# ES & BG Parish Council

Ecchinswell, Sydmonton & Bishops Green Parish Council News

The latest meeting of the Parish Council was held on Wednesday 9th March at the Ecchinswell Village Hall.  We were joined by members of the parish and Borough Councillor Graham Falconer and County Councillor Tom Thacker. Sadly, two Councillors resigned owing to increasing work commitments - Chair Fabrice Vaisset and Councillor Dani Court. The PC would like to thank both for their contributions to the Council and the parish.

We’re pleased to announce that Councillor Tim Hall, who occupied the role some years ago, was unanimously elected as Chair.  There are still vacancies on the PC and we need people to get involved so we have real influence in protecting our community and environment.  We’re planning a recruitment drive and if you’re interested please contact the Clerk, speak to an existing Councillor or come along to the next meeting; you can make a difference.

At this time of the year - with March winds and April showers – trees and footpaths can suffer.  A local resident informed the PC of just this at the start of the meeting and when safety is a concern we will contact local land owners.  If you see a problem when out walking in the parish, such as a fallen tree or damaged fencing, please contact the Clerk.

We heard at the meeting that the Borough Council continues to monitor the planned Sandleford Park development, that Hampshire County Council will increase Council Tax by 4% and that the very valuable Lengthsmans scheme is expected to continue.

A date for your diary – Wednesday 11th May at 7:30pm.  This is the Annual General Meeting of the ES&BG PC and all are invited. It is an opportunity to meet the Councillors, find out what has been done in the parish over the last year and discuss future plans. We welcome residents’ views, suggestions and questions. There will be reports from Borough and County Councillors, the local police, and a brief presentation on local planning, rounded off with refreshments and a chance to socialise.

If you have any questions about the activities of your PC or joining us please contact the Clerk at [clerk@ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@ecchinswell-pc.gov.uk) .  Our next PC meeting is on Wednesday 13th April at Ecchinswell Village Hall at 7:30pm, and as with all meetings, all are welcome.

*Cllr Paul Johnson*