

Ecchinswell, Sydmonton & Bishops Green Parish Council.

Ecchinswell, Sydmonton and Bishops Green Parish Council held their June meeting on 11th at Bishops Green Village Hall.

The meeting was due to take place on 4th June but due to illness, had to be postponed.

In light of that, the Borough and County Cllrs were unable to attend and there were only 4 parish councillors present but we were quorate and able to continue with the usual business of the meeting.

Highways:

It is hoped that recent repair work that has been carried out have had a positive impact, especially in areas that had deteriorated significantly. Several concerns were raised regarding the condition of local roads. The parish council previously submitted a pothole audit to Hampshire County Council, highlighting over 140 issues. It is hoped this has contributed to driving action. Councillors intend to update the audit quarterly and share it with county councillors to ensure ongoing awareness of the challenges affecting the parish's rural roads.

Hedges:

Site lines on the roads are restricted if hedges get overgrown, and there are areas in the parish where people have to step in the road to get past large hedges which cover the footpaths. All landowners and residents are kindly asked to keep their hedges trimmed to prevent what could cause a dangerous situation. The lengthsman will be asked to cut back foliage and clean roads signs during his next visit to the parish, always a useful job in the summer months.

Community Infrastructure Levy Money:

Discussion took place relating to the large CIL money received by ESBG PC and potential projects. Various ideas were discussed, including more parking spaces at Bishops Green Community Centre, a fitness park for adults, and fixing the bus stop. All ideas and projects will be priced up and considered. The council agreed that purchasing a second Speed Indicator Device is a very good use of the money and so 2 devices will be purchased. This will be taking place over the next month or so, so look out for them. Hopefully they will help the perennial speeding issue throughout the parish.

Website:

The new website is in the final stages of production and it will be up and running very soon. We will keep you informed to look out for the new version once it is launched.

Cllr Parkes Departure:

Finally, Cllr Parkes advised that she is sadly stepping down from the council with immediate effect. Cllr Parkes has been on the council for some 4 years and has provided great support, wise advice and a measured approach to all aspects of council life and discussion. Her calm and kind demeanour will be missed by all and she is wished every happiness in her future endeavours. Her departure means we once again have a vacancy on the parish council. If you are interested in joining and would like to find out more information, please contact the clerk on clerk@esbgpc.co.uk.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm and the next meeting will take place on 9th July at 7.30pm at Ecchinswell Village Hall.

If you have any enquiries about the above or other local Parish Council matters please contact Sarah Jones our Clerk (clerk@esbgpc.co.uk)

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