cuts detailed in the consultation would all be taking place in any event and have questioned the need for a consultation which will not change this outcome.

The allotments are running really well. All have tenants at present and a group has been set up to work on the maintenance in the common areas. Some of the parish council equipment is not working and will be replaced, as the allotment holders are carrying out helpful work in keeping the allotments clear.

The quarterly safety review was carried out. A councillor walks through the parish and checks all obvious areas for wear and tear or anything that could cause a problem. Overall, the parish is in good order. The recent tree work has helped, and the next tranche of work will take place once the areas have been inspected again.

The **AGM and Annual Assembly** will be taking place on **Wednesday 8th May** at Ecchinswell Village Hall. The AGM starts at 7pm, during which the Chair and Vice Chair are elected or re-elected. This is followed by the Annual Assembly at 7.30pm. There will be presentations from the Chair, the Clerk, Borough and County Councillors, and from the Ecchinswell Village Hall Committee and the Bishops Green Community Association. It is also hoped the local Police will be able to attend and give a short presentation. Everyone is welcome to attend and there will be refreshments and a chance for a chat with your Councillors afterwards.

If you have any questions or want further information on any of the items above, please either contact Marian Dain the Chair (cllrdain.esbg@outlook.com) or Sarah Jones the Clerk (clerk@ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk)

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