



Ecchinswell, Sydmonton & Bishops Green Parish Council News

Our monthly meeting took place on 8 January in Ecchinswell village hall. There were no members of the public present.

The Parish Council were sorry to hear that Margaret Curtis has had to resign from the Council. Margaret has offered to continue her good work on monitoring the footpaths and other Rights of Way and will report back as necessary. The vacancy on the Parish Council will be advertised shortly and anyone interested in applying should contact the Clerk at clerk@ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk.

The Parish Council is still debating how best to spend the £32,972 allocated to the Parish under the Community Infrastructure Levy. This sum can be spent on the built environment, the natural environment or time-limited revenue programmes. Meanwhile the Parish Council welcome ideas from local people on projects they would like us to consider. Please let the Clerk have your thoughts at clerk@ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk.

Local residents will be aware of the poor broadband speed in this area. The Parish Council have been in touch with BT to explore the possibility of extending superfast broadband to Ecchinswell by upgrading the Kingsclere exchange. Unfortunately these discussions have not proved successful. However we are taking the matter up with HCC to see whether they can allocate funds from the central Government fund for these upgrade.

The work on refurbishing the two Parish notice boards at Bishops Green will be starting shortly.

The tree at the village pond which was blown over in the recent storms will be removed shortly. We have also asked the contractors to take the opportunity to remove two willows which have grown to such an extent that they are now crowding the area.

The traffic survey on the speeding through Brocks Green has now been received from HCC. It shows that many drivers ignore the 30mph restriction and we are taking up this issue with the police.

There is one allotment plot available for rent in Ecchinswell. Anyone who is interested can get further details from the clerk at clerk@ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk.

In last month's newsletter we told you about the small increase in the precept for the next financial year. The result of this will be an additional annual increase of £1.16 in your Council Tax bill.

Ian Cameron
Parish Councillor