

Ecchinswell, Sydmonton & Bishops Green Parish Council.

Ecchinswell, Sydmonton and Bishops Green Parish Council held their November meeting on 12th at Bishops Green Village Hall.

Both Borough Cllr Izett and County Cllr Mellor were able to attend. It was good to get updates from them both relating to housing allocations, budgets, local Government reorganisation, antisocial behaviour and Cllr grants available. Their time attending these meetings is appreciated and the public are welcome to come along and ask questions or raise concerns should they wish to.

One member of the public attended the November meeting to express his concern relating to development in the area. The parish council have discussed and responded to Catesby Estates about their new proposal for a 60 house development. At this stage this is not a planning application but it is expected to result in this, and Councillors are in agreement to seek professional help should they need it, when the time is right. Councillors feel at present there is no requirement for a public meeting as there is not enough information to share, but will keep the public posted on any information or planning applications received, and when a meeting will take place. Concerns from residents can be aired then but in the meantime if anyone has any questions please do email the clerk on clerk@esbgpc.co.uk.

The final stage of the new website is in progress and it is hoped, after a longer build up than expected, that the new website will be up and running soon. We will keep you posted.

The environment and local area are very much on everyone's mind, and it has been established that 84 types of bird have been identified in the area which Catesby Estates are looking at for development, and at least 4 are on the red list. It is hoped this and any other environmental issues will be borne in mind with any decisions being taken.

Residents of Bishops Green may have noticed a new litterwarden in the area. Our previous litterwarden, who has done sterling work for many years, decided to hang up his hi vis and picking stick and retire. He is thanked by all for his efforts over the years. Our new litterwarden is in place after a short delay, which may have resulted in a build up of litter, but it is being stoically worked on and cleared and all at the parish council thank all the parties for their efforts.

We have mentioned Community Infrastructure Levy monies received by the parish over recent months. Another tranche of money has been received, some £129k, which was not expected! Councillors have discussed various project ideas and have agreed so far to help Bishops Green Community Association with the building of new parking spaces outside the village hall, and Ecchinswell Village Hall will receive a large donation towards getting solar panels installed. Full details of the projects and amounts involved will be published in due course. Two Speed Indicator Devices have also been ordered and should be in position at either end of the parish; one in Bishops Green and one in Ecchinswell, very shortly. If anyone has other project ideas please do contact us.

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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