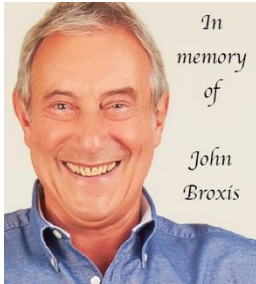


ES & BG Parish Council

Ecchinswell, Sydmonton & Bishops Green Parish Council News

October's Parish Council meeting had to be cancelled owing to many of the councillors being away and therefore we weren't quorate.



I'm sure many of you have heard the sad news about the sudden death of our former PC chairman, John Broxis. John and his wife had just moved out of the village to their new house near Alton when he was taken ill with chest pains and died soon after on the 29th September, aged 73.

John joined the ES & BG Parish Council in 2005 having been a parish councillor in east Berkshire for some years. He had two different spells as Chairman and finally stood down about 18 months ago.

He gave our parish great service for nearly 10 years and was tireless in his focus on getting things done. He cared passionately about the village, took a great interest in local planning applications and ensured that the PC always delivered on its actions - we are all indebted to him for his great contribution. His funeral was held at Basingstoke Crematorium on 13th October and the Parish Council was represented at the service. Our thoughts and prayers are with his wife and family.

We are still waiting for more clarity on the ongoing battle for use of the West Berks recycling facilities at Newtown Road by residents of Hampshire. I have just received an email from Tom Thacker, our county councillor, which gives a bit more information. I quote: *"As you know Hampshire is ready to pay West Berks towards the cost of allowing a number of North West Hants residents to get permits to use the Newtown Road waste site. BDBC is preparing a list of residences. This week officers from West Berks and Hampshire councils will meet. If these negotiations are successful, it will only remain for a schedule to be established for the permits to be sent out. In the meantime, if any resident has a need to use a waste site, then I'm afraid they will need to use either the Basingstoke or Andover sites."*

The Parochial Church Council are working on the issue of the five fallen and damaged trees in Digweeds – things are further complicated by the fact that one of the fallen trees has come from neighbouring land not belonging to them. The HCC rights of way team have cut a gap in the tree that was blocking the path, but the footpath is still closed. We have met with two tree surgeons and we're hoping that the PCC will instruct one of them to perform the work in the next few weeks.

Please come and see us on 9th November at 7.30pm in Ecchinswell Village Hall for our next PC meeting if you want to hear updates or have anything to tell us about.

Tim Hall
Chairman