

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

Parish Council meeting report for 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025

The parish council's March meeting took place in Ecchinswell Village Hall.

Borough Cllr Izett has attended all the meetings recently and March was no different. He is keeping the parish council up to date with the changes happening at Borough level; the borough changes will include a change in the division of the county with new unitaries in place. A meeting is taking place on 20<sup>th</sup> March to discuss this further and there will be more information following soon.

It is hoped pond clearance day will be able to go ahead this year, and it has been booked in for 5<sup>th</sup> October. This event has been cancelled for the past 2 years due to azolla, however the weevils purchased last year are working well and it is hoped the azolla is gone, and the usual clearance day can go ahead. More info will be sent out nearer the time.

The Parish Council Annual Assembly takes place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2025 at Ecchinswell Village Hall at 7.30pm. Come along and hear about the work the parish council is doing in your area. As always there will be a chance to ask questions to the councillors and there will be refreshments at the end of the presentations. We hope to see you there. Earlier in the evening at 7.00pm the Annual General Meeting takes place where the Chair and Vice Chair posts are voted in. Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting too, which also takes place in Ecchinswell Village Hall.

In view of the above AGM taking place, it seems appropriate to mention now that we have a vacancy on the parish council! Would you like to come along to a meeting, see what takes place, what the parish council does and whether you would like to join us? Please contact the clerk on [clerk@esbgpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@esbgpc.co.uk) if you would like any further information.

On a different note, the long awaited new website is progressing nicely and should be up and running shortly.

One of our hard working councillors has completed a pothole audit which has been sent in to Hampshire County Council and so they now have a long and comprehensive list of the potholes within the parish. Hyde Lane is closed for repairs at the time of writing so it is hoped other roads will be fixed soon.

We wish to remind residents of existing laws regarding horses on the roads, which state that vehicles must not pass them at speeds exceeding 10 miles per hour and must leave a 2-metre gap. While we understand that maintaining this distance can be challenging and not always possible on our narrow country lanes, this serves as an important reminder for ALL road users to be mindful of cyclists, pedestrians, horses, tractors, and other road users. Mutual respect and caution are essential for everyone's safety.

ESBG PC will next meet at Bishops Green Village Hall on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

Any enquiries about the above or other local Parish Council Matters please contact Sarah Jones our Clerk ([clerk@esbgpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@esbgpc.co.uk))

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